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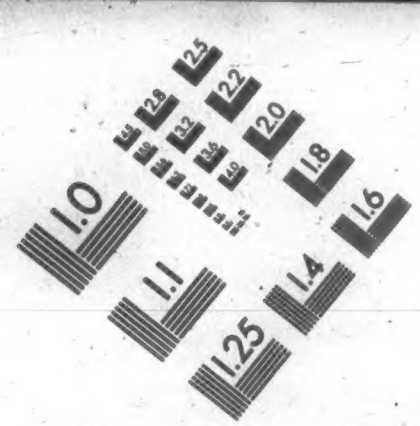

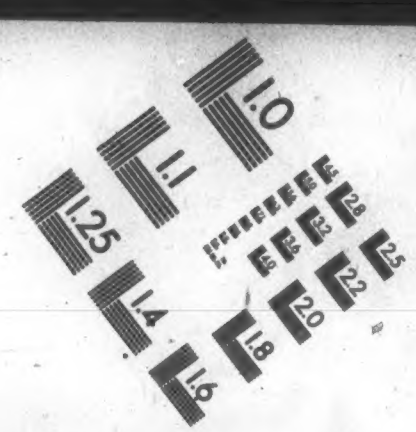

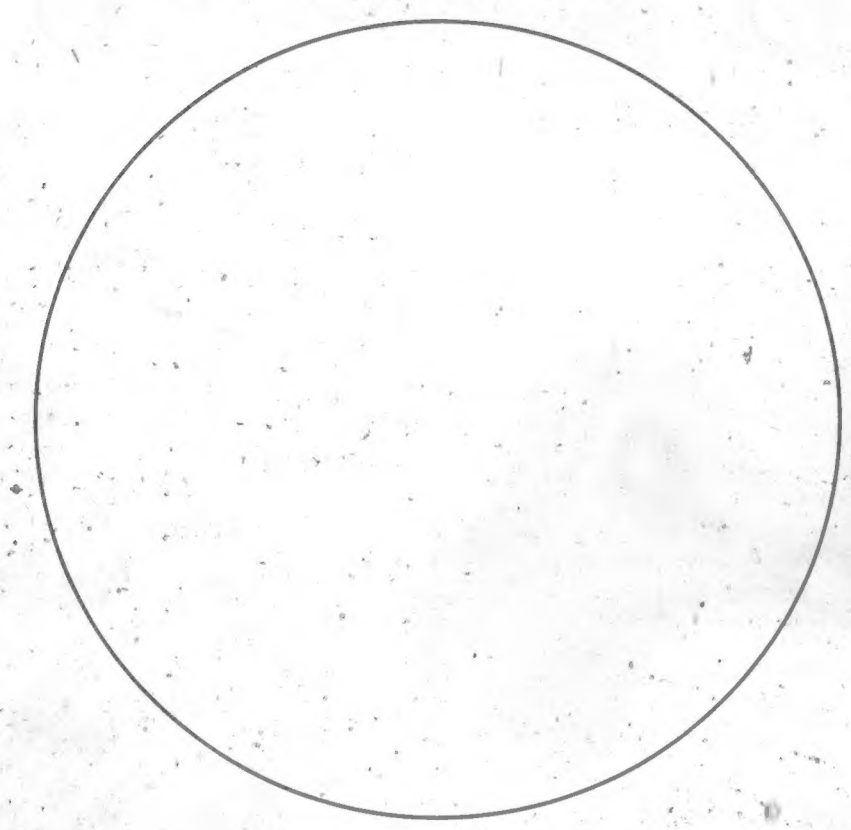

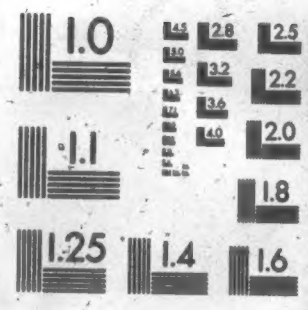

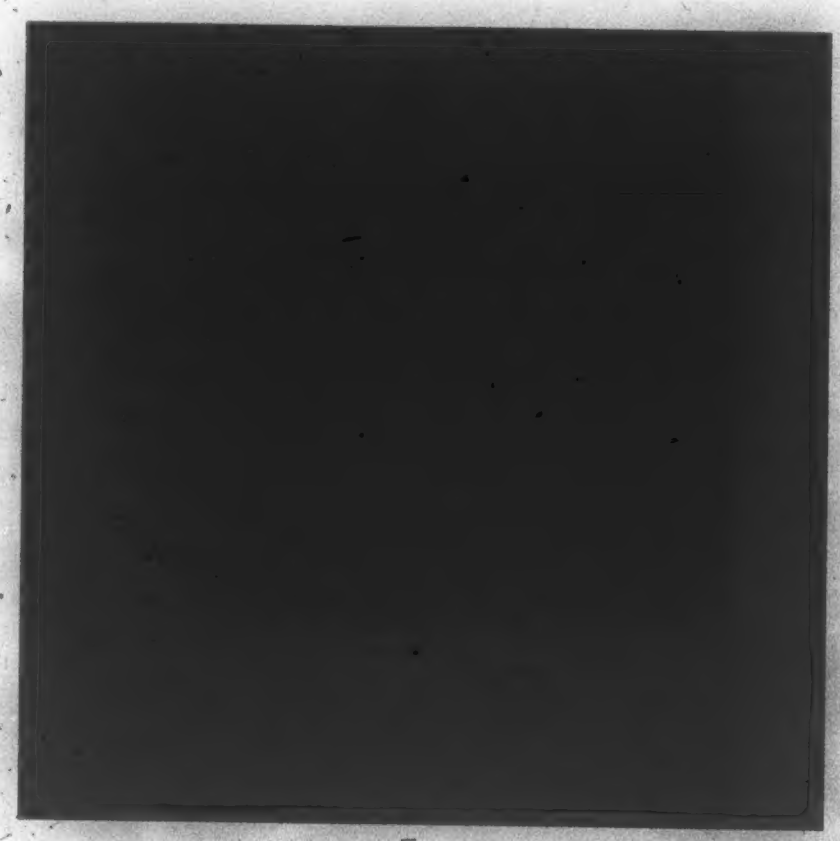

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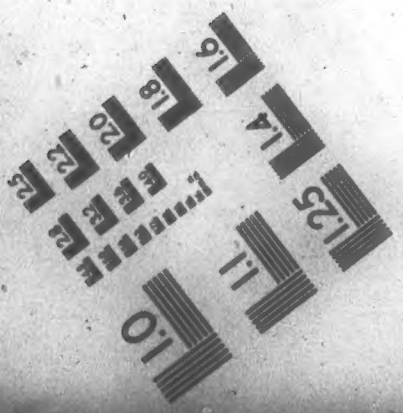

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WASHINGTON: 1983

Chic FR 1128

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 4-18 1899.

Name Fannie Ewing

Choctaw? County Red River Year No.

Chickasaw? yes County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

[redacted] County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Fannie Ewing, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Atikchi, I. T., April 18th,1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, and being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Fannie Ewing.

Q. How old are you? A. About 40 or 50.

Q. Were you a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was your master? A Robert Jones.

Q. Did you belong to Robert Jones or his wife? A. Robert Jones is all I know.

Q Have you been living in the Choctaw Nation ever since the war? A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know any reason why your name is not on the roll? A. No sir, I do not, I can't read. I was at the first adoption, and last adoption.

Lin Colbert, being duly sworn, testifies as follows in behalf of Fannie Ewing.

Q. Do you know Fannie Ewing? A. YES Sir.

Q. Do you know her to have been a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was her master? A. Robert Jones, she came to him through Susan Jones.

Q. Susan Jones was a Chickasaw was she? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you known this woman long. A. I have known her ever since she was born. I knew her mother before her.

Q. Where does she live. A. Down on the prairie place.

(Enrolled as 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.

M. Shirley

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Nettie Smith et al

CANCELLED

under record transferred to Chorlaw freedmen #7288
Capt. proof of death of Birdie Smith.

Scott - 1132

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, [illegible], on oath state that I am [illegible] years of age, and a citizen by [illegible] of the [illegible] Nation; that my post office address is [illegible] Indian Territory; that I was personally acquainted with [illegible] who was a citizen by [illegible] of the [illegible] Nation, and that said [illegible] died on the [illegible] day of February, 1902.

Witness to Mark: [illegible]

[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of [illegible], 1902.

[illegible]
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1133

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 4—18 1899.

Name Martha Moore

Choctaw? County Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw? yes County Red River Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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FREE.

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Martha Moore, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Alikchi, April 18th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, and being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Martha Moore.

Q. How old are you? A. 55.

Capt. W. A. Welsh, being duly sworn, testifies as follows in behalf of Martha Moore.

Q. Do you know this woman? A. Yes sir.

Q. Was she a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was her master? A. I was.

Q. How does it come that she was not enrolled? A. She belonged to the Chickasaws, and they have never enrolled them.

Q. She did not enroll last fall? A. No sir, when we enrolled the Choctaws we did not enroll the Chickasaws who lived in the Choctaw bountry at the time.

Q. Were you a Chickasaw? A. Yes sir.

Q. Has she been here in the Choctaw Nation all the time? A. With the exception of a few weeks.

Q. Where does she live? A. Down here in the Choctaw Nation. I think she has been in the Choctaw Nation ever since she was freed.

Q. You know her to be a Chickasaw Freedman under the treaty do you? A. Yes sir.

Q. She was here in 1866 was she? A. Yes sir.

(Enrolled as Chickasaw.)

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.

W. A. Smiley

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~~Trans to Choc FR 1429~~

Chic FR 1134-1137

EMPTY

Chic FR 1138

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Albert Byrd

a freedman ~~citizen~~ of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved DEC 9-1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
DEC 9 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

NOW PROCEEDING 19-1138.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Albert Byrd (Here insert name of deceased.)

a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Dookville (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 1st day of February, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Tom Beaty, on oath state that I am 41 years of age and a citizen, by ~~adoption~~, of the ——— Nation; that my post office address is Ardmore (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am married to Mary Jane Beaty who was a step daughter (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Albert Byrd (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Albert Byrd (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 1st day of February, 1900.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Tom Beaty

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 1902.

H. C. Ristean

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Joe Stanley, on oath state that I am 74 years of age, and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Goodwater or Mogville (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Albert Byrd (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw and that said Albert Byrd (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 1st February, 1900.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

his Joe X Stanley mark

Jo Warriner

Wm C Frazier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 1902.

H. C. Ristean

Notary Public.

Chic FR 1139

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Trans TO Choc FR 1227

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EMPTY

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IT-11[illegible]

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January [illegible], 1906.

William Anderson,

Sania, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of Grady Anderson, infant daughter of William and Jenny Anderson, born May 12, 1902, you are informed that it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with the affidavit of the mother, if she is living, or 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, [illegible]

In having same executed, be careful to see [illegible] affidavits are properly filled, all names written in full, and in event the person whose name is to be affixed to the [illegible] is unable to write, and a signature is by mark, [illegible] must be attested by two disinterested [illegible].

The act of making before [illegible] must affix his notarial jurat and seal [illegible]

Please give this [illegible]

[illegible]

19-1150

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 5, 1904.

William Anderson,

Janis, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from our records that on November 27, 1903, at Garvin, Indian Territory, application was made for the enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman of Creasy Anderson, infant daughter of William and Jenny Anderson, born May 12, 1903, at which time only your affidavit was furnished, in which it was stated that the mother of the child and the attending midwife were both dead, and you were requested to supply the affidavits of two disinterested parties who knew of the birth of the child and the fact that it was still living, in lieu evidence of the attending midwife.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the joint affidavit of Phelis and Sally Alexander, and the application now being in proper form and complete has been filed with the records of the Commission and the child listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 4—19 1899.

Name Johnny Anderson

Choctaw ? County Red River Year No. not on roll

Chickasaw ? Yes County Year Page

~~Citizen by blood ?~~ Mother's citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

Monroe Anderson	County residing	Year	Page	No. not on roll
Arbella "	County in Choctaw	Year	Page	No. new born
	County Nation	Year	Page	No.
	County	Year	Page	No.
	County	Year	Page	No.
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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Jennie Anderson, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Alikchi, I.T., April 19th,1899, for enrollment as Choctaw Freedman: Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, he testified as follows:

(Her name not found on roll, and did not know who her mother was, or anything about herself)

Edward Alexander, being duly sworn, testified as follows in behalf of Jennie Anderson.

Q. What is your name? A. Edward Alexander?

Q. How old are you? A. 27.

Q. Do you know Jennie Anderson? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was her mother? A. Winnie Graham.

Q.Was she a slave? A. She was held as a slave.

Q. Do you know who her master was? A. No sir.

Q. You don't know anything about this girl only that she is reported to be that woman's daughter? A. Yes sir, she is her daughter.

Lin Colbert being duly sworn, testified as follows in behalf of Jennie Anderson.

Q. Do you know this girl. A. Yes sir, she is Winnie's daughter they all sprung from the Colberts. I don't know where her mammy is.

Q. Did she belong to Robert Jones' wife? A. No sir, the foreparents belonged to Henry Folsom.

Q. Do you know this girl's mother? A. I know her name is Winnie. I don't know where she is. She was called after her master until she was freed.

Q. Do you know Millie Johnson? A. yes sir.

Q. Was she a sister to Winnie? A. No sir, she was only a half sister to Winnie.

(Enrolled Jennie Anderson and two children as Chickasaw Freedmen

10-1154 INDEXED

In re
the death of
Wonna Anderson
a freedman of the
Chickasaw Nation

approved Dec 4 1902

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED this
DEC 4 1902

[illegible] Acting Chairman.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN. #1150.

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

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In the matter of the death of Monroe Anderson a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Johnson, Ind. Ter. and died on the — day of June, 1899

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Affidavit of Relative.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, William Anderson, on oath state that I am 30 years of age and a citizen by father of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Jamison Ind. Ter. that I am father of Monroe Anderson who was a citizen by Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Monroe Anderson died on the — day of June, 1899

his
William Anderson
mark

Witnesses to Mark:
W M Wilson
Wm C Dunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of November, 1902.

T J Barnett
Notary Public.

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Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Ben Chris, on oath state that I am 32 years of age and a citizen by — of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Jamison, Ind. Ter; that I was personally acquainted with Monroe Anderson who was a citizen by freedman of the Chickasaw Nations and that said Monroe Anderson died on the — day of June, 1899

Ben Chris

Witnesses
to Mark:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of November, 1902.

T J Barnett
Notary Public.

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Proof of the death of Jenny Anderson a Chickasaw freedman

Approved DEC 4 1902

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
DEC 4 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1150

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

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In the matter of the death of Jenny Anderson a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Jamison, Ind. Ter., and died on the 18 day of May, 1902.

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Affidavit of Relative.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, William Anderson, on oath state that I am [illegible] years of age and a citizen by [illegible] of the [illegible] Nation; that my post office address is Jamison Ind. Ter.; that I am brother of Jenny Anderson who was a citizen by [illegible] of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Jenny Anderson died on the 18 day of May, 1902.

William Anderson
his
mark

Witnesses to Mark:

[illegible]
Wm C Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of November, 1902.

T J Barnes
Notary Public.

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Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Ben Colbert, on oath state that I am 53 years of age and a citizen by [illegible] of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Jamison, Ind. Ter; that I was personally acquainted with Jenny Anderson who was a citizen by birth of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Jenny Anderson died on the 18 day of May, 1902.

Ben Colbert

Witnesses
to Mark:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of November, 1902.

T J Barnes
Notary Public.

[illegible] OF THE [illegible]
[illegible] Five Civilized Tribes.

[illegible]

In the matter of the application for enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of [illegible] born on the [illegible] day of [illegible], 190[illegible], son of [illegible] and [illegible], daughter of [illegible] and [illegible].

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

[illegible], being duly sworn, on oath states that I reside at [illegible]; that I am the mother of the child named [illegible], born on the [illegible] day of [illegible], 190[illegible], and that said child is now living and is a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of [illegible], 1902.

[illegible]

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, [illegible], a [illegible], on oath state that I attended on Mrs. [illegible], wife of [illegible], on the [illegible] day of [illegible], 190[illegible], that there was born to her on said date a [illegible] child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named [illegible].

[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of [illegible], 1902.

[illegible]

Juno I.W.T. Tex. July 26 1903.

This is Certify that Palsey Alxander Midwife. affiding on Jenny Anderson. at the Birth of Creasy Anderson Jr. Dead. and That the Chief Creasy Anderson Jr. still living.

witness to mark. Phelix his x mark Alexander
Robert alex ante
Sallie his x mark Alexander
Phinkie
Claimant

Subscribed and sworn to this the 26. day of July. 1903.

T. B. Clark
N. P.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Creasy Anderson

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

Approved AUG 4 1903 190

Commissioner.

Application received at Caverd. I. Nov 27 1902. only affidavit of father received at that time. affidavit of Phillis Alexander and Sally Alexander first heirs of deceased mother of receiver received and filed aug 4 1903.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
AUG 4 1903

CHAIRMAN.

19-1150

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Freedman Chickasaw Nation,

of Crissy Anderson, born on the 12 day of May, 1901

(Here insert name of child.)

Name of Father: William Anderson ~~a citizen of the~~ non Citizen ~~Nation.~~

Name of Mother: Jenny Anderson Freedman ~~a citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Nation.

Post-office Janis, 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 ..... (male or female.) child was born to me on ..... day of ..... 1..... ; 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,
..... 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 ..... (male or female.) 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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Trans TO Choc FR card 1236

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EMPTY

Chic FR 1153

19-1153

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 18, 1902.

Scott Agerson,

Shawnee Town, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen of your two sons, Willie and George Agerson, it is necessary that the Commission be supplied with evidence of the marriage between you and your wife, Cora Agerson. You should forward the Commission your original marriage license or a certified copy thereof, or make other legal proof of such marriage.

In the matter of the enrollment of your nephews, Jesse and Earnest Stewart, as Chickasaw freedmen, it is necessary that evidence of the marriage between Moses and Clara Stewart be supplied to the Commission. If the original marriage license or a certified copy thereof cannot be forwarded, other legal evidence of such marriage should be supplied.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as these children cannot be enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen until the evidence requested is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.

Acting Chairman.

19-1153.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 6, 1902.

Scott Agerson,

Care S.J. Herndon,

Shawnestown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Jerry Stephens relative to the marriage between Scott Ackerson and Cora Stephens and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen of your minor children, Willie and George Agerson; also the certificate of marriage between Mose Stuart and Clara Barr, and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen of Jesse and Earnest Stewart.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 4-20 1899.

Name Scott Agerson

Choctaw ? County Red River Choctaw Nation Year No Not on roll

Chickasaw ? Yes County Year Page

~~Citizen by blood ?~~ Mother's citizenship ~~Choctaw~~ Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

Willie Agerson	County Red River	Year	Page	No. Not on roll
George "	County "	Year	Page	No. " " "
	County	Year	Page	No.
Jesse Stewart	County "	Year	Page	No. Not on roll
Earnest "	County "	Year	Page	No. " " "
	County	Year	Page	No.
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all Chickasaws residing in Choctaw Nation

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Scott Agerson, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Alikchi, I.T., April 20th, 1899, for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedman, and being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Scott Agerson.

(Not on roll)

Q. Did you register about three years ago? A. Yes sir, at Garvin.

Q. How old are you? A. 28 years old.

Q. What is your mother's name? A. Jennis Agerson.

Q. What is your father's name? A. Geo. Agerson.

Q. Was your father a slave? A. He was a slave but he was a state slave.

Q. Was your mother a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was her master? A. Mr. Jones.

Lin Colbert, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q. Who did he belong to, Robert Jones, or Susie Jones? A. Susan Jones.

Q. You know this boy to be the descendant of Susan Jones property? A. Yes sir

Q. What was his mother's name? A. Jennie.

Q. Whose slave was she? A. Susan Jones.

Scott Agerson, recalled.

Q. Didn't Robert Jones sell you? A. No sir.

Q. Where have you been living since the war? A. Right here in the Choctaw Nation.

Q. Susan Jones was a Chickasaw wasn't she? A. Yes sir, she was a Chickasaw.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is your wife a state woman? A. Yes sir.

Q. Got any children? A. Yes sir, two. The oldest one is named Willie and the other one George.

I have two nephews living with me, their father was my half brother.

Q. What was his name? A. Moses Stewart.

Q. Was he a slave of Robert Jones' wife? A. Yes sir.

(Enrolled Scott Agerson, two children and two nephews as Chickasaw Freedmen)

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 A Smiley

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Shawnigtown I.T.
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This certifies That I, G. W. Dallas, a minister of the Gospel did legally marry Rose Stuart and Helara Barr in April 1884-

G. W. Dallas

Witnesses
J. Barr
E. D. Barr
Scott Akerson

Filed in my office for Record and Record in Record Book No. 2 for Mongo on page 7. Given under my hand and seal of office this the 15th day of April A.D. 1899.

S. J. Hendon
Co. & Prob. Clk.
Red River Co.
C. N.

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

Choctaw Nation } To whom it may
Red River Co. } Concern.

Know ye that on this the 15th day of April A.D. 1899 personally appeared before me the undersigned authority Jerry Stephen, who having first been by me duly sworn according to the Law states on his oath that he is 40 years old, a resident of Red River Co. C.N. and that he is personally acquainted with the Applicant Scott Ackerson and that he was present at the marriage of Scott Ackerson and Cora Ackerson Nee Cora Stephen, and that they were lawfully Married according to the laws of the Choctaw Nation on the 12th day of January A.D. 1899 by J. J. Brown Deceased, then County & Probate Judge of Atoka Co., C.N.

Witness under my hand and private seal this the 15th day of April A.D. 1899.

Jerry Stephens (Seal)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 15th day of April 1899

[illegible]

Chic FR 1154

Trans to Choc FR card 1237

Chic FR 1154

EMPTY

Chic FR 1155

Chic FR 1155

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 4-20 1899.

Name Mary Ewing

Choctaw ? County Red River Choctaw Nation Year No. not on roll

Chickasaw ? yes County Year Page

~~Citizen by blood ?~~ ~~Mother's~~ citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In the application of Mary Ewing, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Alikchi, I.T., April 20th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Mary Ewing.

Q. How old are you? A. I am 25.

Q. What is your mother's name? A. Fanny Ewing.

Q. Was she a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was her master? A. Robert Jones.

Q. Where have you been living all your life? A. In the territory.

Q. In the Choctaw Nation.

Q. Any body here know you? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who? A. Lin Colbert.

Q. What was your mother's name? A. Fanny Edd before she was married.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who is your husband? A. Calvin Ewing.

Q. Was not your name Mary Williams? A. Yes sir, my father's name was Williams.

Lin Colbert, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q. Do you know this girl? A. Yes sir, her mother belonged to Susan Jones, Robert Jones' wife, she belonged to his wife, the Chickasaw side.

Mary Ewing recalled:

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is your husband a state man? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. No sir.

(Enrolled as 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.

W A Shirley

Chic FR 1156

Cancelled - died prior to 9-25-02

Chic FR 1156

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 4-20 1899.

Name Patsy Johnson or well as Patsy Alexander

Choctaw ? County Red River Choctaw Nation Year No.

Chickasaw yes County Year Page

~~Citizen by blood ?~~ ~~Mother's~~ citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation.

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Patsy Johnson, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Alikchi, I.T., April 20th, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, and being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

Q. What is your name ? A. Patsy Johnson.

Q. Q. What was your name before youwere married? A. Patsy Alexander.

Q. How old are you? A. 53

Q. Who was your master?A.Robert Jones.

Q. Who did you belong to, him or his wife? A. To his wife Susan Jones.

Q. Where have you been living all your life? A. Right here in the Choctaw Nation

Q. How long have you been married to this last man? A. About three months.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you any small children? A. No sir, all my first children are of age.

Enrolled as 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.

W. A. Smiley

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

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Affidavit of the death of [illegible], a citizen of the [illegible] Nation, who formerly resided at or near [illegible], Ind. Ter., and died on the [illegible] day of [illegible], 190[illegible].

Affidavit of Relative.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Edward Alexander, on oath state that I am [illegible] years of age, and a citizen by [illegible] of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Caney, Ind. Ter.; that I am the [illegible] of Lizzie Johnson, who was a citizen, by [illegible], of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Lizzie Johnson died on the [illegible] at Durant, Ind. T.

Witness to mark.

Edward Alexander

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of November, 190[illegible].

[illegible]
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, [illegible], on oath state that I am [illegible] years of age, and a citizen by [illegible] of the [illegible] Nation; that my post office address is [illegible], Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with [illegible], who was a citizen by [illegible] of the [illegible] Nation; and that said [illegible] died on the [illegible] day of [illegible].

Witness to mark.

[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible]

Chic FR 1157

cancelled
died prior to 9-25-02

Chic FR 1157

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 4-20 1899.

Name Johnson Guess

Choctaw ? County Year No. 1540

Chickasaw ? Yes County Red River Choctaw Nation

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Johnson Guess, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Alikchi, I.T., April 20th, 1899, for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedman, and being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Johnson Guess.

Q. How old are you? A. I am 38.

Q. Were you born a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was your master? A. Alfred Murray.

Q. Was he a white man? A. Yes sir.

Q. What was his wife? A. A Chickasaw.

Q. Where have you been living since the war? A. In the Choctaw Nation.

Q. What is your wife's name? A. Clara Guess.

Q. Got any children? A No sir.

Q. Is your wife a state woman? A. Yes sir.

Andrew Guess, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A Andrew Guess.

Q. Do you know this boy? A. Yes sir, he is my wife's child.

Q. Is he your boy? A. Yes sir .

Q. Was he your boy at the time Alfred Murray turned you loose? A. Yes sir.

Q. Has he stayed here in the territory all the time? A. Yes, sir.

(Enrolled Johnson Guess as 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.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

In the matter of the death of Johnson Guess, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Tussy, Ind. Ter., and died on the ___ day of February, 1902.

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Affidavit of Relative.

United States of America.
Indian Territory.
Central District.

I Andrew Guess, on oath state that I am 78 years of age and a citizen by ~~freedman~~ of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Tussy, Ind. Ter.; that I am the father of Johnson Guess who was a citizen, by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Johnson Guess died on the ___ day of February, 1902.

his
Andrew Guess
mark

Witness to Mark:
Wm. G. Fenn
E. D. Rodgers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of November, 1902.

J. J. Barnes
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America.
Indian Territory.
Central District.

I Moses Wolfe, on oath state that I am 49 years of age, and a citizen, by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Sherman, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Johnson Guess, who was a citizen, by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Johnson Guess died on the ___ day of February, 1902.

Moses Wolfe

Witness to Mark:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of November, 1902.

J. J. Barnes
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1158

Trans TO Choc FR card 1238

Chic FR 1159

Trans TO choc FR card 1239

Chic FR 1160

Trans TO Choc FR card 1240

Chic FR 1158-1160

EMPTY

Chic FR 1161

Tran to Choc FR card 1241

Chic FR 1161

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

In the matter of the death of Lucy Guess, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Tishomingo, Ind. Ter., and died on the 10th day of May, 1902.

Affidavit of Relative.

United States of America.
Indian Territory.
Central District.

I, Andrew Guess, on oath state that I am 78 years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Tishomingo, Ind. Ter.; that I am the husband of Lucy Guess, who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Lucy Guess died on the 10th day of May, 1902.

Witness to Mark: Wm C Brown
G W Rodgers

his
Andrew x Guess
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of November, 1902.

T J Sawyer
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America.
Indian Territory.
Central District.

I, Moses Hopkins, on oath state that I am 47 years of age, and a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Shawnee Town, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Lucy Guess, who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Lucy Guess died on the 10th day of May, 1902.

Moses Hopkins

Witness to Mark:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of November, 1902.

T J Sawyer
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1162

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Willis Daniels, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Alikchi, I.T., April 20th, 1899, for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, and being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Willis Daniels.

Q. How old are you? A. 45 years old.

Q. Were you born a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was your master? A. William Anderson Welsh.

Q. What was he, a white man? A. Yes sir.

Q. What was his wife? A. A Chickasaw.

Q. Where have you been living since the war? A. Choctaw Nation.

Q. All the time? A. Yes sir.

Q. You were turned loose where? A. In the Chickasaw Nation.

Q. Why were you not registered here? A. I came here to Shawneetown, but they would not take Chickasaws.

Statement of Capt. W.A. Welch introduced showing that he was former owner.

Q. What is your wife's name? A. Lola Daniel.

Q. Whose slave was she? A. Sam Garland's.

Q. He was a Choctaw was he? A. Yes sir.

Q. How old is your wife? A. About 36.

Lola Daniels, being duly sworn testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Lola Daniels.

Q. You are Willis Daniels' wife are you? A. Yes sir.

Q. What is your youngest child's name? A. Tommy.
Q. How old is he? A. One year.

Child introduced as evidence of its existence.

(Enrolled Willis Daniels as Chickasaw, and wife and six children as Choctaw Freedmen)

GREEN McCURTAIN, Chairman.
S. H. LEWIS,
B. J. WARD,
G. W. DUKES,
A. TELLE, Sect.
} Commissioners.

Citizenship Commission,

Choctaw Nation,

D. T. 189

William Daniel
Freedmen Name,
Mississippi Name

Daniel
Charity Daniel

H A Welch
Former owner.

Chic FR 1163

cancelled

died prior to 9-25-02

Chic FR 1163

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 470 1899.

Name Martin Guess

Choctaw ? County Red River Year No. 1549

Chickasaw ? Yes County Year Page

~~Citizen by blood ?~~ Mother's citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Martin Guess, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Alikchi, I.T., April 20th,1899, for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedman, and being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Martin Guess.

Q. How old are you? A. 31

Q. Were you born a slave? A. No sir.

Q. What was your mother's name? A. Lucy Guess.

Q. Was she a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was her master or Mistress. A. I don't know.

Q. Was your father a slave? A. He said he was .

Q. What is your father's name? A. Andrew Guess.

Q. Are you married? A. I have been married, we have separated.now.

Q. Is your wife a state woman ? A. No sir, a citizen.

Q. Are you living in Texas? A. No sir, living in the Nation been living here all my life.

Q. Have you got any children? A. No sir.

(Father and mother were slaves of Alfred Murray, a Chickasaw)

(Martin Guess enrolled as Chickasaw.)

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 A Smiley

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In re

Petition of

Martin Gunn

to Chickasaw Nation

Approved DEC 4 1902

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
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DEC 4 1902

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

In the matter of the death of Martin Guess, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who departed this life on the 14th day of April, 1902, at Ada, Indian Territory.

Affidavit of Relative.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Andrew Guess, on oath state that I am 78 years of age and a citizen by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Wapanucka, Ind. Ter.; that I am the father of Martin Guess, who was a citizen by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Martin Guess died on the 14th day of April, 1902.

Witness to Mark: Wm. C. Bunn
G. W. Rodgers

his
Andrew x Guess
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of December, 1902.

G. D. Jones
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Moses Guess, on oath state that I am 47 years of age, and a citizen by freedom of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Shawnee, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Martin Guess, who was a citizen by freedom of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Martin Guess died on the 14th day of April, 1902.

Witness to Mark:

Moses Hope

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of December, 1902.

G. D. Jones
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1164

Trans to chic FR 1242

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Trans to Chic FR 1242

Chic FR 1164

EMPTY

Chic FR 1165

Trans TO Choc FR card 1243

Chic FR 1165

19-1168

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 16, 1905.

Henry Crutchfield,

Artesia, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 6, 1905, stating that Rhoda Crutchfield died September 28, 1904.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that there has been filed as evidence of the death of Rhoda Crutchfield, the affidavits of Henry Crutchfield and Mary E. Hunter, in which it is stated that said Rhoda Crutchfield died September 18, 1901.

It does not appear from our records that application has been made to the Commission for the enrollment of Charlie Crutchfield as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Marks

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Proof of the death of
Rhoda Guthrie
a freedman of the
Choctaw Nation

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Acting Chairman

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Chic FR 1166

Trans to Choc FR 1258

Chic FR 1167

Trans to Choc FR card 1244

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Trans to Choc FR card 1245

Chic FR 1169

Trans to Choc FR card 1246

Chic FR 1170

Trans to Choc FR card 1247

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EMPTY

Chic FR 1172

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19-1272

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 21, 1904.

Sam L. Wright,

Idabel, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 12th inst., requesting to be advised if it is possible for yourself, your mother, Abigail Stephens, and your minor son, Willie Wright, to be placed upon the Choctaw roll. You also request to be advised relative to your eligibility as a voter in the Choctaw Nation.

You are informed it appears from our records that Abigail Stephens, now about 68 years of age, of Shawneetown, 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, April 18, 1903.

It further appears from our records that Sam Wright, now about 36 years of age, of Shawneetown, Indian Territory, and his minor son, Willie Wright, have been duly enrolled by this Commission as Choctaw freedmen, and their enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 26, 1904.

The question of your eligibility as a voter is one upon which the Commission has no jurisdiction.

Respectfully,

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 4-21 1899.

Name Abigail Stephens Age 53

Choctaw ? County Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw yes County Red River Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Abigail Stephens, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Alikchi, I.T., April 21st, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, and being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Abigail Stephens.

Q. How old are you? A. About 53

Q. Were you a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was your master? A. Robert Jones.

Q. Did you belong to Jones himself, or to his wife? A. I belonged to Jones.

Q. Did you come through that Colbert Family? A. Yes sir.

Q. Did Susan Jones own you, or did Robert Jones buy you? A. He raised me.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is your husband a state man? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you got any children at home with you? A. No sir.

Q. Have you lived all the time here in the Nation? A Yes sir

Q. Never lived anywhere else? A. No sir.

Lin Colbert being sworn, testified as follows:

Q. Which side of the house does Abigail Stephens belong? A. She belongs on the Chickasaw side.

(Enrolled Abigail Stephens as 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.

W. A. Smiley

Chic FR 1173

Trans to Choc FR card 1249

Chic FR 1174

Trans to Choc FR card 1250

Chic FR 1175

Trans to Choc FR card 1251

Chic FR 1176

Trans to Choc FR card 1252

Chic FR 1177

Trans to Choc FR card 1253

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EMPTY

Chic FR 1185

see Choc FR 1263

Chic FR 1185

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 4—21 1899.

Name Milly Gunn

Choctaw ? County Red River Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw ? yes County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Age

Names of children:

3 Rebecca Washington Chickasaw County Year Page No. Not on roll

Isaac Grandchild County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Milly Gunn, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Alikchi, I.T., April 21st, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Milly Gunn.

Q. How old are you? A. 69

Q. Who was your master? A. Susan Jones, a Chickasaw.

Q. Have you been living in the territory ever since the war? A. Yes sir; all my days.

Q. Do you want to register any body but yourself? A. Yes sir, my great grand child, Emma Washington's child, she is dead.

Q. What is this child's name? A. Rebecca Washington.

(Enrolled Milly Gunn and her great grand child as Chickasaw Freedmen)

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 A Smiley

Chic FR 1186

Trans to Choc FR card 1264

Chic FR 1187

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EMPTY

Chic FR 1188

Trans to Choc FR card 1266

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In re, the death of Mack Colbert, a Chickasaw Freedman

Approved DEC 4 1902

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
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DEC 4 1902

Acting Chairman.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1188

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

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In the matter of the death of Mark Gibson a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Shawnetown, Ind. Ter., and died on the 14th day of July, 1900.

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Affidavit of Relative.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Louisa Gibson, on oath state that I am 49 years of age and a citizen by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Shawnetown, Ind. Ter.; that I am the mother of Mark Gibson who was a citizen by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation and that said Mark Gibson died on the 14 day of July, 1900

her
Louisa x Gibson
mark

Witnesses to Mark:
Wm C Burns
[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of November, 1902

T J Beaver
Notary Public.

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Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Nero Powell, on oath state that I am 53 years of age, and a citizen by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Shawnetown, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Mark Gibson, who was a citizen by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Mark Gibson died on the 14 day of July, 1900

his
Nero x Powell
mark

Witness to Mark: Wm C Burns
[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of November, 1902.

Chic FR 1189

Trans to Choc FR card 1267

Chic FR 1190

Trans to Choc FR card 1268

Chic FR 1189-1190

EMPTY

Chic FR 1191
TRAN TO Choc FR card 1269

Chic FR 1191

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Anna Henry

a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved DEC 4 1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
DEC 4 1902

Acting Chairman.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1191.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Anna Henry
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Shawnee
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the _____ day of November, 1907

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Randall Henry, on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the _____ Nation; that my post office address is Shawnetown
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am Uncle
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.)
of Anna Henry
(Here insert name of deceased.)
, who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Anna Henry
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the _____ day of Nov., 1907

Randall Henry

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 *day of* Nov. 190 2

T. J. Barnes
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Milly Gunn, on oath state that I am 71 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Shawnetown
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Anna Henry
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Anna Henry
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the _____ day of Nov., 1907.

her
Milly x Gunn
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Wm Meson
Wm C Gunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 *day of* Nov. 190 2

T. J. Barnes
Notary Public.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Randal Lenard Henry

as a citizen of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved, MAR 14 1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
MAR 14 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Randal Lenard Henry (Here insert name of child), born on the 21 day of January, 1902

Name of Father: Randal Henry, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Cora Henry, a citizen of the United States

Postoffice Shawnee Okla

Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY. Central District.

I, Cora Henry, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen, by ~~by~~, of the United States ~~Nation~~; that I am the lawful wife of Randal Henry, who is a citizen, by Adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a Male (male or female) child was born to me on the 21 day of January 1902 that said child has been named Randal Lendrid Henry, and is now living.

Cora Henry

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of March 1902

Claude Denson
NOTARY PUBLIC.

CLAUDE DENSON NOTARY SEAL PUBLIC CENTRAL DISTRICT

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY. Central District.

I, Allice Johnson, a Midwife, on oath state that I ~~attended on~~ Mrs. Cora Henry, wife of Randal Henry, on the 21 day of January, 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 Randal Lenard Henry

Allice Johnson
her mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)

W. A. Morris

J. M. Murray

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of March 1902

Claude Denson
NOTARY PUBLIC.

CLAUDE DENSON NOTARY SEAL PUBLIC CENTRAL DISTRICT

Chic FR 1192 cont

Trans to Choc FR 1270

Chic FR 1193

Trans to Choc FR 1271

Chic FR 1194

Trans to Choc FR 1272

Chic FR 1195

Trans to Choc FR 1274

Chic FR 1196

Trans to Choc FR 1273

Chic FR 1192-1197

EMPTY

Chic FR 1198

Trans to Choc FR card 1276

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Intermarriage of
Wright Tiger
a citizen of
of the Chickasaw
Nation

Approved DEC 5 1902

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
FILED
DEC 4 1902

Clerk

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1198

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

In the matter of the death of Wright Frazier, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Shawnee Town, Ind. Ter., and died on the 9 day of May, 1901.

Affidavit of Relative.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Collin Frazier, on oath state that I am 53 years of age and a citizen, ~~by blood~~, of the Chick Nation; that my post office address is Shawnee Town, Ind. Ter.; that I am father of Wright Frazier who was a citizen, by ~~freedman~~, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Wright Frazier died on the 9 day of May, 1901.

Witness to Mark:
Wm Pickens
Wm C Burn.

Collin x Frazier
his mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of November, 1902.

T. J. Bruce
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, J. A. Colbert, on oath state that I am 27 years of age, and a citizen, ~~by freedman~~, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Shawnee Town, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Wright Frazier who was a citizen ~~by freedman~~, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Wright Frazier died on the 9 day of May, 1901.

J. A. Colbert

Witness to Mark:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of November, 1902.

T. J. Bruce
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1199

TRAN TO Choc FR 1277

Chic FR 1199

EMPTY

Chic FR 1200

Trans to Choc FR 1278 cond

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In re, the death of Lilly Washington a Chickasaw Freedman

Approved DEC 4 - 1902

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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FILED
DEC 4 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #12 (20)

STATEMENT OF THE WITNESSES
RECORDED IN THE NEW CHOCTAW RECORDS

Before me, the undersigned, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, in the Indian Territory, personally appeared Lilly Washington who being duly sworn, said that he was born on the 3rd day of November, 1900, and died on the 3rd day of November, 1900.

Affidavit of Witnesses

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Elizabeth Willis, 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 Shawnee Town, Ind. Ter.; that I am the mother of Lilly Washington who was a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation and that said Lilly Washington died on the 3rd day of November, 1900.

Elizabeth Willis

Witnesses to Mark:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of November, 1902

G. J. Jason
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Scott Akson, on oath state that I am 31 years of age, and a citizen by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Shawnee Town, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Lilly Washington who was a citizen by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation and that said Lilly Washington died on the 3rd day of November, 1900.

J. Emmett Lane
Scott his mark Akson

Witness to Mark: Wm. C. Bunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of November, 1902.

Chic FR 1201

Trans to Choc FR card 1281

Chic FR 1201

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN. 23

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD.

Thomas H. Mahindy

As a citizen of the

Chick Freed'n Nation.

Approved ..... 1 .....

A S Macomon

Commissioner.

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MAY 29 1900
COMMISSION TO FIVE TRIBES.

Chick freed
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Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Freedman Nation,

of Thomas W Mahardy, born on the 10 day of Sept, 1899

Name of father: Geo Mahardy, a citizen of the Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

Name of mother: Callie Mahardy, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.

Post Office: Shawnee Town I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Ainit District.

I, Callie Mahardy, on oath, state that I am 22 years of age and a citizen, by ~~D.S.~~ Marriage Freedman of the U S Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Geo Mahardy who is a citizen, by adoption of the Chickasaw Nation; that a Boy child was born to me on the 10 day of Sept, 1899; that said child has been named Thos W Mahardy and is now living.

Callie Mahardy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Oct, 1899

William Sivins
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Ainit District.

I, Elizabeth Washington a Mid Wife, on oath, state that I attended on Mrs. Callie Mahardy, wife of Geo Mahardy on the 10 day of Sept, 1899; that there was born to her on said date a Boy child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Thomas W Mahardy

Elizabeth Washington

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Oct, 1899

William Sivins
Notary Public.

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In re
Draft of
Thirteenth Quarterly
Choctaw Roll

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Commissioner

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CHOCTAW PROCEEDS #1201

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

In the matter of the death of Thomas W. Mahardy, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Shawnee, Ind. Ter., and died on the 28th day of February, 1900.

Affidavit of Relative.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, George Mahardy, on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a citizen, by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Shawnee, Ind. Ter.; that I am the father of Thomas W. Mahardy who was a citizen, by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Thomas W. Mahardy died on the 28 day of February, 1900.

Witness to Mark:

George Mahardy

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

T. J. Barnes
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Abe Thompson, on oath state that I am 51 years of age, and a citizen, by ———, of the United States Nation; that my post office address is Shawnee, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Thomas W. Mahardy who was a citizen, by freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Thomas W. Mahardy died on the 28 day of February, 1900.

Abe Thompson
his x mark

Witness to Mark: Geo. C. Bann
R. M. Wilson

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

T. J. Barnes
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1202

#1 is duplicate of #1 on Chic FR card 1051

#2 & 3 are duplicates of #2 & 3 on Chic FR card 1054

Chic FR 1203

Trans TO Chic FR card 1200

Chic FR 1202 -1203

EMPTY

Chic FR 1204

Trans to Choc FR 1279 cont'd

Chic FR 1204

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 8, 1904.

M. D. Douglas,

Shawneetown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd inst., giving information relative to the parentage and relationship of Parthenia Barr, and the time and place she was enrolled, and you request to be advised relative to her allotment.

You are informed it appears from our records that on November 27, 1902 there was filed the affidavits of Lem Colbert and Peter Milton stating that Parthenia Barr died February 28, 1902.

The act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902 which was ratified by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations September 25, 1902, among other things provides that no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any citizen or freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation whose death occurred prior to the date of said ratification.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF
Parthenia Barr
a ~~citizen of the~~
Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation.~~

Approved DEC 4 - 1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
DEC 4 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1204

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Parthenia Barn
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen of~~ freedman the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Shawnetown, Ind. Ter., and died on the 28 day of
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
Feb., 1902

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Lee Colbert, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Shawnetown, Ind. Ter.; that I am
(Here insert name of post office.)
uncle of Parthenia Barn,
(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 Parthenia Barn died on the 28 day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
Feb., 1902

his
Lee x Colbert
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)
M. Nelson
Wm Barn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Nov. 1902

T. J. Barnes
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Peter Milton, on oath state that I am 29 years of age, and a citizen, by ~~_____, of the~~ Nowcit Nation; that my post office address is Garvin
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Parthenia Barn
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Parthenia Barn died on the 28 day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
Feb., 1902

Peter Milton

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Nov. 1902.

T. J. Barnes
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1205

Trans to Choc FR card 1282

Chic FR 1206

Trans to Choc FR card 1283

Chic FR 1207

Trans to Choc FR card 1284

Chic FR 1205-1207

EMPTY

Chic FR 1208

TRANS TO Chic FR 1285 cont

Chic FR 1208

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

In the matter of the death of Leonard William
a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Sulphur, Ind. Ter., and died on the 6 day of April 1901.

Affidavit of Relative.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Edward Imagin, on oath state that I am 43 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Sulphur, Ind. Ter.; that I am Guardian of Leonard William who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Leonard William died on the 6 day of April, 1901.

Witness to Mark:
W. M. Nelson
Wm. C. Brown

Edward Imagin
his x mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of November, 1902.

T. J. Parsons
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Hiram William, on oath state that I am 50 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ Novit, of the ~~Nation;~~ that my post office address is Stonewall, Ind. Ter.; that I was ~~personally acquainted with~~ uncle of Leonard William who was a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Leonard William died on the 6 day of April, 1901.

Hiram William
his x mark

Witness to Mark:
W. M. Nelson
Wm. C. Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of November, 1902.

T. J. Parsons
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1209

Trans to Choc FR card 1286

Chic FR 1210

Trans to Choc FR card 1287

Chic FR 1211

Trans to Choc FR card 1288

Chic FR 1212

Trans to Choc FR card 1217

Chic FR 1209 -1212

EMPTY

Chic FR 1213

cancelled —
died prior to 9-25-02

Chic FR 1213

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Blue Singleton, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Alikchi, I. T., April 24th, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman? Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Blue Singleton.

Q. Who was your master? A. R. M. Jones.

Q. Was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. He was a Choctaw I reckon, but I belohged to his wife, I am a Chickasaw.

Q. Where do you live now? A. In the Nation here.

Q. Have you always lived in this Nation? A. Yes sir, I have been here ever since the war.

Q. Never lived in Arkansas or Texas? A. No sir, I went to Texas, but didnit stay there more than a day or two.

Q. What is your wife's name? A. Charlotte Singleton.

Q. Who was her master? A. R. M. Jones.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, two.

Q. Which side of the house did your wife beleng on? A. She belonged on the Choctaw side, she belonged to Jones, individually.

(Enrolled Blue Singleton as Chickasaw, and his wife and two children as Choctaw Freedmen)

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. A. Smiley

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In re
the death of
Pelue Singleton
a freedman
of the
Chickasaw Nation

approved Dec 4 - 1902

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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FILED
DEC 4 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1213

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

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In the matter of the death of Blue Singleton a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Hawnuntown, Ind. Ter., and died on the 1 day of July, 1900

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Affidavit of Relative.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Charlotte Singleton, 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 Hawnuntown Ind. Ter.; that I am wife of Blue Singleton who was a ~~citizen by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Blue Singleton died on the 1 day of July, 1900

Witnesses to Mark:

W. S. Nelson
Wm. C. Bunn

Her
Charlotte Singleton
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of November, 1902.

L. J. Parman
Notary Public.

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Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Mose Douglas 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 Hawnuntown, Ind. Ter; that I was personally acquainted with Blue Singleton who was a ~~citizen by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Blue Singleton died on the 1 day of July, 1900

Mose Douglas

Witnesses
to Mark:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of November, 1902.

L. J. Parman
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1214

Trans to choc FR card 1289

Chic FR 1215

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Chic FR 1218

Trans to choc FR card 1292

Chic FR 1219

Chic FR 1214-1224

EMPTY

Chic FR 1225

Trans to Choc FR 1345

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Muskog e, Indian Territory, January 7, 1904.

Celia Hall,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of M. P. Shoals relative to the death of your minor son, John Woods, a Chickasaw freedman, which occurred June 16, 1902; and the same have 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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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

John Woods

a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved DEC 5 1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
DEC 5 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1225

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of John Woods
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near
Woodville, Ind. Ter., and died on the ——— day of
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
May, 1902.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Lunnie Barron, on oath state that I am 29 years of age and ~~a citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Grant, Ind. Ter.; that I am
(Here insert name of post office.)
aunt of John Woods,
(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 John Woods died on the — day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
May, 1902.

her
Lunnie x Barron
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) W. M. Wilson
Wm. C. Burns

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

H. Ridlen
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Martin Shoals, on oath state that I am 54 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Grant, Ind. Ter.;
(Here insert name of post office.)
that I was personally acquainted with John Woods
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said John Woods died on the — day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
May, 1902.

Martin Shoals

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

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

H. Ridlen

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of John Woods (Here insert name of deceased) a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Grant (Here insert name of post office), Ind. Ter., and died on the 16th day of June, 1902.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Eliza Hall, on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a citizen, by Birth, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Grant (Here insert name of post office) Ind. Ter.; that I am the Mother (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of John Woods (Here insert name of deceased), who was a citizen, by birth, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said John Woods (Here insert name of deceased) died on the 16th day of June, 1902.

Eliza her X mark Hall

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses) W. J. Chester, J. L. Dickson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Jan., 1904

J P Moulton, Notary Public.

Commission expires Oct 21-1906

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, M. P. Shoals, on oath state that I am 33 years of age, and a citizen, by birth, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Grant (Here insert name of post office) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with John Woods (Here insert name of deceased) who was a citizen by birth, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said John Woods (Here insert name of deceased) died on the 16th day of June, 1902.

M P X Shoals, his mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses) W. J. Chester, J. L. Dickson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Jan. 1904

J P Moulton, Notary Public.

Commission expires Oct 21-1906

Chic FR 1226

Trans to choc FR card 1218

Chic FR 1227

Trans to Choc FR 1299

Chic FR 1228

Trans to Choc FR card 1297

Chic FR 1226-1228

Chic FR 1229

cancelled

died ~~[illegible]~~ 9-24-01

Chic FR 1229

Chickasaw Freedman
1902.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 21, 1904.

Sally Thompson,

Idabel, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam;

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 17, referring to the death of your aunt, Marior Tison and asking if her heirs are entitled to her allotment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Mariah Tyson died on September 24, 1901, and under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, no citizen or freedman who died prior to September 25, 1902, the date of the final ratification by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of the act of Congress of July 1, 1902, above referred to, is entitled to allotment of the lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Maria Tyson

a citizen of the

Chick. Freedman Nation.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1229.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Marian Tyson
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Shawnee
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the 24 day of Sept., 1901

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Moses Douglas, 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 Shawnee
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am nephew of Marian Tyson
(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 Marian Tyson
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 24 day of Sept, 1901

Moses Douglas

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 *day of* Sept. 190 2.

G. J. Barnes
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, John Taylor, on oath state that I am 59 years of age, and a citizen, by blood, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Shawnee
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Marian Tyson
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a citizen, ~~by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Marian Tyson
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 24 day of Sept, 1901

John Taylor

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 *day of* Sept. 190 2.

G. J. Barnes
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1230

Trans to Choc FR card 1300

Chic FR 1231

Trans to Choc FR card 1301

Chic FR 1232

Trans to Choc FR card 1302

Chic FR 1230 -1232

EMPTY

Chic FR 1233

Trans to choc FR cord 1305

Chic FR 1233

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

In the matter of the death of [illegible] who formerly resided at [illegible] Ind. Ter., and died on the ___ day of [illegible] 1899.

Affidavit of Relative.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, [illegible], on oath state that I am [illegible] years of age and a citizen of [illegible] of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is [illegible], Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with [illegible] who was enrolled by [illegible] of the Choctaw Nation; that said [illegible] died on the ___ day of [illegible] 1899.

Witnesses to mark:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of [illegible], 1900.

Notary Public.

Affidavit of Acquaintance.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, [illegible], on oath state that I am [illegible] years of age and a citizen of [illegible] of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is [illegible], Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with [illegible] who was enrolled by [illegible] of the Choctaw Nation; that said [illegible] died on the ___ day of [illegible] 1899.

Witnesses to mark:

Subscribed and sworn to before me [illegible]

Chic FR 1234

Trans to Choc FR card 1306

Chic FR 1235

Trans to Choc FR card 1307

Chic FR 1236

Trans to Choc FR card 1308

Chic FR 1237

Trans to Choc FR card 1257

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Trans to Choc FR card 1298

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Chic FR 1234-1241

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Flora Rose

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~.

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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1242.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Flora Rose
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near Garrets Bluff, Texas, ~~Ind. Ter.~~, and died on the 29th day of August, 1901.
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Jeff Rose, 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 Bluff, Ind. Ter.; that I am a son of Flora Rose,
(Here insert name of post office.)
(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 Flora Rose died on the 29 day of August, 1901
(Here insert name of deceased.)

J M Rose

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd *day of* December 1902

H. C. Ridlen

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Lee Lewis, on oath state that I am 38 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff, Ind. Ter.;
(Here insert name of post office.)
that I was personally acquainted with Flora Rose
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Flora Rose died on the 29 day of August, 1901.
(Here insert name of deceased.)

Lee Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd *day of* December 1902

H. C. Ridlen

Notary Public.

Chic FR 1243

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Chic FR 1244

Trans to choc FR 1312

Chic FR 1245

Trans to choc FR 1313

Chic FR 1243 -1245

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Chic FR 1246

Trans to Choc FR #1314

Chic FR 1246

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Sam Johnson
a citizen of the
Chickasaw Nation.

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Acting Chairman.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1246.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Gra Johnson (Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Grant (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 5 day of April, 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, William Colbert, on oath state that I am 55 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Grant (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am brother in law (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Gra Johnson (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Gra Johnson (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 5 day of April, 1900

his
William x Colbert
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) M M Nelson
Wm C Fenn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 *day of* Dec *190*3

H E Rider
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Henry Lucken, on oath state that I am 69 years of age, and ~~a citizen, by~~ _____, of the Non cit Nation; that my post office address is Ardmore (Here insert name of post office.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Gra Johnson (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Gra Johnson (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 5 day of April, 1900

his
Henry x Lucken
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) M M Nelson
Wm C Fenn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 *day of* Dec *190*3

H E Rider
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1247

Trans to Choc FR card 1315

Chic FR 1248

Trans to Choc FR card 1316

Chic FR 1247-1248

EMPTY

Chic FR 1249

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Chic FR 1249

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

George McFarland

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman

~~Nation.~~

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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1249.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of George McNaneand
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a citizen of the Freedman Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near
Lamar Bluff, Ind. Ter., and died on the _____ day of
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
February, 1907

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Atoka District.

I, Nathan Buckner, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff, Ind. Ter.; that I am
(Here insert name of post office.)
A. father of George McNaneand,
(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 George McNaneand died on the _____ day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
Feb. 1907.

Nathan Buckner

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) _____

_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 *day of* Dec *190*2

H. C. Tisdale
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Nellie Lewis, on oath state that I am 25 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Ada Ind. Ter.;
(Here insert name of post office.)
that I was personally acquainted with George McNaneand
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said George McNaneand died on the _____ day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
Feb., 1907

her
Nellie x Lewis
mark

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) B. M. Wilson
Wm. C. Burn.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 *day of* Dec *190*2

H. C. Tisdale
Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Sam McFarland

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation.~~

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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1249.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Sam McGarland
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Lawton Bluff, Ind. Ter., and died on the 1st day of July, 1901

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Nathan Buckner, on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Belzy, Ind. Ter.; that I am nephew of Sam McGarland,
(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 Sam McGarland died on the ___ day of July, 1901
(Here insert name of deceased.)

Nathan Buckner

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

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

H C Riley
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Willis Lewis, on oath state that I am 25 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Colbert, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Sam McGarland
(Here insert name of post office.) (Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Sam McGarland died on the ___ day of July, 1901.
(Here insert name of deceased.)

his
Willis x Lewis
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

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

H C Riley
Notary Public.

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Chic FR 1250

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/8 1899.

Name Josephine Jefferson (18)

Choctaw ? ..... County Jackson Year ..... No. Not on roll

Chickasaw ? yes County Chickasaw Year ..... Page .....

Citizen by blood ? ..... Mother's citizenship .....

Intermarried citizen ? ..... Chickasaw residing

Married under what law ? ..... in Choctaw Nation

License filed this day, ...

Wife's name, ...

Choctaw ? ..... County ..... Year ..... No. .....

Chickasaw ? ..... County ..... Year ..... Page .....

Citizen by blood ? ..... Mother's citizenship .....

Intermarried citizen ? .....

Married under what law ? .....

License filed this day .....

Names of children:

1½ Bennie Jefferson County ..... Year ..... Page ..... No. New born

..... County ..... Year ..... Page ..... No. .....

..... County ..... Year ..... Page ..... No. .....

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Josephine Jefferson, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I. T., May 8th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Josephine Jefferson.

Q. How old are you? A. 18

Q. What is your mother's name? A. Susan Green.

Q. Whose slave was she? A. Caroline Colbert.

Q. Are you married? A. yes sir.

Q. Is your husband a state man? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir. one, Bennie Jefferson.

Q. Where have you been living all your life? A. Here in the Choctaw Nation.

Dick Roebuck being duly sworn testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Dick Roebuck.

Q. Do you know Josephine Jefferson? A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know this child of hers? A. Yes sir, I know she has a young child, I saw it last night.

(Enrolled Josephine Jefferson and child as Chickasaw Freedmen)

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 A Smiley

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Daisy Jefferson

as a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation.~~

Approved DEC 9 1902 190

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Roll 4383

Chickasaw Freedman
#1250.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~a citizen of the~~ Freedman Chickasaw Nation,
of Daisy Jefferson (Here insert name of child.), born on the 5 day of April, 1900
Name of Father Richard Jefferson, a citizen of the non-cit Nation.
Name of Mother Josephine Jefferson, ~~a citizen of the~~ Freedman Chickasaw Nation.
Post-Office: Bluff

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Ardmore District.

I, Josephine Jefferson, on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Richard Jefferson, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ _____, of the non-cit Nation, that a female (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 5 day of April 1900; that said child has been named Daisy Jefferson, and is now living.

Josephine Jefferson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of December 1900.

H. C. Rister
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Ardmore District.

I, Mahala Jefferson, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Josephine Jefferson, wife of Richard Jefferson, on the 5 day of April, 1900; 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 Daisy Jefferson

her
Mahala Jefferson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

W. M. Pearson
Wm. C. Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of Dec. 1900.

H. C. Rister
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Pearlie Jefferson

as a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation.~~

Approved DEC 9 1902. 190__

Commissioner.

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

Roll 4384

Chickasaw Freedman
#1250

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the ~~Chickasaw~~ Nation,
of Pearlie Jefferson, born on the 6 day of Nov., 1901
(Here insert name of child.)
Name of Father: Richard Jefferson, a ~~citizen of the~~ non cit ~~Nation.~~
Name of Mother: Josephine Jefferson, a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the ~~Chickasaw~~ Nation.
Post-Office: Bluff

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Josephine Jefferson, on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Richard Jefferson, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ ~~, of the~~ non cit Nation, that a female child was (Male or female.) born to me on the 6 day of Nov. 1901; that said child has been named Pearlie Jefferson, and is now living.

Josephine Jefferson

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 *day of* Dec. 1903.

H. C. Ristine
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Mahala Jefferson, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Josephine Jefferson, wife of Richard Jefferson, on the 6 day of Nov., 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 Pearlie Jefferson.

her
Mahala Jefferson
mark

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 *day of* Dec. 1903

H. C. Ristine
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 17, 1903.

Richard Jefferson,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from our records that on December 4, 1902, application was made for the enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Daisy Jefferson, infant daughter of Richard and Josephine Jefferson, born April 6, 1900; also application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Pearlie Jefferson, infant daughter of Richard and Josephine Jefferson, born November 6, 1901.

It further appears from our records that the affidavits of the mother relative to the birth of the children named is signed Jocyphine Jeffirs.

You are advised that our records show your wife to have been listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman by the name of Josephine Jefferson, and that her name must be signed in that manner to her affidavits relative to the birth of the children named herein.

For the purpose of assisting you in the matter, affidavits

R J S

relative to the birth of your two children have been prepared and are enclosed you herewith.

Upon return of the same correctly signed by the mother, and properly executed before a notary public who must affix his notarial jurat and seal to each separate affidavit, the matter will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Enc S I 21-171.

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. Trans to Choc FR 1318

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Amos Rose

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

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CHOCKASAW FREEDMEN #1251.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Amos Rose (Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near Garrets Bluff, Tex (Here insert name of post office.), ~~Ind. Ter.~~, and died on the 12th day of May, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Louisa Rose, on oath state that I am 48 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am the mother (State relationship as, the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Amos Rose (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Amos Rose (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 12th day of May, 1900.

Louisa her X mark Rose

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm O Bynum / Jos Weiner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th *day of* December 1902.

H C Riley

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Amos Johnson, on oath state that I am 52 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff (Here insert name of post office.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Amos Rose (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Amos Rose (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 12 day of May, 1900.

Amos his X mark Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm O Bynum / Jos Weiner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th *day of* December 1902

H C Riley

Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Lizzie Rose

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~.

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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1251.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Lizzie Rose
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation,~~ who formerly resided at or near Garvins Bluff Tex
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, ~~Ind. Ter.~~, and died on the 12th day of May, 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Louisa Rose, on oath state that I am 48 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am the mother of Lizzie Rose
(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 Lizzie Rose
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 12 day of May, 1900

Louisa her X mark Rose

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
Wm C Brown
Jowarning

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th *day of* December 1902

H E Rister
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Amos Johnson, on oath state that I am 52 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Lizzie Rose
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Lizzie Rose
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 12 day of May, 1900

Amos his X mark Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
Wm C Brown
Jowarning

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th *day of* December 1902

H E Rister
Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Jesse Rose

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1251.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Jesse Rose (Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near Garvin's Bluff, Tex (Here insert name of post office), ~~Ind. Ter.~~, and died on the ____ day of September, 1901.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Louisa Rose, on oath state that I am 48 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff (Here insert name of post office), Ind. Ter.; that I am the grand mother (State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) of Jesse Rose (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Jesse Rose (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the ____ day of September, 1901.

her
Louisa x Rose
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) W M C Burns
J O Warrior

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th *day of* December 1902

H C Riden
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Amos Johnson, on oath state that I am 52 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff (Here insert name of post office) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Jesse Rose (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Jesse Rose (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the ____ day of September, 1901.

his
Amos x Johnson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) W M C Burns
J O Warrior

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th *day of* December 1902

H C Riden
Notary Public.

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died prior to 9-25-02

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Freedmen

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/8 1899.

Name Larisa Tucker (45)

Choctaw ? County Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw ? yes County Jackson Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Residing

Intermarried citizen ? in Choctaw Nation

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Louisa Tucker, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I.T., May 8th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Louisa ~~Barry~~ Tucker.

Q. How old are you? A. About 45.

Q. Who was your master? A. Henry Folsom.

Q. Did you belong to him, or to his wife? A. To his wife, Harriet.

Q. How long have you been married? A. About four months.

Q. Where have you been living all the time? A. Right here in the Nation.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, by my first husband, but they are all married.

Q. Is your present husband a state man? A. Yes sir.

(Enrolled Louisa Tucker as 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.

M A Smiley

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Louisa Tucker

a citizen of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved DEC 8 1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
DEC 8 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1254.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Louisa Lucken
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Gamett Bluff, ~~Ind.~~ Tex., and died on the 5 day of January, 1901.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Henry Lucken, on oath state that I am 69 years of age and ~~a citizen, by~~ freedman, of the non-cit ~~Nation~~; that my post office address is Bluff, Ind. Ter.; that I am husband of Louisa Lucken,
(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 Louisa Lucken died on the 5 day of January, 1901.
(Here insert name of deceased.)

his
Henry x Lucken
mark

WITNESSED TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
W. M. Wilson
Wm C. Bunn.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 *day of* Dec *190*2.

H. E. Riddell
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Amos Johnson, on oath state that I am 53 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Louisa Lucken
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Louisa Lucken died on the 5 day of Jan., 1901.
(Here insert name of deceased.)

his
Amos x Johnson
mark

WITNESSED TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
W. M. Wilson
Wm C. Bunn.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 *day of* Dec *190*2.

H. E. Riddell
Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Sarah Eppo

a citizen of the

Chick Freedman nation.

Approved DEC 8 1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
DEC 8 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1255-

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Sarah Epps (Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation,~~ who formerly resided at or near Garrets Bluff Ter (Here insert name of postoffice), Ind. Ter., and died on the 12th day of May, 1899.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Leonard Epps, on oath state that I am 53 years of age and a citizen, ~~by~~ _____ of the United States ~~Nation;~~ that my post office address is Bluff (Here insert name of postoffice), Ind. Ter.; that I am the father (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Sarah Epps (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Sarah Epps (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 12 day of May, 1899.

Leonard his × mark Epps

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C Burns

M Mieson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th *day of* December 1902.

H E Kistler

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Amos Johnson, on oath state that I am 52 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff (Here insert name of postoffice.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Sarah Epps (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Sarah Epps (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 12 day of May, 1899.

Amos his × mark Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C Burns

M Mieson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th *day of* December 1902.

H E Kistler

Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Oscar Epps

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation.~~

Approved DEC 8 - 1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
DEC 8 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1255-

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Oscar Epps (Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near Garrett's Bluff Tex (Here insert name of post office.), ~~Ind. Ter.~~, and died on the 25th day of September, 1899.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Leonard Epps, on oath state that I am 53 years of age and a citizen, ~~by~~ _____, of the United States ~~Nation~~; that my post office address is Bluff (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am the father (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Oscar Epps (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Oscar Epps (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 25 day of September, 1899.

Leonard his x mark Epps

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm O Burns, R M Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th *day of* December 1902.

H E Kistler

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Amos Johnson, on oath state that I am 52 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff (Here insert name of post office.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Oscar Epps (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Oscar Epps (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 25 day of September, 1899.

Amos his x mark Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm O Burns, R M Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th *day of* December 1902.

H E Kistler

Notary Public.

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19-1856.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 20, 1902.

Willis Williams,

Garretts Bluff, Texas.

Dear Sir-

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your four minor children as Chickasaw freedmen, it is necessary that the Commission be supplied with proper evidence of the marriage between yourself and your wife, Mary Williams. You should forward the Commission your original marriage license and certificate or a certified copy thereof, or make other legal proof of such marriage.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as these children cannot be enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen until the evidence requested is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed for your reply.

Respectfully,

Env.

Acting Chairman.

19-1898.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 5, 1902.

Willie Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 20, 1902, you were advised that in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your four minor children as Chickasaw freedmen it would be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with proper evidence of your marriage; and you were requested to forward either your original marriage license and certificate, or a certified copy thereof.

The Commission is this day in receipt of what seems to be a copy of the certificate of marriage between Willie Williams and Mary Folds, but its correctness not being certified to by any official, it cannot be accepted by the Commission as evidence of your marriage.

The same is therefore returned to you, and you are requested to forward your original certificate of marriage, in order that a certified copy thereof may be prepared in this office.

This matter should receive prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Acting C[illegible]

Enc 2 X 2.

Freedman

MEM[illegible]DA.

(Date) 5/9 1899.

Name [illegible]

Choctaw ? ~~yes~~ County [illegible] Year [illegible] No. [illegible]

Chickasaw ? yes County [illegible] Year [illegible] Page [illegible]

Citizen by blood ? [illegible] Mother's citizenship ~~[illegible]~~

Intermarried citizen ? [illegible]

Married under what law ? [illegible]

License filed this day, [illegible]

Wife's name, [illegible]

Choctaw ? [illegible] County [illegible] Year [illegible] No. [illegible]

Chickasaw ? [illegible] County [illegible] Year [illegible] Page [illegible]

Citizen by blood ? [illegible] Mother's citizenship [illegible]

Intermarried citizen ? [illegible]

Married under what law ? [illegible]

License filed this day [illegible]

Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Names of children:

Jim Williams	County Chickasaw	Year	Page	No. Not on roll
Henry "	County	Year	Page	No. do
Georgia "	County	Year	Page	No. do
Becky "	County	Year	Page	No. do
	County	Year	Page	No.
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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Willie Williams, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I. T. May 9th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chikasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Willie Williams.

Q. How old are you? A. About 32.

Q. What is your mother's name? A. Salina Williams.

Q. Who was her master? A. Polly Colbert.

Q. Was sh a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is your wife a citizen? A. No sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir.

Q. Where have you been living all the time? A. Right here in the Territory.

Bob Crowder being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Bob Crowder.

Q. Do you know willie Williams? A. Yes sir

Q. How long have you known him? A. Ever since he was a baby.

Q. His mother was a slave was she? A. yes sir.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Eliza Turnbull

Q. Where has he been living? A. He was raised right here in the Choctaw Nation.

Q. Do you know whether his mother was sold or not? A. No sir, I don't think she was.

(Enrolled Willie Williams, and children as Chickasaw Freedmen)

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 Smith

Chic FR 1257

Free

MEMORANDA.

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(Date) 5/9 1899.

Name Spencer Williams

Choctaw ? County Jackson Year No.

Chickasaw yes County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

1 Edna Williams	County Chickasaw	Year	Page	No. Not on roll
2 Leanna "	County do	Year	Page	No. do
	County	Year	Page	No.
	County	Year	Page	No.
	County	Year	Page	No.
	County	Year	Page	No.
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	County	Year	Page	No.

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Spencer Williams to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I. T. May 9th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Spencer Williams.

Q. How old are you? A. About 25.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Salina Williams.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Polly Turnbull.

Q. Are you married? A. yes sir, my wife is a state woman.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir.

Q. Where have you been living all th time? A. Right here in Jackson county. I have been no where else.

(Enrolled Spencer Williams and two children as Chickasaw Freedmen)

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.

H A Smiley

19-NB-296.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Roxy Williams as a Chickasaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on July 25, 1906, application was made to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Roxy Williams (born November 25, 1901) as a Chickasaw freedman.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any formal application had been made for the enrollment of the applicant herein prior to July 25, 1906.

It does appear, however, from the records of this office that on December 24, 1904, a letter was received from Spencer Williams, the father of the applicant, in which he stated that he had a child Roxey Williams born November 25, 1901 and wanted to know how he could "regester her yet."

I am of the opinion that the records of this office establish that application was made for the enrollment of Roxy Williams as a Chickasaw freedman under the provisions of Section 1 of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), and that the same should now be determined upon its merits, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

FEB 18 1907

19-NB-296.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Roxy Willimas as a Chickasaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that application was duly made for the enrollment of Roxy Williams as a Chickasaw freedman within the time limited by law.

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that Roxy Williams was born November 25, 1901; was living September 25, 1902; and is the daughter of Spencer Williams, whose name appears opposite No. 4092 upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior July 20, 1905 and Lottie Lewis, a non citizen.

I am of the opinion that Roxy Williams should be enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman under 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,
FEB 20 1907

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906

M Roxy Williams

as a citizen of

CHICKASAW FREEDMAN Nation

Approved 190

Commissioner.

NB. 296

JUL 25 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1905

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation,

of Ropy (Here insert name of child), born on the 25 day of Nov 1904

Name of Father: Spencer Williams a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Lattie Lewis a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Chickasaw Tribal enrollment of mother Choc Freedman

Postoffice Bluff I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Lattie Lewis, on oath state that I am Twenty Six years of age and a citizen by Choc Freedman the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Spencer Williams, who is a citizen, by ~~Chickasaw~~ Choc Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a Girl (Male or Female) child was born to me on 25 day of November, 1904; that said child has been named Ropy Williams, and was living March 4, 1906.

Lattie Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be two Witnesses] J. W. Rowley
R. E. Rudd

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906.

J. W. Rowley
Notary Public.
My Commission Expires Mar 19 - 1910

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Elsie Lewis, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Lattie ~~Estes~~ Lewis, wife of Spencer Williams on the 25 day of Nov, 1904; that there was born to her on said date a Girl (Male or Female) child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Ropy

Elsie Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be two Witnesses] J. W. Rowley
R. E. Rudd

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July, 1906.

J. W. Rowley
Notary Public.
My Com. Expires Mar 19 - 1910

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

FILED

JAN 3 1903

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

No 166

Marriage License.

Spencer Williams

AND

Lydia Lewis

Issued the 21 day of May 1894

W B Kavanaugh

Clerk County Court Lamar Co

By Austin Pollard Deputy

Filed the _____ day of _____ 189

Bluff S. A.

Clerk County Court _____ Co

By _____ Deputy.

Recorded in Book 11 Page 88 of Marriage Record

Marriage License.

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Lamar

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge District or County Court, or any Justice Peace in and for Lamar County Greeting:

You are Hereby Authorized to Solemnize the

RITES OF MATRIMONY

Between Mr. Spencer Williams and

Miss Lydia Lewis

and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

Witness my official signature and seal of office, at office in Paris Texas the 21st day of May 1894

W B Kavanaugh Clerk of County Court Lamar County.

By [illegible] Deputy.

I R H Hill, hereby certify that on the 24 day of May 1894 I united in Marriage Spencer Williams and Lydia Lewis the parties above named.

Witness my hand this 24 day of May 1894

R. H. Hill Minister Gospel

Garretts Bluff, Lamar Co. Tex.

Returned and filed for record the 31 day of May 1894 and recorded the 31 day of May 1894

W B Kavanaugh Clk

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1905

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Lottie Lewis [Here insert name of child], born on the 15 day of November, 1877.

Name of Father: Abe Lewis a citizen of the ~~United States Nation.~~

Name of Mother: Elsie Lewis a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ~~United States Citizen~~ Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Freedman

Postoffice Blue Jay I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Elsie Lewis, on oath state that I am 70 years of age and a citizen by ~~adoption~~, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Abe Lewis, who is a citizen, ~~by~~ ~~, of the United States Nation~~; that a ~~Female~~ [~~Male or~~ Female] child was born to me on 15 day of November, 1877; that said child has been named Lottie Lewis ~~and was living March 4, 1906~~

Elsie her X mark Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be two Witnesses] George Wilson
A. G. Cole

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of July 1907.

Henry Jones, Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Louisa Goforth, a Mid Wife is said to have ~~on oath state that I~~ attended on Mrs Elsie Lewis, wife of Abe Lewis on the 15 day of ~~November~~, 1877; that there was born to her on said date a ~~Female~~ [~~Male or~~ Female] child; that said child ~~was living March 4, 1906~~ is now Deceased; and is said to have been named Lottie Lewis

Elsie her X mark Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be two Witnesses] George Wilson
A. G. Cole

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of July, 1907.

Henry Jones, Notary Public.

N.B. 296

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

.....Roxey Williams.....

as a citizen of

.....Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

Approved..... 190...

.....
Commissioner.

N.B. 296

Jul 25, 1906.

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 a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Roxey [Here insert name of child], born on the 25 day of Nov 1901

Name of Father: Spencer Williams a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Lottie Lewis a citizen of the Choctaw doubtful Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Chickasaw Tribal enrollment of mother Chic Doubtful

Postoffice Bluff I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Centrel District.

I, Lottie Lewis, on oath state that I am Twenty Six years of age and a citizen by Choc Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Spencer Williams, who is a citizen, by Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a Girl [Male or Female] child was born to me on 25 day of November 1901; that said child has been named Roxy Williams and was living March 4, 1906.

Lottie Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]
J. W. Rackley
R. E. Reed

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906.

(SEAL)

J. W. Rackley
Notary Public.

My Commission Expirs Nov 19 1910

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Elsie Lewis, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Lottie Lewis, wife of Spencer Williams on the 25 day of Nov., 1906; that there was born to her on said date a Girl [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Roxey

Eley Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]
J. W. Rackley
R. E. Reed

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906.

J. W. Rackley
Notary Public.

My com Expires Nov 19 1910

19-1257

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 30, 1902.

Spencer Williams,

Garretts Bluff, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor children as Chickasaw freedmen, it is necessary that the Commission be supplied with proper evidence of the marriage between yourself and your wife, Lottie Williams. You should forward the Commission your original marriage license and certificate or a certified copy thereof, or make other legal proof of such marriage.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as these children cannot be enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen until the evidence requested is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed for reply.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Env.

[illegible]-1207.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 26, 1902.

Spencer Williams,

Sluty, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the [illegible] inst., stating that your original marriage license is recorded in the Court House at Paris, Texas.

You are advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with either the original or certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between your[illegible] and Lottie [illegible] in the matter of the application for enrollment [illegible] children as Muskogee freedmen.

Respectfully [illegible]

19-1387.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 5, 1902.

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 20, 1902, you were advised that in the matter of the application for enrollment of your minor children as Chickasaw freedmen, it would be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with proper evidence of your marriage; and you were requested to forward either your original marriage license and certificate, or a certified copy thereof.

The Commission is this day in receipt of what seems to be a copy of the certificate of marriage between Spencer Williams and Lottie Lewis, but its correctness not being certified to by any official, it cannot be accepted by the Commission as evidence of your marriage.

The same is therefore returned to you, and you are requested to forward your original certificate of marriage, in order that a certified copy thereof may be prepared in this office.

This matter should receive prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Chickasaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 3, 1903.

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of marriage license and certificate between yourself and Lydia Lewis, of May 24, 1894, and the same has been filed with the record in the matter of your application for the enrollment of yourself and your minor children as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

COMMISSIONERS:
HENRY L. DAWES,
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
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, January 8, 1903.

Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that Edna and Allie Williams, aged respectively 5 and 1, are regularly enrolled on Creek Freedman Card, Field No. 24; that selections of land have been made for them in the Creek Nation, and that their names are included in partial roll of Creek citizens approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 13, 1902.

It appears from the records of the Creek Enrollment Division that said Edna and Allie Williams are the children of Williams, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, and Hetty Williams, a citizen of the Creek Nation.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

19-1357.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 17, 1903.

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of your children, Edna and Anna Williams, as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation it will be necessary for you to immediately forward the Commission a sworn statement setting forth who is the mother of these children and whether or not she has ever applied to this Commission for enrollment as a freedman of the Creek Nation. If she did so apply said sworn statement should set forth the time and place said application was made and should further set forth whether or not application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of said children as Creek freedmen.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as until the affidavit requested is received nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of these children as Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19--1257.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 14, 1904.

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter without date in which you ask if you and your wife, Lottie Lewis, and children, Edna and Anna Williams, have been approved.

In reply to your letter, you are informed that Spencer Williams has been enrolled by the Commission as a Chickasaw freedman and his enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 10, 1903. The Commission has not yet passed upon the applications for the enrollment of your children, Edna and Leanna Williams, as Chickasaw freedmen; therefore their names have not yet been placed upon the schedules of freedmen of said Nation prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

It further appears from our records that your wife, Lottie Williams, mother of these children, is a noncitizen; nor does it appear that application has been made to the Commission by her or in her behalf for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman

under this name. If such application has been made by her and you will state when, where and under what name the same was made, the names of her parents and any other information you may possess, which will enable us to identify her upon our records, the matter of your inquiry will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedmen
(?)

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 3, 1904.

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 25th, which you ask if your children Edner and Anner Williams, and your wife Lottie Williams, who was the daughter of Elsie Lewis, are approved.

In reply to your letter you are informed that Edna and Leanna Williams, children of Spencer and Lottie Williams, are listed for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, but it appears, however, that Edna and Allie Williams, whose ages correspond with the ages of your children, Edna and Leanna Williams, who are the children of Williams, Chickasaw freedman, and Nattie Williams, a Creek freedman, have been enrolled by the Commission as Creek freedmen, and you are requested to inform this office whether the mother of your children Edna and Leanna was a Creek freedman or ever recognized and enrolled as such. Upon receipt of this information, the matter of the enrollment of your children Edna and Leanna Williams will receive further consideration.

It does not appear from our records that application has

been made by or on behalf of your wife Lettie Williams for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw nations, it appearing that Lottie Lewis, the mother of Edna and Leanna Williams, was a non-citizen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedmen
1257

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1904.

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 9, in reply to our communication of October 3, 1904, relative to the right to enrollment of your wife, Lottie Lewis, and your minor children, Edna and Leanna Williams. You state that your wife has always lived right there in the Choctaw Nation and that she is the daughter of Elsie Lewis and you made application for her enrollment at Goodland in 1899. You do not, however, reply to that part of our letter in which you were requested to state whether your present wife, Lottie Williams, daughter of Elsie Lewis, is the mother of your two children, Edna and Leanna Williams, nor do you state whether the mother of your children made any claim to enrollment as a Creek citizen or freedman. You are requested to reply to these inquiries at the earliest date practicable.

Replying to that part of your letter in which you state that you made application for the enrollment of your wife, Lottie Lewis, at Goodland in 1899, you are advised that it appears from your testimony before the Commission at Goodland, Indian Territory, May 9, 1899, that you stated your wife was a state woman, and it does

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not appear that you made any claim that she was entitled to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

19-1257

Bluff, I. T. Oct. 20, 1904.

In reply to your letter I received a few days ago, yes she is the mother of Leanner and Edner Williams both Elay Lewis is on the doutful list. No she hasn't made any claim for a Creek citizne however I registered her under the heads of her mother being a doutful citizen. I don't know anything about Creeks people. My wifes mother has been on the doubtful climate as Choctaw freedmen.

Please look at my two children Edner and Leanner Williams daughter of Spencer Williams Lottie Williams doubtful citizen.

Respectfully yours,

Spencer Williams.

19-1257

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 4, 1904.

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 30, 1904, relative to the enrollment of your wife, Lottie Lewis, and your children Edner and Leanner Williams as Chickasaw freedmen.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the information contained therein has been made a matter of record in the application for the enrollment of your children Edner and Leanner Williams as Chickasaw freedmen. You are informed, however, that it does not appear from our records that application has been made to the Commission for your wife Lottie Lewis as a freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1857

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 10, 1904.

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 4, 1904, relative to the enrollment of your two minor children Edner and Leanner Williams as Chickasaw freedmen.

You are advised that before the application for the enrollment of your children Edna and Leanna Williams as Chickasaw freedmen can receive further consideration it will be necessary for you to forward the affidavit of their mother Lottie Lewis or Lottie Williams to the effect that she claims no right to enrollment as a Creek freedman either for herself or her children Edna and Leanna Williams. This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Department at interior

Commission to the five civize Tribs.

Dec 23 1904 Bluff 1. T.

Sir I rite you a few lins to inform you of a Child of Mine was Born November 25th 1901 before the Regsted closed and I wants to know can I regster her yet if can please furnish me one blak and in envlope in return mail the child Name is Roxey Williams She will be 3 years old 25 Day of Dec 1904 you knows moore about them I do please put me on right Track I only has 3 children Roxey Williams born November 25th 1901 Leeaner williams Born November first 1897 Edner Williams Born November 13th 1894 Rebuker Died Augst 20th 1902 I am hoping to heare from you Soon.

Yours Truly

Spencer Williams

Bluff 1. T.

Commission to Five Tribes

Received Dec 24, 1904

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Chickasaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December27, 1904.

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 23, giving the names and ages of your three children, and stating that Roxey Williams, born November 25, 1901, has not been enrolled and asking for blank for the purpose of having this child enrolled.

In reply to your letter you are advised that 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. However, if you desire to make the birth of your child a matter of record there is inclosed herewith a blank for that purpose.

Respectfully,

B.C.

Chairman.

19-NB-296

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Terr itory, February 26, 1907.

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 the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 26, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Roxy Williams as a Chickasaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Roxy Williams has been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Registered.

17-B-97
19-D-97

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 8, 1906.

Spencer Williams,

Ninnie, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 24, 1906, asking the status of the enrollment of your two children Nina and Leanna Williams and your wife Lottie Lewis.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the names of your children Nina and Leanna Williams have not yet been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Department but you will be advised of such further action as may be taken in this case.

You are further advised that it does not appear from our records that application has been made to this Commission by or on behalf of your wife Lottie Lewis, daughter of Isaac Lewis, for enrollment as a freedman of the [illegible]

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

19-1257
17-D-27

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 12, 1906.

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 29, 1906, asking the status of the enrollment of your two children Edna and Leanna Williams and your wife Lottie Lewis.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the names of your children Edna and Leanna Williams have not yet been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Department but you will be advised of such further action as may be taken in this case.

You are further advised that it does not appear from our records that application has been made to this Commission by [illegible] if your wife [illegible] be a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

[illegible]

19-1257

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 18, 1906.

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 29, 1906, relative to the enrollment of your wife, Lottie Williams, daughter of Elsie and Abe Lewis.

In reply you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application has been made for the enrollment of your wife, Lottie Lewis, as a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman.

That portion of your letter referring to plats of certain land desired by you has been made the subject of a separate communication.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

19-1257

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 14, 1906

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter without date asking if the enrollment of your children Roxie and Isaac Williams have been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the affidavits to the birth of your children Isaac and Roxie Williams have been received at this office, but the question of whether or not children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen are entitled to enrollment under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, is now pending before the Department.

The matter of the patents referred to in your letter will be made the subject of a separate communication.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 24, 1907.

Spencer Williams,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 15, 1907, in which you inclose affidavits of Elsie Lewis and Louisa Goferth to the birth of Lottie Lewis, child of Abe and Elsie Lewis, November 15, 1877 and state that she was enrolled in May 1899.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application was ever made for the enrollment of Lottie Lewis as a Choctaw freedman and in this connection your attention is invited to the following provision of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906:

> "That the rolls of the tribes affected by this Act shall be fully completed on or before the fourth day of March, nineteen hundred and seven, and the Secretary of the Interior shall have no jurisdiction to approve the enrollment of any person after said date."

You will observe from the above that there is no authority for the enrollment of any persons as citizens or freedmen of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

19-NB-296

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Bluff, Indian Territory.

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You are hereby advised that the name of Roxy Williams has been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

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Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

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Sub for letter of 4/5

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 9, 1901.

Davis Holman,

Garretts Bluff, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman of Alberta Holman, the infant daughter of Davis and Francis Holman, born December 16th, 1899.

It will be necessary in the matter of the application for the enrollment of this child and your children Willie, Calvin and Eli, that the Commission be furnished with either the original or certified copy of your marriage license and certificate to Francis Holman.

You are requested to forward the evidence of your marriage as requested above, to the Commission as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

19-2330

19-1288

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 20, 1902.

Davis Holman,

Garretts Bluff, Texas.

Dear Sir-

On January 9, 1901, the Commission requested you to furnish proper evidence of your marriage to your wife, Francis Holman, to be used in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your four minor children as Chickasaw freedmen, but the same has not been received at this office.

This matter should be given immediate attention, and you should forward the Commission your original marriage license and certificate or a certified copy thereof, or make other legal proof of such marriage, as these children cannot be enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen until the evidence requested is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed for your reply.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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19-1358.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 11, 1902.

Davis Holman,

Sluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Davis Holman, infant son of Davis and Francis Holman, born January 16, 1902.

You are advised that it appears from the affidavit of the mother that she is a non-citizen, and before any further consideration can be given the application for enrollment of this child, it will be necessary that you furnish either the original or certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between yourself and Francis Holman.

On receipt of evidence of marriage, the matter will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

19-1229.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 2, 1906.

Francis Holman,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the marriage license and certificate between Davis Holman and Lucie Bail of December 23, 1902, together with your statement relative to the mistake in your name in said license and certificate; and the same have been filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the enrollment of your minor children as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Freedmen

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/9 1899.

Name Davis Holman

Choctaw ? County Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw ? yes County Jackson Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

Willis Holman	County Chickasaw	Page	No. Not on roll	
Calvin "	County do	Year	Page	No. do
Eli "	County do	Year	Page	No. do
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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Davis Holman, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I. T., May 9th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Davis Holman.

Q. How old are you? A. About 22.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Louisa Holman.

Q. Who did sh belong to? A. Harriet Folsom.

Q. Is your wife a state woman? A. Yes sir.

Q. What are the names of your children? A. Willis, Calvin and Eli.

Q. Where have you been living all the time? A. In Jackson County? *

Q. Never lived out of the Nation? A. No sir.

(Enrolled Davis Holman and three children as Chickasaw Freedmen)

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 A Smiley

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Davis W. Ewan

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~.

Approved DEC 11 1902 190..

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
DEC 11 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1258.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Davis Holman
(Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near Sawyers Bluff, Tex, (Here insert name of post office.) ~~Ind. Ter.~~, and died on the 30th day of October, 1901.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Francis Holman, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a citizen, ~~by~~ _____, of the United States ~~Nation~~; that my post office address is Bluff (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am the wife (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Davis Holman (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Davis Holman (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 30 day of October, 1901.

Francis her x mark Holman

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C Bunn / J. Forrainer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of December 1902.

H. E. Rileen
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Dan Jefferies, on oath state that I am 47 years of age, and a citizen, ~~by~~ _____, of the United States ~~Nation~~; that my post office address is Bluff (Here insert name of post office.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Davis Holman (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Davis Holman (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 30 day of October, 1901.

Dan his x mark Jefferies

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(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C Bunn / J. Forrainer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of December 1902.

H. E. Rileen
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Davis Holman

as a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

Approved DEC 24 1902 190

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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~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, of Davis Holman (Here insert name of child.), born on the 16th day of January, 1902

Name of Father: Davis Holman, a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Francis Holman, a citizen of the United States ~~Nation.~~

Post-Office: Bluff, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Francis Holman, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ Non Citizen, ~~of the Nation;~~ that I am the lawful wife of Davis Holman, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, that a male (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 16th day of January 1902; that said child has been named Davis Holman, and is now living.

Francis her x mark Holman

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C Bunn

J. O. Warrior

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of December 1902.

H. C. Kisten

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Mahaley Jefferies, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Francis Holman, wife of Davis Holman, on the 16th day of January, 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 Davis Holman.

Mahaley her x mark Jefferies

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C Bunn

J. O. Warrior

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H. C. Kisten

Notary Public.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

No 4456

Marriage License.

Davis Holman

AND

Miss Lurie Neal

Issued the 17th day of

Dec 1897

W B Kavanaugh

Clerk County Court Lamar Co

By _____ Deputy.

Filed the _____ day of

_____ 189_

Clerk County Court _____ Co

By _____ Deputy.

Recorded in Book 13 Page 230 of Marriage Record

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge District or County Court, or any Justice of Peace in and for Said County Greeting:

You are Hereby Authorized to Solemnize the

RITES OF MATRIMONY

Between Mr. Davis Holman and Miss Lurie Neal

and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

Witness my official signature and seal of office, at office in Paris the 17th day of Dec 1892

W B Kavanaugh Clerk of County Court Lamar County

By _____ Deputy

I R. H. Hill hereby certify that on the 21st day of Dec 1892 Joined in Marriage Mr Davis Holman and Miss Lurie Neal the parties above named.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of December 1892

R H Hill

Returned and filed for record the 28 day of December 1892 and recorded the 28 day of December 1892

_____ Deputy W B Kavanaugh County Clerk

Chickasaw Freedman
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment

INFANT CHILD

Alberta Holman

as a citizen of the

Choctaw

Approved December 22

Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

Chickasaw 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 Alberta Holman (Here insert name of child.), born on the 16th day of Dec, 1899 1900

Name of Father: Davis Holman, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Francis Holman, No citizen ~~of the~~ Nation.

Post-office, Garretts Bluff Tx

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY. Central District.

I, Francis Holman, 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 Davis Holman, who is a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female (male or female) child was born to me on the 16th day of Dec 1899; that said child has been named Alberta Holman, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK: Francis her x mark Holman

(Must be Two Witnesses) J. Eugene White

Lucie Barfield

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 *day of* Dec *1900.*

Wm Beadles

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 Mrs. Francis Holman, wife of Davis Holman, on the 16th day of Dec, 1899; 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 Alberta Holman.

WITNESSES TO MARK: Caroline her x mark Lewis

(Must be Two Witnesses) J. Eugene White

Lucie Barfield

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 *day of* Dec *1900.*

Wm Beadles

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Chic FR 1263

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Chic FR 1264

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/9 1899.

Name James Everett

Choctaw ? County Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw ? yes County Kiamitia Year Page

~~Citizen by blood ?~~ ~~Mother's~~ citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of James Errett, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I.T., May 9th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows;-

Q. What is your name? A. James Errett.

Q. How old are you? A. About 39.

Q. Were you born a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was your master? A. Sampson Folsom.

Q. Was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw I guess.

Q. Where have you been living? A. In Texas awhile.

Q. How old was you when you went to Texas? A. I can't tell how old I was.

Q. How long did you stay there? A. Two years, as near as I can recollect.

Q. Did your father bring you back? A. Yes sir.

Q. Did your father take you to Texas? A. Yes sir, he took the whole family.

Q. How long after the war? A. I couldn't tell that.

Q. Was your father owned here by Sampson Folsom? A. Yes sir, they all was.

Q. Do you know when your father went to Texas? A. It was in 1873. I don't know how long it was after the war though.

Q. How do you recollect it was in 1873? A.Because it come to my recollection, we were there two years, my father said it was 1873.

Q. Have you been living here ever since you were brought back? A. Yes sir.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir, but I am not claiming citizenship for my wife.

Foster Shoals, being duly sworn testified as follows in behalf of James Errett.

Q. What is your name? A. Foster Shoals.

Q. Do you know this man James Errett? A. Yes sir, raised right with him.

Q. How long have you known him? A. All his life.

Q. Do you know when he lived in Texas? A. Yes sir

Q. When did he go to Texas? A. I don't know the time exactly.

Q. Do you know about the time? A. A. It was some time after surrender, one year or two years, I don't particularly know, but I know he went.

Q. The question is as to the time? A. Well, I can't tell exactly the time.

Q. You don't know whether he was here one two or three years after the surrender? A. No sir, not in particular.

Q. Did he go away from here in 1865? A. No sir, I think he was here after 1865. You see we stayed in bondage until after Christmas. He was not turned loose until Christmas.

Q. Do you know this man was not turned loose until Christmas? A. Yes sir, in Christmas, 1865.

(Enrolled James Errett as 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.

M A Smiley

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MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/9 1899.

Name Isabelle Cabbiness

Choctaw? ~~yes~~ County Kiamitia Year No.

Chickasaw? yes County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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In the matter of the application of Isabelle Calhoun, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, May 9th, 1899 for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Isabelle Calhoun.

Q. How old are you? A. 46

Q. Were you born a slave? A. yes sir.

Q. Who was your master? A. Sampson Folsom.

Q. Have you lived here always? A. yes sir, all my life.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is your husband a state man? A. Yes sir.

Q. You are a Chickasaw are you? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Nosir, not of my own, I have an adopted child.

Q. What is its name? A. Stephen Calhoun, and its seven years old.

Q. Is its mother and father dead? A. I don't know where its mother is, she gave it to me when it was two months old?

Q. Was she a citizen? A. Her mother was a Cherokee, but the child's mother was born here in Doakesville, the child's father was Stephen Johnson.

Q. Were the parents of this child married? A. No sir, they were not married.

(Enrolled Isabelle Calhoun as Chickasaw Freedman. Child refused)

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 A Smiley

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Rebecca McCarty

a citizen of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved DEC 5 1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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DEC 5 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1268.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Rebecca McCarty
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Grant
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the _____ day of October, 1905

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Lummie Barber, on oath state that I am 29 years of age and a ~~citizen,~~ by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Grant
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am sister of Rebecca McCarty,
(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 Rebecca McCarty
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the — day of October, 1905

his
Lummie x Barber
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)
W M Wilson
Wm C Brum

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 *day of* Dec *190*2

H Christian
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Martin Shoals, on oath state that I am 32 years of age, and a ~~citizen,~~ by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is R F D Grant
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Rebecca McCarty
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen,~~ by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Rebecca McCarty
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the — day of October, 1905

Martin Shoals

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 *day of* Dec *190*2

H Christian
Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Randy McCoy

a freedman of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved DEC 5 1902 190

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1268.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Randy W. McCoy
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near
Grant, Ind. Ter., and died on the — day of
April, 1902.
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Lunnie Barber, on oath state that I am 29 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Grant, Ind. Ter.; that I am
(Here insert name of post office.)
Sister of Randy McCoy,
(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 Randy McCoy died on the — day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
April, 1902.

Lunnie Barber
her mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)
W. M. Nixon
Wm. C. Burns

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of Dec. 190—.

H. C. Ristine
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Martin Shoals, on oath state that I am 32 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Grant Ind. Ter.;
(Here insert name of post office.)
that I was personally acquainted with Randy W. McCoy
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Randy W. died on the — day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
April, 1902.

Martin Shoals

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of Dec. 190—.

H. C. Ristine
Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Member Ayres

a citizen of the

Chickasaw Nation.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1269.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Member Ayers
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Hamden
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the 15 day of October, 1899

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, A. C. Thurman, on oath state that I am 41 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ , ~~of the~~ Nation; that my post office address is Hugo
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am Step father of
(State relationship, as, the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.)
Member Ayers
(Here insert name of deceased.)
, who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Member Ayers
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 15 day of October, 1899

A. C. Thurman

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 *day of* December 190

H. Christian

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Elsie Payne, on oath state that I am 42 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Hugo
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Member Ayers
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Member Ayers
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 15 day of October, 1899

her
Elsie x Payne
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

R. M. Wilson
Wm C. Burns

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 *day of* December 190

H. Christian

Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Wellington Bolding

citizen of the

Chickasaw Freedmen Nation.

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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1270.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Wellington Bolding
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near
Grant, Ind. Ter., and died on the _____ day of
August, 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Jeff, 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.)
_____, 1_____.

_____

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) _____
_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 190___.

_____
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Jeff Walton, on oath state that I am 32
years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation;
that my post office address is Grant Ind. Ter.;
(Here insert name of post office.)
that I was personally acquainted with Wellington Bolding
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation;
and that said Wellington Bolding died on the _____ day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
August, 1900.

Jeff Walton

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) _____
_____

*Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of June 190_*

H. Christian
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 20, 1902.

Cornelius Rose,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir-

In the matter of the application for enrollment of your two minor children as Chickasaw freedmen, it is necessary that the Commission be supplied with proper evidence of the marriage between yourself and your wife, Isabella Rose. You should forward the Commission your original marriage license and certificate or a certified copy thereof, or make other legal proof of such marriage.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as these children cannot be enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen until the evidence requested is furnished.

An envelope is inclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Env.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 2, 1904.

George Rose,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 28, 1903, asking if the enrollment of George and Sylvine Rose has ever been approved.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Silvey Rose, daughter of Cornelius and Isabella Rose has been enrolled by this Commission as a Chickasaw freedman, and her enrollment as such has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

It does not appear from our records that any person by the name of George Rose is an applicant to the Commission for enrollment as a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/9 1899.

Name Cornelius Rose

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? yes County Kiamitia Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Freedman

Intermarried citizen ? residing in Choctaw Nation

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

Silvey Rose County Chickasaw Year Page No. Not on roll

Anna Christina Rose County do Year Page No. do

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Cornelius Rose, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I. T., May 9th,1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Cornelius Rose.

Q. Were you a slave? A. My mother and father belonged to Harriet Folsom.

Q. What is your mother's name? A. Silvey Rose.

Q. Is your wife a state woman? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you always lived here? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, two.

(Enrolled Cornelius Rose and two children as Chickasaw Freedmen)

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 A Smiley

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

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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[illegible] CHAIRMAN.

[illegible] ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Signed Foslin his x mark Shodes

attest Warrant ~~[illegible]~~ Daley his x mark Shoals

John Shockley Eda his x mark McDaniel

Subscribed and Sworn to before me

this Nov 1st AD 1902

D. P. Harrell

Notary Public

Franklin Co

Central District
Choctaw Nation I.T. } Before me
a Notary Public, Duly commissioned
and acting in and for the Central
District Choctaw Nation, Personally
appeared, Cornelius Rose who Being
Sworn according to law, States that he
was married to his wife Isabella Rose
in Sept 1887 in Kiamichie Co
Choctaw Nation I.T. Cornelius his mark Rose

Subscribed and Sworn to before
me this Nov 1st 1902

attest D. P. Howard
Notary Public
John Thurlkeld Muret I.T.

Central District
Choctaw Nation I.T. } Before me
a Notary Public Duly commissioned and
acting in and for the Central District
Choctaw Nation Personally appeared
Fadie Sholes, [redacted] Sholes and Eda
McDaniel, who being sworn State
each for his or her self, that they each
was Present and Saw Cornelius Rose
married to his wife Isabella Rose in
Sept 1887, and that they have lived
near the said Cornelius Rose and his family
from that time to the Present,

(over)

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Trans to choc FR card 1337

Chic FR 1279

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Chic FR 1280

Trans to choc FR card 1339

Chic FR 1281

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chic FR 1283

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/9 1899.

Name Hannah McCoy

Choctaw? County Year No Not on roll

Chickasaw? yes County Kiamitia Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

18 Thomas Brown	County Chickasaw	Year	Page	No. Not on roll	
10 Harry "	County do	Year	Page	No. do	
	County	Year	Page	No.	
	County	Year	Page	No.	
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Enrolled by Charley Williams

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

No. 384

Marriage License.

John McAfee

AND

Mrs Hannah Colbert

Issued the 2nd day of Sept 1897

L. W. Ross

Clerk County Court Lamar Co.

By _____ Deputy

Filed the 25th day of October 1897

L. W. Ross

Clerk County Court Lamar Co.

By _____ Deputy

Recorded in Book 17 Page 62 of Marriage Record

Marriage License.

STATE OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF LAMAR.

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of District or County Court, or any Justice of Peace in and for Lamar County, Greeting:

You are Hereby Authorized to Solemnize the

RITES OF MATRIMONY

Between Mr John McAfee,
and Mrs Hannah Colbert
and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within Sixty days thereafter certifying your action under this License.

WITNESS my official signature and seal of office at my office in Paris this 2nd day of Sept. A.D. 1899

By _____ Deputy

L. M. Ross
Clerk County Court Lamar Co.

P. L. Harrison hereby certify that on the 3rd day of Sept. A.D. 1897 United in Marriage John McAfee and Hannah Colbert the parties above named.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of Sept. A.D. 1897

P. L. Harrison D.D.

Returned and filed for record the 25th day of October 1899
and recorded the 25th day of October 1899

L. M. R.

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Mary Russell to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I. T. May 9th. 1899 for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al, she testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Mary Russell.

Q. How old are you? A. Thirty nine.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Lily Willis.

Q. Who did she belong to? A Harriet Folsom?

Q. Was she a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Have you always lived in the Territory here? A. Yes sir

Q. Is your husband a stateman? A. Yes sir but we are divorced

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir one.

Q. What is the childs name? A. Rose Murphy. And she has a child named May Murphy.

(Enrolled Mary Russell and children as 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.

W A Smiley

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/9 1899.

Name Mary Russell

Choctaw? County Year No. Not enrolled

Chickasaw yes County Towson Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

23 Rose Murphy County Chickasaw Year Page No. Not enrolled

County Year Page No.

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County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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Trans to Choc FR card 1347

Chic FR 1285

To Honorable Dawes Commission

In application of Clayton Colbert, for Citizenship of the Chickasaw Nation. Whose parents are Citizen of the Chickasaw Nation by adoption,

I, Annie L Colbert, A Citizen of the Chickasaw Nation by adoption, do hereby certify & swear, that I am the Mother of one Male child, who was born to me on the 18th day of May AD 1899 & that he is named Clayton Colbert,

Annie L Colbert
her mark

Sworn to & subscribed to before me, A Notary Public, on this the 22nd day of June, 1899,

B A Nelson
Notary Public

I, Sukey Ervin, 'A Midwife' do hereby certify & swear, that I was present and attended, Mrs Annie L Colbert, wife of R D Colbert, "both Citizens of the Chickasaw Nation by adoption, at the birth of a Male child, on the 18th day of May AD 1899, & that the said child is named Clayton Colbert,

Sukey Ervin
her mark

Sworn to & subscribed to before me A Notary Public, on this the 22nd day of June 1899

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Clayton Colbert

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman.

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1285.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Clayton Colbert
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near Grant
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the 25th day of June, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

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

I, R. D. Colbert, on oath state that I am 37 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Grant
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am the father of Clayton Colbert,
(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 Clayton Colbert died on the 25 day of June, 1900.
(Here insert name of deceased.)

R. D. Colbert

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st *day of* December 1902

H. C. Riston

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

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

I, Peter Nolen, on oath state that I am 27 years of age, and a citizen, ~~by~~ _____, of the United States ~~Nation~~; that my post office address is Grant
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Clayton Colbert
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Clayton Colbert died on the 25 day of June, 1900.
(Here insert name of deceased.)

Peter Nolen

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st *day of* December 1902

H. C. Riston

Notary Public.

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Chickasaw Freedman
1286

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 16, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir :-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 13th inst., in which attention is invited to General Office letter of April 26, 1904, to Katie Logones, Boswell, Indian Territory, and particularly the third paragraph thereof, as follows:

" It further appears from our records that Richard Anderson, minor son of Katie Anderson, died October 15, 1902, proof of his death having been filed at this office December 6, 1902."

In this connection you invite attention to the fact that opposite the name of Richard Anderson, No.3 on Chickasaw Freedman card No.1286, appears the word "dead", and upon the face of the card the following notation:

" No.3 died Oct 15, 1901. Proof of death filed Dec 6, 1902."

You further state that Katie Anderson, now Katie Logan, appeared at your office on September 13, 1904, and in her oral testimony taken under oath at that time stated that Richard Anderson, her child, died on October 15, 1902, and that the notation on said card of the date of his death, October 15, 1901, is in error.

In reference to this matter, you are advised that Watson Anderson, the father of Richard Anderson, and Lucy Ann Birdsong ;

peared before the Commission on December 3, 1902, and made affidavit of the death of Richard Anderson on October 15, 1901.

You do not transmit with your letter of the 13th inst., the testimony of Katie Anderson, now Katie Logan, taken at your office on that date. Inasmuch, however, as Watson Anderson and Lucy Ann Birdsong have made affidavit to the effect that this child died October 15, 1901, you will advise Katie Logan that before further consideration can be given to her testimony it will be necessary that she secure the attendance of Watson Anderson and Lucy Ann Birdsong before your office for the purpose of securing their personal testimony as to the date of the death of this child. You will also direct her to produce the testimony of such other witnesses as were present and have actual knowledge of the death of the child, and, if possible, the testimony of the undertaker, or such other person as officiated at the burial of the child.

For your information in connection with the investigation of this matter, there is enclosed you herewith the original affidavits of Watson Anderson and Lucy Ann Birdsong, copies thereof having been retained in this office. When you have completed the investigation, return all papers to the general office.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1286

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 9, 1906.

Chief Clerk,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to office letter of September 16, 1904, with which were inclosed the original affidavits of Watson Anderson and Lucy Ann Birdsong to the death of Richard Anderson a Chickasaw freedman, you are requested to return these affidavits to this office, together with the testimony of Katie Anderson of September 13, 1904 in the matter of the death of said child.

Testimony conclusively showing the death of this child October 15, 1901 has been secured by Mr. Bobe and it is desired to make disposition of the application for his enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

19-1286

Atoka, Indian Territory, April 11, 1906.

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

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 9, 1906, requesting that the original affidavits of Watson Anderson, and Lucy Ann Birdsong, relative to the death of Richard Anderson, a Chickasaw freedman, be returned to your office, together with the testimony of Katie Anderson of September 13, 1904, in the matter of the death of said child. You refer to General Office letter of September 16, 1904, transmitting the affidavits referred to in this office.

In reply thereto you are advised that we are unable to find the affidavits referred to in your letter among our records; nor is General Office letter of September 16, 1904, transmitting such affidavits to this office in our letter files; neither have we any record of the testimony of Katie Anderson being taken at this office on September 13, 1904, relative to the death of Richard Anderson.

It is suggested that it is possible that these papers were taken by Mr. Shalby when he was assigned to the field for the purpose of making investigation concerning the deaths of citizens

and freedmen shortly after the dates above mentioned, and it may be that such papers are among the records he had with him on making such investigations.

Respectfully,

W. H. Angell,

Chief Clerk.

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/9 1899.

Name Katie Anderson

Choctaw? County Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw? yes County Kiamitia Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

2 Elvira Anderson County ~~Chickasaw~~ Year Page No. Not on roll

1 Richard do County do Year Page No. do

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1286

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Katy Anderson, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I. T. May 9th. 1899. for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al, she testified as follows:----

Q. What is your name? A. Katy Anderson.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Jensy Pickens.

Q. Whose slave was she? A. Dave Pickens.

Q. Who was Dave Pickens Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is your husband a stateman? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir.

Q. Where have you been living all the time? A. here in the Nation.

Q. Were you born andraised here in the Nation? A. Yes sir.

(Enrolled Katy Anderson and two children as Chickasaw Freedmen.

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 A Smiley

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF
Richard Anderson
a ~~citizen of the~~
Chickasaw ~~Nation.~~

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James Bixby
Commissioner.

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

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Richard Anderson (Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near Grant (Here insert name of postoffice), Ind. Ter., and died on the 15th day of October, 1901.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central DISTRICT.

I, Watson Anderson, on oath state that I am 31 years of age and a citizen, by _____, of the United States Nation; that my postoffice address is Grant (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter.; that I am the father (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Richard Anderson (Here insert name of deceased), who was a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Richard Anderson (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 15th day of October, 1901.

Watson Anderson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of December 1902.

H. C. Risteen
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central DISTRICT.

I, Lucy Ann Birdsong, on oath state that I am 35 years of age, and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my postoffice address is Grant (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Richard Anderson (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Richard Anderson (Here insert name of deceased) died on the 15th day of October, 1901.

Lucy Ann Birdsong nee X mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C Bunn
R. W. Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of December 1902.

H. C. Risteen
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
CHOCTAW-CHICKASAW DIVISION.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 26, 1907.

In the matter of the enrollment of Richard Anderson, Chickasaw Freedman, Roll Number 1236. -1256

Testimony taken four miles east of Grant, Indian Territory, March 13, 1906.

LUCY ANN BIRDSONG, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Lucy Ann Birdsong.
Q How old are you? A About 36 years old.
Q What is your post office address? A Grant, I. T.

Q Are you a freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation?
A Chickasaw Nation.
Q Were you personally acquainted with Richard Anderson?
A Yes, I sat up with the child all night long the night it died.
Q Who was the child's mother?
A Katie Anderson, now Katie Logan.
Q Who was its father? A Watson Anderson.
Q How old was the child at the time of its death?
A I could not tell, it was running all about; I guess it was about two years old.
Q When did Richard Anderson die?
A October 15, 1901.
Q Did you attend the child during its sickness?
A Yes, sir, I sat up with the child the night it died.
Q The records of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes show that on the 3rd of December 1902 you made affidavit that Richard Anderson died on the 15th of October 1901: Were you correct as to that date, and do you now reaffirm said affidavit?
A Yes, sir, I will swear that any place.
Q Where were you on the 3rd of December, 1902, when you made this affidavit?
A At Antlers, before the Dawes Commission to be enrolled.
Q How long [illegible] the child [illegible] at that time?
A It had [illegible] over a year [illegible] know, as it died in 1901.
Q [illegible]

[illegible]

A [illegible] about all I can say.

[illegible] Excused.

Testimony taken four miles east of Grant, Indian Territory, March 13, 1906:

ALLEN BIRDSONG, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Allen Birdsong.
Q How old are you? A I am about 54 years old.
Q What is your post office? A Grant, I.T.
Q Were you acquainted with Richard A Derson?
A Yes, sir
Q Who were the parents of this child?
A Katie ADderson, mother, and Watson Anderson, father.
Q When did Richard Anderson die?
A He died in the month of October, 1901.
Q Did you attend the child during his sickness, or were you present at the burial?
A Well, I was there once during its sickness and I went back after it died and helped bury it.
Q How do you fix in your mind that the child died in October, 1901?
Q Well, it was just about the time of the Association at Pilgrim's Rest; the child died a little before the Association. The Association was held in the fall of 1901.
Q You state positively that Richard ADderson died in the month of October, 1901?
A Yes, sir.

Witness Excused.

Testimony taken at Grant, Indian Territory, March 14, 1906:

KATIE Anderson (now Katie Logan), being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Katie Logan, formerly Katie Anderson.
Q What is your age? A About 29.
Q What is your post office? A Grant, I. T.
Q Are you a Freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.

Witness is identified as a Choctaw Freedman, Field Card Number 1284, Roll Number 4309.

Q Are you the mother of Elvira Anderson? A Yes, sir.
Q When was Elvira A derson born?
A The first of M[illegible]ch, 1897.
Q When was Richard Anderson born?
A In 1898, August 12th.
Q Did you have other children? A Yes, sir.
Q [illegible]
A [illegible]
Q [illegible] Carrie [illegible]?
A [illegible] know the day.
Q [illegible] at [illegible]
A [illegible] yes [illegible]

I [illegible] enrollment [illegible]

Antlers, but this child was born dead.

Q Richard Anderson was born August 12, 1898; Carrie was born two years afterward in the December following; Well, two years in December after August 1898 makes what year?

A It makes 1900.

Q Is Carrie dead? A Yes, sir.

Q How old was Carrie at the time of her death?

A About two months old.

Q Did Carrie die in February 1901 after her birth in December 1900?

A Yes, sir, she died in February.

Q What time elapsed between the death of Carrie and the death of Richard?

A About nine months, because he died the coming October, the 15th day.

Q Carrie died in February 1901, and Richard died in the following October, 1901? A Yes, sir.

Q How long had Richard been dead when you gave birth to this dead unnamed child?

A It might have been about a year I reckon.

Q You speak of the enrollment at Antlers. Do you mean the time thatm Watson Anderson and Lucy Ann Birdsong appeared before the Dawes Commission at Antlers to be enrolled?

A Yes, sir, that's the only time I know of.

The records of the Five Tribes Commission show that Watson Anderson and Lucy Ann Birdsong appeared before the Dawes Commission in a session at Antlers, Indian Territory, on December 3, 1902.

Q The records of the Five Tribes Commission show that on September 13, 1904, you appeared before the Dawes Commission at Atoka, Indian Territory, and testified orally, under oath, that your son, Richard Anderson, died October 15, 1902: Are you now positively convinced that your son, Richard Anderson, died in October 1901, and not in October 1902?

A Yes, sir, I was mistaken.

Witness Excused.

TESTIMONY taken at Grant, Indian Territory, March 14, 1906:

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

LAWRENCE LOGAN, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Lawrence Logan.

Q What is your age? A 30.

Q What is your post office address? A. Grant, I. T.

Q Are you a citizen of the Choctaw Nation?

A Non-citizen.

Q Were you acquainted with Richard Anderson?

A Yes, sir.

Q Who were the parents of that child?

A [illegible] Anderson (now [illegible]), and Watson Anderson.

Q [illegible] Richard Anderson died?

A [illegible] the 15th of October the year before the enrollment at [illegible].

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Q Do you refer to the enrollment when Watson Anderson and Lucy Ann Birdsong appeared to have their respective families enrolled?

A Yes, sir, at Antlers.

The records of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes show that Lucy Ann Birdsong and Watson Anderson appeared at a session of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Antlers, Indian Territory, on December 3, 1902.

Q You affirm positively that the child died in October 1901, or the year before the enrollment at Antlers?

A If the enrollment was in 1902 he died in October the year prior to that enrollment.

Witness Excused.

W. P. Covington, being first duly sworn, states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said case on said date.

W. P. Covington

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30 day of March 1906.

Edward Merrick
Notary Public.

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MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/9 1899.

Name Mary Rhone

Choctaw? County Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw? yes County Kiamitia Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the Application of Mary Rhone, to the Commissione of The Five Civilized Tribes at Goodland, I. T. May 9th. 1899 for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman,. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al, she testified as follows:---

Q. What is your name? A. Mary Rhone.

Q. How old are you A. Twenty five.

Q. Who w as your mother? A. Polly Johnson.

Q. Whose slave was she? A. Samson Folsom.

Q. Was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Is your husband a stateman. A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. No sir.

(Enrolled Mary Rhone as a Chickasaw Freedman.)

...ment 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 A Smiley

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 20, 1902.

Elsie Trim-

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam-

In the matter of your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, it will be necessary that the Commission be supplied with proper evidence of the marriage between your father and mother, Lewis and Matilda Trim. You should forward to the Commission their original marriage license and certificate or a certified copy thereof, or make other legal proof of such marriage.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as the Commission cannot enroll you as a Chickasaw freedman until the evidence requested is furnished.

An envelope for your reply is inclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Rev.

Chickasaw Freedmen

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 4, 1905.

Elsie Trim,

Grant, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 25, stating that you cannot furnish a copy of the marriage certificate between your father and mother, as they are both dead, and inclosing the affidavit of Tabitha Rice to their marriage in December, 1869, and the same has been filed with the record in the matter of your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Chickasaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 7, 1905.

Anderson Walker,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 25, in which you ask if you have a right as an intermarried freedman as you have been twice intermarried to Choctaw freedmen and state that your present wife has already selected her allotment and request the status of the enrollment of your former wife, Elsie Trim.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Elsie Trim has been enrolled by this Commission as a Chickasaw freedman and her enrollment has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

You are advised that it does not appear from our records that any application has been made to this Commission for your enrollment as a freedman of either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation, and you are further advised that no provision of law is known to the Commission whereby noncitizens acquire any rights through marriage to Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/10 1899.

Name Elsie Trim

Choctaw? County Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw? yes County Kiamitia Year Page

Citizen by blood? - Mother's citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

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1292

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Elsie Trim to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Goodland, I. T. May 10th. 1899. for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined bym him et al, she testified as follows:---

Q. What is your name ? A. Elsie Trim.

Q. Who was your mother ? A. Mathilda Trim.

Q. Who did she belong to ? A. She was a non-citizen.

Q Who was your father? A. Lewis Trim.

Q. Who did he belong to? A. Liza Boulding.

Q. Was she a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Was your father and mother married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Where have you been living all the time? A. I was raised here, but I lived in Texas a little while working there.

Q. Are you married ? A. No sir.

Q. Is your mother living? A. No sir.

Dick Roebuck being duly sworn testified as follows:---

Q. Do you know whether Lewis and Mathilda Trim were married? A. Yes sir they were married; I never saw them ma ried but I was alw always told they were married, I know he married his first wife, and was told he married this last woman.

Q. Was his other wife dead when he took up this last woman? A. Answer I don't think she is dead yet.

(Enrolled Elsie Trim as 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.

W A Smiley

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

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Central District
Choctaw Nation I.T. } Before me, a notary
Public, acting in and for the Central
District Choctaw Nation Personally appeared
Tabitha Rice, who on her oath
States that she was personally acquainted
with Lewis Trim and Matilda Worcham
and that they was married on the 25th
day of Dec 1869 and that Elsie Trim
is their Daughter

Tabitha her x mark Rice

Subscribed and Sworn to before me.
this the 25th day of March ad 1903

D. P. Howard
Notary Public
Grant Co.

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Chickasaw Freedmen
1269; 1273.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 5, 1904.

A. C. Thurman,

Hugo, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 1, stating that the name of your wife is Ellen Cleveland Thurman, and her children are Patsy Shoals and Andrew Cleveland; that her mother Ann Scott is old and her health will not permit of her appearing in person at the land office for the purpose of selecting her allotment. You therefore wish to be informed if your wife can select allotments for herself and her children, and for her mother.

In reply to your letter you are advised that Ann Scott has been enrolled by this Commission as a Chickasaw freedman and her enrollment as such has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Relative to the selection of allotment in her behalf your attention is invited to the ninth and eleventh sections 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 inclosed you herewith.

You are further advised that it appears from our records that Ellen Cleveland, now Ellen Thurman, and her children, Patsy

A C T 2

Shoals and Andrew Cleveland 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. No selection in allotment could therefore be made for them at this time.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/10 1899.

Name Ann Scott (60)

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? yes County Jackson Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Freedman

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

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1293

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Ann Scott to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I. T. May 10th. 1899 for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al she testified as follows:----

Q. What is your name? A. Ann Scott.

Q. How old are you. A. About fifty two years old.

Q. Who was your master? A. Sampson Folsom.

Q. What was he Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Where have you been living since you were turned loose? A. Over at Deaksville. But I am up here close to Antlers now.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir but I am not living with my husband.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir one but she is married.

(Enrolled Ann Scott as 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.

W A Smiley

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Freedmen

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/10 1899.

Name Tina Lewis as well as Turner Radford

Choctaw? County Year No. 2934

Chickasaw? yes County Kimitin Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Tina Lewis to the Commission ofto the Five Civilized Tribes at Goodland, I. T. May 10th 1899 for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sowrn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him, et al, testified as follows:---

Q. What is your name? A. Tina Lewis.

Q. How old are you ? A. About sixty.

Q. Who did you belong to? A. Sampson Folsom.

Q. Was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Where have you been living ever since you were turned loose? A. Right in this nation all thetime sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. No sir none except one she registered herself.

(Enrolled Tina Lewis as 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.

H A Smiley

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Lina Lynn

a freedman of the

Chickasaw Nation.

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Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1295.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Lina Lewis
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Grant, Ind. Ter., and died on the 26 day of January, 1902

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Julia Colbert, on oath state that I am 53 years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Grant, Ind. Ter.; that I am daughter of Lina Lewis,
(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 Lina Lewis died on the 26 day of January, 1902.
(Here insert name of deceased.)

Witnesses to mark:
Julia x Colbert
mark
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
W. M. Keen
Wm C. Bunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of January *190 2*

H. C. Riston
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Charles Williams, on oath state that I am 64 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Grant, Ind. Ter.;
(Here insert name of Post-office.)
that I was personally acquainted with Lina Lewis
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Lina Lewis died on the 26 day of January, 1902.
(Here insert name of deceased.)

Witnesses to mark:
Charles x Williams
mark
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
W. M. Keen
Wm C. Bunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of January *190 2*

H. C. Riston
Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Pleg Lewis

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chick Freedman ~~Nation.~~

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1296.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Pleg Lewis (Here insert name of deceased.) a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Bluff (Here insert name of postoffice), Ind. Ter., and died on the 21 day of April, 1902.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Alice Lewis, on oath state that I am 36 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am mother (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Pleg Lewis (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen,~~ by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Pleg Lewis (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 21 day of April, 1902.

her
Alice X Lewis
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)
B M Wilson
Wm C Burns

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 *day of* December 1902.

H C Kistler
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Steve Green, on oath state that I am 49 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Bluff (Here insert name of post office.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Pleg Lewis (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Pleg Lewis (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 21 day of April, 1902.

his
Steve X Green
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)
B M Wilson
Wm C Burns

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 *day of* December 1902.

H C Kistler
Notary Public.

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Chic FR 1298

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Chic FR 1299

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Becky Willis

~~a citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1300.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Becky Willis (Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near Goodland (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the ——— day of October, 1901

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Alek Miller, on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Hugo (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am a son (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Becky Willis (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Becky Willis (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the ——— day of October, 1901

Alek his x mark Miller

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Wm C Bomm

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December 1902

H. C. Ristean

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Henry Hines, on oath state that I am 64 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Hugo (Here insert name of post office.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Becky Willis (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Becky Willis (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the ——— day of October, 1901

Henry his x mark Hines

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Wm C Bomm

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December 1902

H. C. Ristean

Notary Public.

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Chic FR 1302

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Chic FR 1303

Chic FR 1303

19-1303

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 26, 1907.

Melvina Byrdsong,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 20, 1907, relative to an application which was made for your minor child Arrilla Holley; you state that she is the child of Melvina Byrdsong and a non citizen George W. Holley and that application was made for her enrollment about two years ago; you further state that she is entitled to enrollment under the last acts of March 3, 1905 and April 26, 1906 as a Choctaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application was made for the enrollment of Arrilla Holley as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Acts of Congress approved March 3, 1905 and April 26, 1906 and as it appears that you have been enrolled and approved as a Chickasaw freedman you are informed that under an opinion of the Assistant Attorney General of November 1[illegible], 1906 Chickasaw freedmen are not a class of citizens of the Chickasaw Nation and their children are not therefore entitled to enrollment under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906.

entitled to enrollment under said Act.

Your attention is invited in this connection to the following provision of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906:

> "That the rolls of the tribes affected by this Act shall be fully completed on or before the fourth day of March, nineteen hundred and seven, and the Secretary of the Interior shall have no jurisdiction to approve the enrollment of any person after said date."

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Freedmen

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/10 1899.

Name Caroline Birdsong

Choctaw? County Year No Not on roll

Chickasaw? yes County Kiamichi Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

Malvina Birdsong County Choctaw Year Page No. Not on roll

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

1303

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Caroline Birdsong to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I. T., May 10th,1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Caroline Birdsong.

Q. How old are you? A. Thirty three.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Rhoda.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Jim Reynolds.

Q. Was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Where have you been living all the time? A. Down in Kiamitia County.

Q. Have you been living here in the Nation all the time? A. Yes sir.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir, I married a state woman.

Q. Have you got any children? A. No sir, just a step daughter.

Q What is her name? A. Malvina Birdsong.

Q. Who did your mother belong to? A. Gabriel Burris.

Q. What was he, Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Choctaw.

Q How old is she? A. About sixteen.

(Enrolled Caroline Birdsong and step daughter as Choctaw Freedmen)

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 A Smiley

Chic FR 1304

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Chic FR 1305

Trans to Choc FR card 1363

Chic FR 1306

Trans to Choc FR card 1364

Chic FR 1307

Trans to Choc FR card 1355

Chic FR 1308

Trans to Choc FR card 1365

Chic FR 1309

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Chic FR 1311

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Chic FR 1311

18-1811.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 4, 1903.

Jim Johnson,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Polly Johnson, infant daughter of Jim and Sina Johnson, born September 28, 1901; and the same is returned to you herewith for further information.

You are advised that our records show that on May 11, 1899, Jim Johnson, 27 years of age, of Goodland, Indian Territory, his wife, Charlotte, 26 years of age, and her four minor children were listed for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

If you are the identical Jim Johnson listed for enrollment as stated herein, you are requested to advise the Commission whether your wife Charlotte is dead; if so, state the date of her death. If she is living, and you and she have been divorced, legal evidence of such divorce should be furnished the Commission.

You are further advised that the mother of the child named in the application being a non-citizen, it will be necessary that you furnish the Commission with either your original marriage

license and certificate, or a certified copy thereof.

Upon receipt of the information requested herein, together with legal evidence of marriage, and return of the application for the enrollment of your child, the matter will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Enc. Ref. 157.

Acting Chairman.

194-1311

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 14, 1904.

Jim Johnson,

Goodland, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from our records that on September 4, 1902, there was received at this office an application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Polly Johnson, infant daughter of Jim and Sina Johnson, born September 26, 1901, and the same was returned to you upon that date for further information relative to the motherof the child.

It does not appear, however, from our records that said application has ever been returned with the information relative to the mother of the child, as requested in our letter. Subsequent information received by the Commission states that she is a non-citizen.

You are informed that upon return of the application for the enrollment of your infant child, together with evidence of your marriage to the mother, the same will receive further consideration.

It is important that this matter be given immediate attention.

Respectfully,

19-1311

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 14, 1907.

Jim Johnson,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 30, 1906, in which you state that you have three children who have never been enrolled and you would like to have blanks for the purpose of enrolling them. You give their names as Polly, Emmerline and Willie Johnson.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from the records of this office that you are a Chickasaw freedman and that your present wife is a non citizen and 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 their children are not entitled to enrollment under said act as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906.

You are further advised that the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, provided for the reception for a period of ninety days from that date, of applications for the enrollment of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw citizens who were living March 4, 1906. The ninety days provided in said act expired July 25,

J. J. 42

1806, and there is now no authority for the reception of such applications.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

In re application of Jim Johnson, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Goodland, I. T., May 11th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Jim Johnson.

Q. What was your mother's name? A. Polly Johnson.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Sampson Folsom.

Q. Where have you been living? A. I have lived here most all the time, I lived in Texas about two years.

Q. Where do you live now? A. Here in the Territory.

Q. Are you married? A. yes sir.

Q. Is your wife a state woman? A. Yes sir.

Q. What is her name? A. Charlotte Johnson.

Q. Who did her mother belong to? A. Harriet Folsom.

Q. What was she, a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Jim Johnson: I want to register my two brothers.

Q. Where do they live? A. Charley works in Texas.

Q. Where is the other one? A. His name is Wellington, he lives in Ardmore, he is in jail there now, he lived in Denison when he was registered at Colbert.

Q. Is he married? A. Yes sir, he married a Chickasaw.

Q. How long did he live in Denison? A. About two years.

Q. Where does Charley live? A. He lives in Texas now. They sent him to the pen, and he just got back, and has not got home yet.

Q. Did he live in this county? A. He was raised in Towson County.

Q. Is he married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Your brother Wellington was married and living in Denison was he? A. yes sir.

Q. Was his family with him there? A. Yes sir.

Q. Where does Charley's wife live? A. In Jackson County.

Jim Johnson #2.

Q. What is her name? A. Harriet Johnson.

Q. She will register herself will she? A. I guess she will go to Antlers to register.

Q. Charley is living in Texas now is he? A. Yes sir, he is separated from his wife, he went to the Penitentiary and stayed four years, and just got back to Paris last fall, and he has not come back here yet.

Q. He lives in Paris now does he. A. Yes sir.

Q. He is a full brother of yours is he? A. Yes sir.

Q. Where was he June 28th of last year? A. He was still in the Pen.

(Jim Johnson and wife and children enrolled as Chickasaw Freedmen)

[Charley Johnson put on white card as 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.

W A Smiley

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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In the matter of the death of Ike Colbert
a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided
at or near Goodland Ind. Ter., and died on the 24 day of
October 1901.

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AFFADAVIT OF RELATIVE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Indian Territory.
Central District.

I Thomas Freeman on oath state that I am 24
years of age and a citizen, by birth of the Chickasaw Nation
that my post office address is Tuttle Ind. Ter.; that I am
an Uncle of Ike Colbert
who was a citizen, by Birth of the Chickasaw Nation;
and that said Ike Colbert died on the 24 day of
October 1901.

his
Thomas x Freeman
mark

Witnesses to mark:

J. W. Stevenson
E. C. Bumgarner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of April 1904.

Fred Everett
Notary Public

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AFFADAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Mitchell Willis on oath state that I am 59
years of age, and a citizen by birth of the Choctaw Nation
that my post office address is Sawyer Ind. Ter.
that I was personally acquainted with Ike Colbert
who was a citizen by Birth of the Chickasaw Nation;
and that said Ike died on the 24 day of
October 1901.

his
Mitchell x Willis
mark

J. W. Stevenson
mark
E. C. Bumgarner

Subscribed and sworn to
before this 7th day of September
A.D. 1904

Fred Everett
Notary Public
Central Judicial Dist
My commission Expires Dec 5-1906 Sev. Ten.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Ike Colbert

a ~~citizen of the~~
Chickasaw Freedman
~~Nation.~~

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1311.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Ike Colbert (Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near Goodland (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the — day of September, 1901.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

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

I, Mary Rhone, on oath state that I am 29 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Grant (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am an aunt (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Ike Colbert (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Ike Colbert (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the — day of September, 1901.

Mary Rhone

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December 1902.

H. C. Rider

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

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

I, Polly Adamson, on oath state that I am about 40 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Hugo (Here insert name of post office.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Ike Colbert (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Ike Colbert (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the — day of September, 1901

Polly her X mark Adamson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December 1902.

H. C. Rider

Notary Public.

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MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/11 1899.

Name Thomas Freeman

Choctaw ? County Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw yes County Pontotoc Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In re application of Thomas Freeman to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Goodland, I. T., May 11th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Thomas Freeman.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Peggy Freeman.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Sampson Felso n.

Q. Where have you been living? A? A. Right here in the Territory.

Q. Are you married? A. No sir.

Lin Colbert under oath states that he knew his fore-parents, and that they came from the Colberts, Chickasaws)

(Enrolled Thomas Freeman as 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.

W A Smiley

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Alice Riley

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman
~~Nation~~.

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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1313.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Alice Riley
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near Frogville
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the 26th day of October, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Richard Riley, on oath state that I am 53 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Frogville
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am the father of Alice Riley
(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 Alice Riley
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 26 day of October, 1900.

Richard his X mark Riley

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) W M C Brown
H M Nelson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st *day of* December 1902

H C Nisler
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, George Brown, on oath state that I am 33 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Frogville
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Alice Riley
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Alice Riley
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 26 day of October, 1900.

George Brown

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st *day of* December 1902

H C Nisler
Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Josiah Fields

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chick Freedman ~~Nation.~~

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1326.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Josiah Fixico
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near
Oklin
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the 1 day of
March, 1905

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Malinda Collins, on oath state that I am 52 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Bromide
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am daughter
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.)
of Josiah Fixico
(Here insert name of deceased.)
, who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Josiah Fixico
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 1 day of March, 1905

Malinda Collins

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 *day of* Dec *190*2.

H. C. Riddle
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Richard King, on oath state that I am 35 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Oklin
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Josiah Fixico
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Josiah Fixico
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 1 day of March, 1905

Richard x King
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 *day of* Dec. *190*2.

H. C. Riddle
Notary Public.

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MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/15 1899.

Name

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name, Mary Jane Beatty

Choctaw? County Kiamitia Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw? yes County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Freedmen

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

1 Lily Ann Beatty	~~County~~ Chickasaw	Year	Page	No. Not on roll
2 Ida May "	~~County~~ "	Year	Page	No. "
	~~County~~	Year	Page	No.
12 Willie Thompson	~~County~~ "	Year	Page	No. "
	County	Year	Page	No.
	County	Year	Page	No.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 27, 1900.

Mr. Thomas Beaty,

Antlers, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of an application for the enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Jefferson Dewey Beaty, the infant son of Thomas and Mary J. Beaty. You are informed that before this application can be filed with the records of this Commission, it will be necessary for the Commission to establish the identity of Mary J. Beaty, the mother of the child for whom this application is made. The records of this Commission do not show the name of any such person as listed for enrollment, and if she claims any rights to citizenship in the Indian Territory, or has ever appeared before this Commission as an applicant for enrollment, you are requested to so inform the Commission. If, however, you desire to make application for the enrollment of this child through yourself as a Choctaw Freedman, it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with either the original or a certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between yourself and your wife. Upon the receipt of this information, the matter of the application will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Tams Bixby

Acting Chairman.

a.k.o.

COMMISSIONERS
HENRY L. DAWES,
TAMS BIXBY,
ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Wm. O.B.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 4, 1900.

Mr. Thomas Beatty,

Antlers, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of March 31, in which you inform the Commission that your wife and children were duly listed for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen by this Commission in May 1899, and such information has enabled the Commission to identify her as having been so listed for enrollment. The application for the enrollment of Jefferson Dewey Beatty is now returned to you for the reason that the Notary Public taking the acknowledgment of Mary J. Beatty and Lucindy Sifax has omitted to attach his notarial seal to these two affidavits. Kindly have the Notary attach his seal to each separate affidavit and upon the return of the application with these omissions supplied, the matter of the application will receive further attention.

Yours truly,

Tams Bixby

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Acting Chairman.

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In replying to this letter,
please refer to Chickasaw Freedmen 1328.

FREEDMAN

In re application of Tom Beatty to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Antlers, I. T., May 15th, 1899, for enrollment of his wife and children as Chickasaw Freedmen. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Tom Beatty.

Q. You are a state man are you? A. Yes sir.

Q. What is your wife's name? A. Mary Jane Beatty.

Q. Who was her mother? A. Silvey Thompson.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Pameechee.

Q. What was he? A. A Chickasaw.

Q. Has she always lived here in the Nation? A. Yes sir, always except about two months.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, two of my own and my young brother-in-law.

Q. Who was the mother of Willie Thompson your brother-in-law? A. Silvey Thompson.

(Enrolled Mary J. Beatty, and children as Chickasaw Freedmen)

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 A Smiley

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Jefferson Dewey Beaty.

as a citizen of the

Chickasaw freedman Nation.

Approved, May 31 1900

A S Mc Cormon

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 Jefferson Davis Beaty (Here insert name of child.), born on the 14 day of January, 1900
Name of Father: Thomas Beaty, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Mary J. Beaty, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Postoffice, Antlers, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.
Central District.

I, Mary J. Beaty, on oath state that I am 30 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Thomas Beaty, who is a citizen, by , of the United States ~~Nation~~; that a male (male or female) child was born to me on the 14 day of January 1900; that said child has been named Jefferson Davis Beaty, and is now living.

Mary her X mark J. Beaty

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
Eugene Easton, Antlers, I.T.
Wm. B. Latham, Antlers, I.T.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 *day of* March 1900
W. P. Stewart
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING ~~PHYSICIAN, OR~~ MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.
Central District.

I, Lucenda Sifuy, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mary J. Beaty, wife of Thomas Beaty, on the 14 day of January, 1900; 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 Jefferson Davis Beaty

her Lucenda X Sifuy mark

WITNESSES TO MARK.
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
F. L. Davenport Antlers I.T.
Geo. J. Park " "

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 *day of* March
W. P. Stewart

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Jefferson Sewey Beatty

a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved DEC 5 - 1902 190

Commissioner.

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

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1328

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Jefferson Irvy Beaty
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near
Austin, Ind. Ter., and died on the 10 day of
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
August, 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Thomas Beaty, on oath state that I am 40 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~, of the Nation; that my post office address is Austin, Ind. Ter.; that I am
(Here insert name of post office.)
father of Jefferson Irvy Beaty,
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ Intermarriage, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Jefferson Irvy Beaty died on the 10 day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
Aug, 1900.

Tom Beaty

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 *day of* Dec. 190 2

H. Ristteen
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Max Hampton, on oath state that I am 36 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ Intermarriage, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Austin Ind. Ter.;
(Here insert name of post office.)
that I was personally acquainted with Jefferson Irvy Beaty
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ Intermarriage, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Jefferson Irvy Beaty died on the 10 day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
Aug., 1900

M. A. Hampton

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 *day of* Dec. 190 2

H. Ristteen
Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Abbie Willis

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chick Freedman Nation.

Approved DEC 6 - 1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
DEC 6 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1329

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Abbie Nelli
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a citizen of the freedman Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Hampton, Ind. Ter., and died on the 1 day of Dec., 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Eliza Harris, on oath state that I am 46 years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Antlers, Ind. Ter.; that I am mother of Abbie Nelli,
(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 Abbie Nelli died on the 1 day of Dec., 1900

Eliza X Harris
her mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
R M Nelson
Wm O Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 *day of* Dec. *190*

H C Riley
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Henry Parker, on oath state that I am 60 years of age, and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Hamilton, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Abbie Nelli
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Abbie Nelli died on the 1 day of Dec., 1900

Henry Parker

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 *day of* Dec. *190*

H C Riley
Notary Public.

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MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/15 1899.

Name Jinsy McGilvey

Choctaw ? County Year No Not on roll

Chickasaw ? yes County Towson Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

Alice Williams County Chickasaw Year Page No. Not on roll

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In re application of Jinsy McGilvey to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Antlers, I. T., May 15th,1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Jinsy McGilvey.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Mary Sifax.

Q. The lady who just registered? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was your father? A. William Sifax.

Q. Was he a state man? A. No sir.

Q. Who was his master? A. I don't know.

(Mary Sifax states under oath that the father of Jinsy McGilvey, her daughter, belonged to Sessum Greenwood, a Chickasaw)

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, one, Alice Williams.

Q. How old is she? A. Eight years old.

(Enrolled Jinsy McGilvey and one child as Chickasaw Freedmen)

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. A. Smiley

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Calvin Sifox

a citizen of the

Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

Approved DEC 10 1902 190__

Commissioner.

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

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1331

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Calvin Sifax
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near
Doakeville, Ind. Ter., and died on the ____ day of
March, 1901.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Melvina Frazier, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Ardmore, Ind. Ter.; that I ~~am~~ was wife of Calvin Sifax,
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Calvin Sifax died on the ____ day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
March, 1901.

her
Melvina X Frazier
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)
Jo Warren
W M Nunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th *day of* December 1902.

H E Rister
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Tom Beaty, on oath state that I am 41 years of age, and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Ardmore, Ind. Ter.;
(Here insert name of post office.)
that I was personally acquainted with Calvin Sifax
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Calvin Sifax died on the ____ day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
March, 1901.

Tom Beaty

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 *day of* December 1902.

H E Rister
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1332

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/15 1899.

Name Lucinda Lifax

Choctaw ? County Year No. Atoka roll

Chickasaw Yes County Jackson Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Freedman

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

1 Dicky Lifax County Chickasaw Year Page No. Atoka roll

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In re application of Mary Sifax, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Antlers, I. T., May 15th, 1899, for enrollment of her daughter, as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Mary Sifax. I have a daughter at home sick I want to register.

Q. What is her name? A. Lucinda Sifax.

Q. Has she got any children? A. Yes sir, she has one, Dickey Sifax.

Q. You belonged to Pamesches did you? A. Yes sir.

Q. And her father belonged to Sessum Greenwood? A. Yes sir.

Q. What was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

(Enrolled Lucinda Sifax and child as 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.

W A Shirley

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Lucinda Sipes

a citizen of the

Chickasaw Nation.

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1332.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Lucinda Siyo
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ of the freedman Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Boydsville
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the ——— day of June, 1902.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, John Freeman, 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 Hugo
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am brother-in-law of Lucinda Siyo
(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 Lucinda Siyo
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the ——— day of June, 1902.

his
John X Freeman
mark

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)
R M Wilson
W M Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of June 1902

H C Ristean
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Calvin Davis, on oath state that I am 25 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Hugo
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Lucinda Siyo
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Lucinda Siyo
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the ——— day of June, 1902.

Calvin Davis

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of June 1902

H C Ristean
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1333

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/15 1899.

Name Simon Thompson

Choctaw ? County Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw ? yes County Pontotoc Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Freedman

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In re application of Simon Thompson, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Antlers, I. T., May 15th, 1899, for enrollment asa Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? Simon Thompson.

Q. Who is your mother? A. Rachel Thompson.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Zack Colbert.

Q. Were you a slave yourself? A. Yes sir.

Q. Whom was your master? A. Yakambee.

Q. What was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Have you lived here in the Nation all the time? A. Yes sir.

Q. Are you married? A. yes sir.

Q. Is your ~~husband~~ wife a citizen? A. No sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. No sir.

(Enrolled Simon Thompson as 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.

W A Smiley

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 8, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

On November 2, 1904, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes had the honor to transmit for Departmental consideration schedules of Chickasaw freedmen, constituting part of the final roll of freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation, Numbers 4473 to 4519, inclusive, copies of which have been heretofore returned approved by the Secretary of the Interior December 12, 1904.

The Commission now has the honor to report that the name of Simon Thompson, appearing thereon as Number 4500, is in error and should be cancelled.

On November 5, 1904, Simon Thompson appeared before the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory, for the purpose of selecting his allotment and from his testimony at that time it developed that Simon Thompson, Number 4500 upon the approved Chickasaw freedman roll is identical with Simon Thompson who appears upon the approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen at Number 4124.

For the information of the Department a copy of the testimony of Simon Thompson, [illegible], is inclosed herewith.

We have, therefore, to recommend that inasmuch as enlistment has been selected by Simon Thompson, Number 4134 upon the approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen, his enrollment at Number 4860 upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen be cancelled upon the rolls in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that the Commission be authorized to make such cancellation upon the schedules of Chickasaw freedmen in its possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Commissioner.

Through the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

Commissioner.

Chickasaw Freedmen
1007

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 2, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

For the information of your office there is inclosed herewith copy of letter this day addressed to the Secretary of the Interior recommending the cancellation of the enrollment of Simon Thompson at Number 4500 upon the approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen.

Your office is therefore directed to withhold the issuance of citizenship certificate or the making of allotment to said Simon Thompson until otherwise advised. When the Commission is notified of Departmental action on this recommendation your office will be informed.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Chickasaw Freedman
1007

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 2, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,
Chickasaw Land Office,
Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

For the information of your office there is inclosed herewith copy of letter this day addressed to the Secretary of the Interior recommending the cancellation of the enrollment of Simon Thompson at Number 4500 upon the approved roll of Chickasaw Freedmen.

Your office is therefore directed to withhold the issuance of citizenship certificate or the making of allotment to said Simon Thompson until otherwise advised. When the Commission is notified of Departmental action on this recommendation your office will be informed.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WOF.

NEN.

D. O. 49528-1904. WASHINGTON.

I.T.D.12592-1904. December 19, 1904.

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

In your letter of December 8, 1904, you state that the name of Simon Thompson, appearing on the Chickasaw freedman roll at No. 4506, is identical with Simon Thompson whose name appears upon the approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen at No. 4124. You submitted a copy of the testimony of Simon Thompson taken at Atoka, I.T., November 5, 1904, and requested authority to cancel the name of Simon Thompson opposite No. 4506 on the approved Chickasaw freedman roll.

Reporting December 14, 1904, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs recommends that the authority be granted. A copy of his letter is inclosed.

I have this day cancelled the name of Simon Thompson opposite No. 4506 on the approved Chickasaw freedman roll in this office. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has been authorized to make such cancellation on the roll in his office, and you are authorized to make such cancellation on the roll in your possession.

Respectfully,

Thos Ryan

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON,

Land.
55234-1904.

December 14, 1904.

The Honorable,

Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 2, 1904, stating that it appears that Simon Thompson, who is enrolled as No. 4508, Chickasaw Freedmen Roll, is identical with Simon Thompson enrolled as No. 4124 on said roll. The Commission transmitted a copy of the testimony of Simon Thompson, taken November 8, last, from which it appears that there is a double enrollment in this case. As Simon Thompson, No. 4124, has selected an allotment, they recommend that his enrollment at No. 4508 be cancelled and that the rolls on file with the Department, this office, and the Commission be corrected accordingly. Their recommendation is concurred in.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Tonner,

Acting Commissioner.

C.W.E.

F 4500

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 28, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith, for your information, copy of Departmental letter of December 17, 1904, authorizing the cancellation of the enrollment of Simon Thompson at Number 4500 upon the approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen.

Your office is therefore directed to cancel the enrollment of this freedman upon the schedules of Chickasaw freedmen in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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F 4500

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 29, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith, for your information, copy of Departmental letter of December 17, 1904, authorizing the cancellation of the enrollment of Simon Thompson at Number 4500 upon the approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen.

Your office is therefore directed to cancel the enrollment of this freedman upon the schedules of Chickasaw freedmen in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Chickasaw Freedman
1057

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 29, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Chickasaw freedman card Number 1057, Simon Thompson, et al. you are advised that a red line has been drawn through the name of Number 1, Simon Thompson, and the following notation has been placed thereon:

"No. 1 is a duplicate of Simon Thompson, Chickasaw Freedman card #1333, Roll No. 4124. Enrollment cancelled under Departmental authority of Dec. 17, 1904. (I.T.D. 12592-1904. D.C. 49520-1904.)"

You are therefore directed to make like change and place like notation upon Chickasaw freedman card of this number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedman
1057

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 28, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

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You are therefore directed to make like change and place like notation upon Chickasaw freedman card of this number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedman
1057

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 29, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Chickasaw freedman card Number 1057, Simon Thompson, et al. you are advised that a red line has been drawn through the name of Number 1, Simon Thompson, and the following notation has been placed thereon:

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Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedman
1057

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 29, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory,

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You are therefore directed to make like change and place like notation upon Chickasaw Freedman card of this number inyour possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chic FR 1334

FREEDMAN

In re application of Mack Hill, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Antlers, I. T., May 15th,1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Mack Hill.

Q. How old are you? A About 36.

Q. Who is your mother? A. Hetty Hill.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Harriet Folsom.

Q. What was she Choctaw or Chickasaw? A.Chickasaw.

Q Are you married ? A. yes sir.

Q. Is your wife a citizen? A. Yes sir.

Q. Was she a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. What is her name? A. Caroline Hill.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Josephine LeFlore.

Q. What was she, Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Choctaw.

Q. Have you got any children? A. yes sir.

(Enrolled Mack Hill as Chickasaw Freedman, his wife and children as Choctaw Freedmen)

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 A Smiley

Chic FR 1335

Trans to Choc FR card 1383.

Chic FR 1336

Trans to Choc FR card 1354

Chic FR 1337

Trans to Choc FR card 1442

Chic FR 1335-1337

EMPTY

Chic FR 1338

19-1556.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 13, 1908.

W.B. Barter,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of recent date enclosing the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Frederick Bulich, infant son of Tenny and Frances Bulich, born September 1, 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 Chickasaw freedman.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the affidavits of W.B. Barter and Ernie Ellis as to the marriage between Tenny Bulich and Frances Cole, 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.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedman
874; 1338.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 1, 1904.

Martha ANN Burner,

Braden, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledge d of your letter of May 21, in which you give the ages and names of your children and ask if you can now file on your allotments.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Martha Colbert, formerly a slave of Ben Birney, and her children, Tony McLish, Thomas McLish, Matilda McLish, and her grand son Frederick McLish, have been listed for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, but it does not appear from our records that there is any evidence in this case. Before further consideration can be given your application for enrollment 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 right to enrollment of yourself and children as Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/22 1899.

43 Name Nathan Colbert

Choctaw ? yes County Spulleyville Year No. 743

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Choctaw Freedman

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name, Martha Colbert

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? yes County Year Page Not on roll

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Freedman

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

13	Tony McLish	County Chickasaw	Year	Page	No. Not on roll
14	Thomas "	County "	Year	Page	No. "
16	Matilda "	County "	Year	Page	No. "
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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN INDEXED

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Frederick McLish

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved OCT 18 1902 190

T. B. Richards

Commissioner.

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

CHICKASAW 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 Chickasaw Nation,
of Frederick McClish (Here insert name of child.), born on the 1 day of September, 1902
Name of Father: Toney McClish a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Francis McClish a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.
Post-office Braden, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY
Central District.

I, Francis McClish, on oath state that I am 15 years of age and a citizen, by Freedmanship of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Toney McClish, who is a citizen, by Freedmanship of the Chickasaw Nation; that a male (male or female.) child was born to me on the 1st day of September 1902 that said child has been named Frederick McClish, and is now living.

Francis McClish

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) Emma Gordon
Lillie Clark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 *day of* October 1902

C. B. Carter. notary Public
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District,

I, Marianne Ellis, a midwife on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Francis McClish, wife of Toney McClish on the 1 day of Sept, 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 Frederick McClish.

Marianne Ellis

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) Emma Gordon
Lillie Clark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 *day of* Oct 1902

C. B. Carter notary Public
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Comm. exp. Feb 25-1905

Broden, I. T.

To whom it may Concern:-
This is to Certify that I was present when Francis Cole was married to Toney McClish.

~~Signed~~ Onnie Ellis

~~Sworn and Subscribed to before~~ me this day of Oct 17 1902.

My Comm Exp Feb 23- 1902.

Recd. 17 Oct 6 1902

Affidavit

Broden, I. T. Oct

To whom it may Concern:-
This is to Certify that I was present when Francis Cole was married to Toney McClish.

Signed. W. B. Barker.

~~Sworn and Subscribed to before~~
this day of Oct 1, 902.

McCoon C.P.O. Feb 23- 1,902.

In re application of Nathan Colbert to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Tushkahoma, I. T., May 22nd, 1899, for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Nathan Colbert.

Q. How old are you, A. I don't know exactly.

Q. Were you born a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was your master? A. Robert Jones. I am a Choctaw I belonged to Jones himself.

Q. Where have you been living since you were turned Free? A. Right here in the Choctaw Nation, no where else.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is your wife a Citizen? A. Yes sir, she is a Chickasaw.

Q. Who did she beleng to? A. Ben Burney.

Q. What was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw, A. Chickasaw

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, but my father registered them down below. My wife has three children.

Q. What is your wife's name? A. Martha Colbert.

Q. Have you and your wife and children always lived here in the Choctaw Nation? A. Yes sir.

(Enrolled Nathan Colbert, his wife and three children as Freedmen)

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 A Smiley

Chic FR 1339

COMMISSIONERS.
HENRY L. DAWES,
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY.

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

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING
19-1339

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 20, 1902.

Henderson Riley,

Tushkahomma, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir-

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor child, Sukey Riley, as a Chickasaw freedman, it will be necessary that you furnish the Commission with proper legal evidence of the marriage between yourself and Jennie Riley, the mother of this child.

You should furnish the Commission with your original marriage license and certificate or a certified copy thereof, or other legal evidence of such marriage.

This matter should receive your prompt attention, as your child cannot be enrolled by the Commission until the evidence of your marriage is supplied.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Rev.

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/23 1899.

Name Henderson Riley

Choctaw ? County Year No Not on roll

Chickasaw ? yes County Wade Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw

Intermarried citizen ? F

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

8 Sukey Riley ~~County~~ Chickasaw Year Page No Not on roll

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In re application of Henderson Riley to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Tushkahomma, I. T., May 23rd, 1899, for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Henderson Riley.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Sukie Riley.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Robert Jones.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. What is your wife's name? A. Margaret Riley.

Q. Is she a citizen? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was her mother? A. Patsy Sexton.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. I don't know but I heard them say she belonged to Riddle, I don't know what Riddle though.

Q. Where have you been living all the time? A . In Red River County most all the time, and have been here since.

Q. Did you ever live in Texas? A. No sir, always here in the Nation.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, one, a baby.

Q. What is its name? A. Buster McKinney.

Lin Colbert being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Lin Colbert.

Q. Do you know Henderson Riley? A. Yes sir. He was bred and born on the Jones Farm. He belongs on the Chickasaw list. He was one of the Wellington slaves, but was not sent over to Texas.

Q. You know him to be qa Jones slave do you? A. Yes sir. he belongs on the Chickasaw side.

Henderson Riley re-examined.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, one.

Q. Who was your wife? A. Jenny Black a state woman.

Q. Were you married to her? A. Yes sir.

Q. Any body here that knows you were married to her? A. Yes sir. Uncle Lin.

Henderson Riley #2.

Lin Colbert re-called.

Q. Do you know whether this man was married to this woman or not? A. Yes sir, I only know what they say, I know they were living together as man and wife, and said to be ~~[illegible]~~ married, I didn't see them married.

Henderson Riley, re-examined.

Q. What is the child's name? A. Sukie Riley.

Q. Is there any body else here that knows you were married? A. Graham, down town knows it I guess.

Q. Did he see you married? A. No sir he didn't see me married.

Q. You have to bring some proof to us that you were married to this woman.

Abraham Graham being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? Abraham Graham.

Q. Do you know Henderson Riley? A. Yes sir.

Q. Was he married to his wife? A. I wasn't at the wedding, but the preacher told us that he married them, his name was Dick Wear.

Q. Do you know whether they lived together as man and wife after that Ans. Yes sir, I know that. I don't know how long though.

Henderson Riley re-examined.

Q. Did you live with your first wife until she died? A. Yes sir, I did.(

(Enrolled Henderson Riley and one Child as Chickasaw Freedmen, his wife and one child as Choctaw Freedmen)

Chic FR 1340

Duplicate of chickasaw card 993

Chic FR 1340

EMPTY

Chic FR 1341

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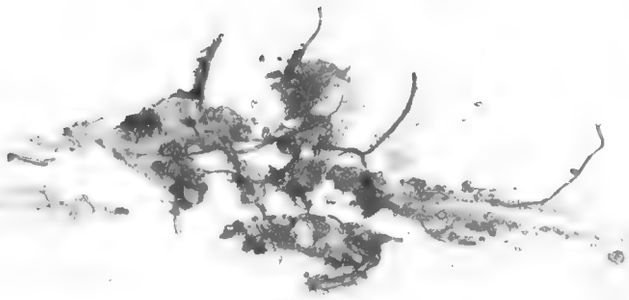

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 6/12 1899.

* Name Andy Mason

Choctaw? ✓ County ..... Year ..... No. Atoka roll

Chickasaw? yes County Skullyville Year ..... Page .....

Citizen by blood? ..... Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Freedman

Intermarried citizen? .....

Married under what law? .....

License filed this day, ...

Wife's name, ...

Choctaw? ..... County ..... Year ..... No. .....

Chickasaw? ..... County ..... Year ..... Page .....

Citizen by blood? ..... Mother's citizenship .....

Intermarried citizen? .....

Married under what law? .....

License filed this day .....

Names of children:

6 Geraline Mason ~~County~~ Chickasaw Year ..... Page ..... No. Atoka roll

3 Walter Mason ~~County~~ do Year ..... Page ..... No. do

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* Andy Mason enrolled as Andy Harris
see testimony taken by Commsn 2/175 at
Stonewall I.T.

COPY.

19-1341

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 9, 1903.

Andy Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 2, in which you state the time and place you appeared for enrollment before the Commission, and the information therein contained has enabled the Commission to identify you upon its records as Andy Mason and your children as Geraline and Walter Mason.

It further appears that Andy, Geraline and Walter Mason have been enrolled by the Commission as Chickasaw Freedmen and on April 10, 1903, their enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

You state that since the registering at Spiro, in 1898, there has been another child born to you and ask if there is any chance to have him enrolled. You also state that your wife, Lucy Harris, was formerly owned by Campbell LaFlore, a Choctaw Indian.

In reply to your inquiry you are informed that you do not mention the name of the child concerning whom your inquiry is made and it is, therefore, impracticable to give you any information relative to his right to enrollment. You are informed, however, that if no application has heretofore been made to the Commission for his

enrollment, it is believed that the Commission is now without authority, under the provisions of the Act of Congress of July 1, 1902, to receive original applications for enrollment in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

It further appears from our records that Lucy Mason, wife of Andy Mason, is a non-citizen and that no application has been made for her enrollment.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby.

Chairman.

COPY.

19-1341

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 26, 1905.

Wilson Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 8, 1905, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior has been by him referred to this office for consideration and appropriate action. Therein you ask that this office be authorized to receive the application for the enrollment of Sylvesta Mason, daughter of Andy Mason, a duly enrolled Chickasaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application was made by or on behalf of Sylvesta Mason, child of Andy Mason, for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, prior to December 25, 1902, and under the act of March 3, 1905, there was no provision made for the enrollment of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby.

Commissioner.

19-1341

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 9, 1906.

Wilson Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 3, 1906, stating that you are aware that no application has heretofore been made for the enrollment of Sylvesta Mason as a Chickasaw freedman but that this is explained by the mental condition of its parents and you now desire to be advised what steps to take to procure the enrollment of this child as it was born prior to December 2, 1902, and does not come within the meaning of the act of Congress of March 3, 1905.

In reply to your letter you are advised that as no application has heretofore been made for the enrollment of Sylvesta Mason child of Andy Mason, there is now no provision, under the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 or March 3, 1905, for the enrollment of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby.

Commissioner.

(Copy)

SPIRO, Ind. Ter., Jan 22, 06.

Hon. Secty Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I enclose you letter from Hon Com Five Civilized Tribes relative to enrollment of Sylvester Mason, and ask that this matter be made "Special" the parents of this child were demented at the time which enrolement ought to have been made and I who am the uncle of claimant was not aware that the parents did not enrole it. The Father Andy Mason is enroled and has been arbitrarily allotted not being mentally competent to select for himself and this child has so far been neglected though entitled to an allotment. I have been asking the Dawes Commission to take this matter up and enrole this child, and now ask that you so instruct in order that Justice be done in the premises.

Res

(Signed) WILSON HARRIS,
Spiro I. T.

D.C.6072-1906
I.T.D.1065-1906 (Copy)

JWH
LLB
LRS

Secretary's Office,
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C.

February 10, 1906.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of a letter dated January 22, 1906, from Wilson Harris, of Spiro, Ind. T., inclosing your letter to him of January 9, 1906, relative to the enrollment of Sylvester Mason as a Chickasaw freedman.

From said letters it appears that Sylvester Mason is a child of Andy Mason, and that the latter is a demented person. From the final rolls of the Chickasaw freedmen approved by the Department April 10, 1903, it appears that the name of Andy Mason, aged 41, was enrolled opposite No. 4128. In connection with his name appear the names of Geraldine Mason, No. 4129, and Walter Mason, No. 4130, aged respectively, 10 and 7. Presumably these minors are the children of Andy Mason.

Your letter of the 9th ultimo indicates that no formal application was made for Sylvester Mason within the time prescribed by law.

In view of the showing made by the [illegible] roll, the

Department desires a report from you concerning the enrollment of this family. You are accordingly requested to furnish a transcript of the testimony upon which such enrollment was made and to advise the Department whether or not the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes or any of its employes in charge of the enrollment work was advised of the existence of this child prior to the expiration of the time limit fixed by section 34 of the Choctaw-Chickasaw agreement.

The Department desires that this case be finally adjudicated along the lines and within the spirit of its letters of March 28, 1903, and October 3, 1904, relating, respectively, to the allotment cases of Lafayette R. Brooks and Ozella Dendy.

Mr. Harris's letter is inclosed for your consideration, to be returned with your report.

Respectfully,

(signed) THOS. RYAN,
First Assistant Secretary.

Through the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 10, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Departmental letter of February 10, 1906 (I T D 1065-1906) transmitting, for consideration and report, a letter of Wilson Harris, of Spiro, Indian Territory, dated January 22, 1906, relative to the enrollment of Sylvester Mason as a Chickasaw freedman.

The Department states that it appears from said letter and a letter directed to Wilson Harris by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes under date of January 9, 1906, that Sylvester Mason is a child of Andy Mason and that the latter is a demented person. Attention is also invited to the schedule constituting part of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen approved by the Department April 10, 1902, wherein appears the name of Andy Mason, aged forty one, opposite the number 4128; also the names of Geraldine and Walter Mason, whose ages are given as ten and seven years respectively, opposite Numbers 4129 and 4130.

The Department presumes that Geraldine and Walter Mason are the children of Andy Mason. In view of the showing made by the approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen the Department desires a report concerning the enrollment of this family; also a transcript of the

testimony upon which such enrollment was made and whether or not the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, or any of its employes, was advised of the existence of the child, Sylvester Mason, prior to the expiration of the time limit fixed by the thirty fourth section of the Choctaw-Chickasaw agreement.

With the return of the letter of Wilson Harris, I have the honor to transmit a copy of the testimony of Andy Mason before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes on June 12, 1899, when application was made by him for the enrollment of himself and his two minor children, Geraline and Walter Mason, as Chickasaw freedmen.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any formal application was ever made for the enrollment of the minor child, Sylvester Mason, as a Chickasaw freedman within the time prescribed by the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641) nor is there any correspondence among the files of this office with reference to said child, nor any memorandum to show that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes or any of its employes was advised of the existence of said child prior to the expiration of the time limit fixed by section thirty four of the Choctaw-Chickasaw agreement.

The first intimation this office had of the existence of the child, Sylvester Mason, was a letter from Wilson Harris, dated December 26, 1908, and addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, which was referred to this office for consideration and appropriate action.

There is nothing in any of the correspondence among the files of this office in reference to the child, Sylvester Mason, indicating the date of its birth, but it is presumed that said child was born subsequent to June 12, 1899, the date that Mason made application for the enrollment of himself and his children, Geraline and Walter Mason and that no steps were taken after the birth of the child to secure its enrollment until the matter was taken up by Mr. Harris in December 1906.

In view of the provisions of Section two of H. R. Bill 8976, now pending before Congress authorizing the reception for a period of ninety days from the approval thereof of applications for the enrollment of minor children whose parents have been enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen, it is suggested that no further action be taken in reference to the matter of the enrollment of the child, Sylvester Mason, until disposition of pending legislation.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Wm. O. Beall

Acting Commissioner.

Through the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.
Chickasaw Freedman 1341.

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19-1341

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 31, 1907.

Wilson Harris,

Byiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 8, 1907, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior has been by him referred to this office for consideration and appropriate action. Therein you refer to the right to enrollment of Sylvester Mason, child of Andy Mason, a deceased Chickasaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application was made for the enrollment of Sylvester Mason as a Chickasaw freedman within the time provided by law and in this connection your attention is invited to the following provision of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906:

> "That the rolls of the tribes affected by this Act shall be fully completed on or before the fourth day of March, nineteen hundred and seven, and the Secretary of the Interior shall have no jurisdiction to approve the enrollment of any person after said date."

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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19-1341.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 7, 1907.

E. W. Culberson,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 31, 1907, addressed to the United States Indian Agent which has been by him referred to this office for appropriate action. Therein you request to be advised whether or not it is to late to enroll Cylvester Mason, minor child of Andy Mason, as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

In reply thereto your attention is invited to the following provision of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906:

> "That the rolls of the tribes affected by this Act shall be fully completed on or before the fourth day of March, nineteen hundred and seven, and the Secretary of the Interior shall have no jurisdiction to approve the enrollment of any person after said date."

You will, therefore, observe from the above provision that there is now no authority for the enrollment of any person as a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Chickasaw Freedmen Card 173.

In the matter of the application of Andy Harris for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Wilson Harris being sworn by Commissioner A.S.McKennon says: I have a brother Andy Harris,37. He lives at Oak Lodge, Choctaw Nation. He belonged to Elsie, wife of Daniel Harris. He has never been out of the Nation.

Sept. 6. 98

Andy Harris

enrolled.

In re the application of Andy Mason to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Spiro, Ind. Terr. June 12th. 1898. for enrollment as a ~~Choctaw~~ Chickasaw Freedman, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles et al, he testified as follows:---

Q. What is your name? A. Andy Mason.

Q. How old are you? A. Thirty seven.

Q. Who was your master? A. My Mistress was Lilly Harris.

Q. Was she a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Where have you been living ever since you were turned loose. ?

A. Right here in the nation.

Q. Do you live here now? A Yes sir.

Q. Is your wife a citizen? A. I do not think she is.

Q. Have you any record of your marriage to your wife? A. No sir.

Q. Anybody here that would know you were married to her? A. Yes sir Elias Frazier.

E. Elias Frazier being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. Whatis your name? A. Elias Frazier.

Q. Do you know Andy Mason? A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know whether or not he was married to his wife? A. Yes sir I was there when he married her.

Q. When was that? A. It must have been along about 1890 I reckon.

Q. Has he been living with her ever since? A. Yes sir.

Q. Has he got any children? A. Yes sir he has some children but I don't know how many.

Andy Mason re-examined.

Q. What are your childrens names? A. Geraline, and Walter.

Q. Are they both living? A. Yes sir living right with me.

Enrolled Andy Mason and two children as Chickasaw Freedmen.

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.

H C Dudley

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 31, 1901.

James Frazier,

Care Frank Parke,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt with the return of our letter of October 3, 1901, of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Olevia Frazier, the infant daughter of James and Mary E. Frazier, born August 30, 1901. Also the affidavit of Sam McLish, and the same are returned to you herewith for additional information as to the parents of this child for whom application is made.

It appears from our records that at Spiro, Indian Territory, on June 12, 1899, Randles Frazier, 36 years of age, made application to this Commission for the enrollment of himself and his son Sylvester Frazier as Chickasaw freedmen. It appears that the wife of Randles Frazier was at that time living. It is presumed by the Commission that this person so listed for enrollment is the father of the child for whom the application is now submitted and you are therefore requested to answer the questions enclosed herewith.

Upon the return of the application for the enrollment of Olevia Frazier, together with the information herein requested,

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the matter will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 20, 1902.

James Frazier,

C/o Frank Parke,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

On October 31, 1901, the Commission returned to you the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Olevia Frazier, infant daughter of James and Mary E. Frazier, born August 30, 1901, together with the affidavit of Sam McNiah, for further information relative to the parents of this child. No reply has been received at this office to this communication.

The Commission has again to request that you will furnish the Commission with the information requested on the sheet enclosed herewith, and upon return of the application for the enrollment of Olevia Frazier, together with the information requested, the matter will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Enc.

19-1242.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 4, 1902.

James Frazier,

Care Frank E. Parks,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 20, 1902, there was forwarded to you a list of interrogatories to be answered and sworn to by you in the matter of the application for enrollment as Chickasaw freedman of Randies Frazier and his two minor children, Sylvester and Olevia Frazier.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the return of the same properly answered and acknowledged.

You are now requested to forward the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Olevia Frazier which was returned to you by this office October 31, 1901; and you are advised that upon receipt of same the matter will have proper consideration.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

19-1548.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 28, 1902.

Randles Frazier,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Gleyia Frazier, infant daughter of Randles and Evaline Frazier, born August 30, 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.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

MEMORANDA.

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(Date) 6/12 1899.

Name Randis Frazier

Choctaw? County Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw? yes County Skullyville Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Freedman

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page.

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

1 Sylvester Frazier County Skullyville Year Page No. Not on roll

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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FREEDMAN

In re the application of Randes Frazier to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Spiro, I. T. June 12th. 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him , et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Randies Frazier.

Q. How old are you? A. Thirty six.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Sukie Frazier.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. I cannot tell.

Q. Where were you born? A. I was born at Stonewall.

Q. Where do you live now? A. Right doen here at Port Coffee.

Q.Choctaw Record shows that his Mother belongs to Kate Waters a Chickasaw Indian.)

Q. Was your wife a statewoman? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir.

Q. Anybody here know you were married to your wife? A. Yes sir.

Prince Pitchlynn being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Prince Pitchlynn.

Q. Do you know Randies Frazier ? A. Yes sir I know Jim Frazier this man here.

Q. Do you know he was married? A. Yes sir I saw him when he was married.

Q. What was his wifes name? A. Eveline.

Q Have they been living together as man and wife? A. Yes sir.

Randies Frazier re-examined.

Q. What children have you? A. Only one Sylvester.

Ex Enrolled Randies Frazier as Chickasaw Freedmen.

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 A Smiley

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Olevia Frazier
Freedman

as a citizen of the

CHICKASAW ~~CHOCTAW~~.

Nation.

Approved _____ 190__

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 Olevia Frazier (Here insert name of child.), born on the 30 day of Aug, 1902
Name of Father: Randis Frazier, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Evaline Frazier, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Epiro Ind. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Evaline Frazier, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a citizen, by nativity, of the C. N. Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Randis Frazier, who is a citizen, by [illegible], of the Choctaw Nation, that a Female (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 30 day of August 1902; that said child has been named Olevia Frazier, and is now living.

her
Evaline X Frazier
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
C H Jones
Mrs H B Lanier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 *day of* December 1902.

My Commission Expires Jan. 31 1902

Frank E Parke
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Caroline Peters, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Evaline Frazier, wife of Randis Frazier, on the 30 day of August, 1902; 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 Olevia Frazier.

her
Caroline X Peters
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
C H Jones
Mrs H. B. Lanier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 *day of* December 1902.

Frank E Parke
Notary Public.

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In the matter of the application for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen of Randies Frazierand his two children, Sylvester and Olevia Frazier.

What is your name? Randies Frazier

What is your age? Thirty Nine (39)

What is your post office address? Spiro Ind. T.

Have you ever made application to this Commission for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? Yes

Where did you make such application? at Oak Lodge I.T.

When? A D 1899

What is the name of your father? Fletcher Frazier

Was he a Chickasaw Indian? He was

What is the name of your mother? Sookey

Was she a Chickasaw Indian or freedman? Freedman.

Have you any children? Two

What are their names? Sylvester & Olevia

Are you married? Yes

How many times have you been married? Twice (2)

What is the name of your wife or wives? Mary Eveline

Is the James Frazier mentioned in the application for the enrollment of Olevia Frazier the identical person who made application to this Commission for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman at Spiro, Indian Territory, June 12, 1899, under the name of Randies Frazier? He is

Is Eveline Frazier, the mother of Sylvester Frazier, the identical person who appears in the application for the enrollment of Olevia Frazier under the name of Mary E. Frazier? She is

Can you supply the Commission with either the original or certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between yourself and Mary E. Frazier the mother of Olevia Frazier? Cannot - Have been burned

WITNESSES:

Randies Frazier

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Spiro, this 30 day of October 1902.

Frank [illegible]
Notary Public

NOTE: In the event the affiant is unable to write and his signature is by mark, two witnesses who can write are necessary.

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MEMORANDA.

(Date) 6/12 1899.

Name Sam McElish

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? yes County Shellyville Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Freedman

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

6 Alfred McElish County Shellyville Year Page No. Not on roll

5 Frances E. " County " Year Page No. "

4 Estelle " County " Year Page No. "

County Year Page No.

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Choctaw
Nation Indian

Dec 24 1891
Poteau I.T.

This is to Verify
that Mr Samuel M.
McBride was
married to Miss Susan
Hunter at the Residence
of the Brides Parents
Mr Richard Hunter and
wife Hunter In the year
of our Lord one
thousand and Eight
Hundred and ninty one
December the Twenty fourth
Day this I set my [Seal]
Rev. Hugh A. Edwards

FREEDMAN

In re the application of Sam McClish to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Spiro, I. T. June 12th. 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Sam McClish.

Q. How old are you? A. Thirty one.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Mattie Colbert.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Becky McAlester.

Q. What was she a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Where have you been living all the time? A. Right here in the Cho Choctaw Nation most of the time part of the time in the Chickasaw Nation.

Q. Did you ever live in Arkansas or Texas? A. No sir.

Q. Is your wife a statewoman? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you got anybody here that knows you were married? A. No sir I have a certificate of marriage at home.

Morris Battiest being duly sworn testified as follows.

Q. Do you know Sam McClish. A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know whether h4 was married or not? A. Yes sir.

Q. How do you know it? A. I saw him married.

Q. What is his wife's name ? A. She used to be Susan Hunter.

Q. Has he got any children? A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know their name's.? A. No sir I do not know their names.

Enrolled Sam McClish and two children as Chickasaw Freedmen.

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

I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer [illegible] that this transcript [illegible] of my stenographic [illegible]

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Chickasaw Freedman
1344.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 18,1903.

Day & Hale,

Attorneys at Law,

Poteau, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 9, asking if Bennie Barker of Braden, Indian Territory, daughter of Laura Pigee, appears upon our rolls.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Bennie Barker, daughter of Frank and Laura Carter, and wife of Wesley Barker, is listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 7, 1903.

Moses Parker,

Oak Lodge, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 20, in which you ask if the Commission settles disputes between citizens relative to the possession of land in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. You also ask the status of the enrollment of Bennie Barker and Laurah Pigee.

In reply to your letter your attention is invited to the following provision of the act of July 1, 1902, which was ratified by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations September 25, 1902:

"All controversies arising between members as to their right to select particular tracts of land shall be determined by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes."

You are informed that it appears from our records that Bennie Barker and her minor child, Johnnie Barker, have been listed for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon schedules of Chickasaw freedmen, prepared

for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

It also appears that Laura Piggee and her minor children, Fannie, Alice, Charlotte, Joe and Henry, have been listed among the doubtful claimants to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen and their final right to such enrollment has not yet been determined.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Enrolled

19-1344

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 31, 1903.

Mrs. Bennie Barker,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of recent date giving information relative to the time and place you were listed for enrollment, and the Commission is now able to identify you as having been listed for enrollment, as a Chickasaw freedman, June 12, 1899, but your name has not yet been placed upon the schedules of Chickasaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 6/21 1899.

Name

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

22 Wife's name, Bennie Barker

Choctaw? County Year No. At on roll

Chickasaw? yes County Shullyville Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Freedman

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day

Names of children:

6 Johnnie Barker County Year Page No. At on roll

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

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County Year Page No.

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County Year Page No.

FREEDMAN

In the re the application of Benny Barker to the Commiss on to the Five Civilized Tribes at Spiro, I. T. for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman being duly sworn and examined By Commissioner Needles, et Al, she testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Benny Barker.

Q. How old are you? A. Twenty two.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Laura Pegues. Now she has married again.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. I don't know.

Q. Where were you born? A. In the Nation.

Q. Where have you been living since you were born? A. Right in the Nation.

Q. Where is your mother? AL She is in Little Rock.

Q. Dont you live over there with your Mother? A. I stayed there about two years and my Father came and got me, and brought me back here.

Q. Have you been here ever since? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir one.

Q. What is its name? A. Johnny Barker.

Wesley McKinney being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Wesley McKinney.

Q. Do you know that Benny Barker is the daughter of Laura Johnson.

A. Yes sir.

Q. Has she always been recognized as such? A. Yes sir.

Q. Has she always lived here in the Nation? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who did Laura Johnson belong to? A. Jack Johnson. I know that because he used to own my Uncle Henry Johnson.

Q. Waht was Johnson Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Benny Johnson Re-examined.

Q. Is you husband a stateman? A. Yes sir.

Enrolled Benny Johnson and child as Chickasaw Freedmen.

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19-1347.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 2, 1903.

Oliver Williams,

Sutter, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Julia Mabrie and Cora Coleman relative to the birth of Olive Williams, minor daughter of Oliver Williams and Julia Mabrie, born November 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,

Acting Chairman.

In re the application of Aaron Maybry to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Spiro, I. T. for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et al he testified as follows:---

Q. What is you name? Aaron Maybry.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Mary Maybry.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Armstrong Folsom.

Q. What was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Choctaw.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is your wife a stateswoman ? A. No sir a citizen.

Q. Is she an Indian or Freedman? A. Indian I learn. She has always been enrolled as a Freedman, but since we married I learn her mother was a Choctaw.

Q. Are you married to this ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~woman? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you got a certificate of marriage? A. ~~Xxx~~ No sir.

Q. Anybody here that knows you were married? A. Yes.

Capt. W. A. Welch states that he is satisfied they were married, they lived together as man and wife.

Q. Have you got any children ? A. Yes sir. Two.

Q. Who was Oliver Williams father? A. Greasy Shoals son Oliver Williams.

Q. Was he married to your wife? A. Yes sir.

Q. How old is Olive? A. About three years old.

Q. Her mother is your present wife is she? A. Yes sir.

Q. Greasy Shoals was a Chickasaw wasn't she? A. Yes sir.

Enrolled Aaron Maybry and one child as Choctaw Freedman, and Olive Williams as 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.

W. H. Dudley

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Olivie Williams

as a citizen of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved Dec 24 1902

Commissioner.

Roll 4438

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 Avit Garrett Ollive Williams (Here insert name of child.), born on the 14 day of Nov 1886 ~~190~~ 1899

Name of Father: Oliver Williams, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Julia Mabrie, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-Office: Sutter Ind Ty.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Julia Williams, 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 Aaron Mabrie, who is a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Female (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 14 day of November 1899 ~~190~~; that said child has been named Ollive, and is now living.

Julia Mabrie

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of Dec 1902

Frank P. Inman
Notary Public.
Comm. Exp Mch 9-1904

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Elora Coleman, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Julia Mabrie, wife of Aaron Mabrie on the 14 day of November 1899, ~~190~~; 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 Ollive.

Elora Coleman

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of Dec 1902

Frank P. Inman
Notary Public.
Comm Exp Mch 9-1904

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MEMORANDA.

(Date) 6/20 1899.

Name

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day.

39 Wife's name, Kittie Thurman

Choctaw ? County Sugar Loaf Year No Atoka

Chickasaw ? Yes County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw Freedman

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

20 Francis Thurman County Chickasaws Year Page No.

19 Winnie " County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

⊗ 3 Clarence Tramell County Year Page No.

× 2 Irene Johnson County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

County Year Page No.

⊗ Grand child

× " "

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Willie Thurman

freedman
~~citizen~~ of the

Choctaw
CHICKASAW FREEDMEN Nation.

Approved _____ 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE 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 Kitie Thurman (Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near Bengal (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 17th day of May, 1902.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

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

I, Sam Thurman, on oath state that I am 43 years of age and a citizen, ~~by~~ _____, of the United States ~~Nation;~~ that my post office address is Le Flore (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am the husband (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Kitie Thurman (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Kitie Thurman (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 17 day of May, 1902.

Sam his X mark Thurman

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
Wm O Burn
[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th *day of* December 1902.

P. C. Bolger
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

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

I, Watson Wright, on oath state that I am 36 years of age, and a ~~citizen~~, by blood, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Le Flore (Here insert name of post office.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Kitie Thurman (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Kitie Thurman (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 17 day of May, 1902.

Watson Wright

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
_____
_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 *day of* December 1902.

P. C. Bolger
Notary Public.

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FREEDMAN

In re application of Kittie Thurman to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Red Oak, I. T. June 20th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Kittie Thurman.

Q. How old are you? A. Thirty nine.

Q. Were you born a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who did you belong to? A. Henry Folsom.

Q. Was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Choctaw.

Q. Where have you been living all of the time? A. Here in the Territory down close to Ft Smith, until about five years ago. And then I moved down near here.

Q. Did you ever live in Arkansas? A. I hired out over there a little in Arkansas before I was married

Q. How old were you then? A. I was about sixteen years old. And my people lived over here, and I went back anf forth when I got ready.

Q. Did you belong to Henry Folsom or his wife? A. I belonged, to the Old Man, I don't-recollect the Old Lady she died before I was big enough to recollect her.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is your husband a stateman? A. No sir he is a Cherokee.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, and I have some grandchildren.

Q. Who was the mother of them? A. My daughters.

Q. Were they born in the Nation? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have they lived here all of their lives? A. Yes sir.

Q. You have the children have you? A. Yes sir.

Lin Colberts states under oath:--- That she belonged to a Chickasaw.

Kittie Thurman # 2.

She came from the Colbert side, and belonged to Harriet Folsom. I know this womans fore parents good. She is a Chickasaw.

Enrolled Kittie Thurman two children and two grand-children as Chickasaw Freedmen.

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 A Smiley

Chickasaw Freedman
1866.

Muskogee, Indian territory, March 20,1903.

Frances Thurman,

Wilburton, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 14, asking relative to the enrollment of yourself and your son, Clarence, and your sister, Winnie Thurman and her baby Rena, and stating that your mother, Kitty Thurman, is dead.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Frances Thurman, and her son, Clarence Trammil and Winnie Thurman and her daughter, Irene Johnson, have been listed for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

You are further advised that proof of the death of your mother, Kitty Thurman, has been filed with the records of the Commission.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedman
1356.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 9, 1904.

Sam T. Thurman,

Leflore, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 19, 1903, asking the status of the enrollment of Kittie, Francis, Winnie, Clarance and Wrina Thurman as Chickasaws and Sam Thurman as a Cherokee.

In reply to your letter you are advised that Frances and Winnie Thurman, children of Sam and Kittie Thurman, and Clarence Tramell, child of Frances Thurman, and Irene Johnson, child of Winnie Thurman, have been enrolled by the Commission as Chickasaw freedmen and their enrollment has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It is believed that these are the persons referred to in your letter.

You are further advised that Kittie Thurman died on May 17, 1902, and her name has not, therefore, been placed upon the final rolls of Chickasaw freedmen prepared by the Commission for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

You are informed that it does not appear from our records that application has been made to this Commission for the enrollment

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of Sam Thurman as freedman of either the Chickasaw or Cherokee Nation.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

19-1356

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 7, 1905.

Charles H. Hudson,

Attorney at Law,

Wilburton, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 29, 1905, asking if Kittey Thurmond has been arbitrarily filed as a Chickasaw freedman and if not if she is entitled to an allotment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from the records of this office that Kittie Thurmon died May 17, 1902, and under the act of Congress approved 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, she is not entitled to receive an allotment of land in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Trans to Choc FR card 1392

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19-1359.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN 22 INDEXED

IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Simin Riddle,
a ~~citizen of the~~ Indian
Chickasaw Nation.

Approved DEC 30 1902 190

Commissioner.

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

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN 1359

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Simie Riddle
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Milburn
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the 1 day of April, 1907

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Atoka District.

I, Sarah Perry, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a ~~citizen,~~ by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is S McAlester
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am sister
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.)
of Simie Riddle
(Here insert name of deceased.)
, who was a ~~citizen,~~ by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Simie Riddle
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 1 day of April, 1907

Sarah Perry

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 *day of* Dec *190*2

J. C. Humphrey
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Atoka District.

I, William Seitz, on oath state that I am 49 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is S McAlester
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Simie Riddle
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Simie Riddle
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 1 day of April, 1907

Wm Seitz

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 *day of* Dec. *190*2

J. C. Humphrey
Notary Public.

19-1359.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN 22 INDEXED

IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Eugene Riddle

a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Approved DEC 30 1902 190

Commissioner.

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

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN 1359.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Agnire Riddle
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Wilburton
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the ——— day of April, 1902

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Sarah Perry, 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 S. McAlester
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am sister of Agnire Riddle,
(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 Agnire Riddle
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the ——— day of April, 1902

Sarah Perry

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 *day of* Dec *190*2.

T. C. Humphrey
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, William Sitz, on oath state that I am 49 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is S. McAlester
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Agnire Riddle
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Agnire Riddle
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the ——— day of April, 1902

Wm Sitz

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 *day of* Dec *190*2.

T. C. Humphrey
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1360

FREEDMAN

In re application of Ellen Vinson, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Hartshorne, I. T., August 1st, 1899, for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Ellen Vinson.

Q. How old are you? A. About forty.

Q. Who was your master? A. James Nocharke.

Q. Was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Where have you been living since you were turned free? A. I was born right near Doakesville, and lived there until I went to Blue County, and have always lived here in the Territory. Don't know anywhere else.

Q. Is your husband a state man? A. Not my last husband, my first husband was a state man.

Q. What is your present husband's name? A. Henry Vinson

Q. Who did he belong to? A. To the Jones', think it was Wilson Jones, I am not positive.

Q. What was he a Chocaw or Chickasaw? A. Choctaw.

Q. Have you always lived here in the Territory? A. Yes sir.

Q. Has your husband always lived here in the Territory? A. yes, he never lived anywhere else.

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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. A. Shirley

17-1396.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 7, 1906.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Willie and Eddie Vinson as Choctaw freedmen.

The applicants are represented by Charlie Vinson, father of Eddie Vinson and step-father of Willie Vinson.
No appearance on behalf of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Statement of Commissioner:
This testimony will be taken subject to the objection of the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Examination by Commissioner:

Q What is your name? A Charlie Vinson.
Q How old are you? A Forty-two years old.
Q What is your post office? A My post office? Dow down near Hartshorne.
Q Who is the father of Willie Vinson? A Why, I supposed it was Jackson Hawkins; of course she never told me so; she always said it was Ward; that is Sampson Ward.
Q Who is Jackson Hawkins? A I don't know. Well, I know him, but it has been about fifteen years since I seen him; just Jackson Hawkins, that's all I know.
Q Do you know anything about whether or not he was a Choctaw freedman? A I suppose he was. I wouldn't be sure.
Q Well, who was this Sampson Ward? A Well, his post office was at Caddo; he may be a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman, I don't know which.
Q You don't know which one of these men was the father of this boy, Willie? A No sir, I don't know.
Q Who is the mother of Willie? A Mother's name is Hettie Vinson.
Q Is she living? A No sir.
Q Was she a Choctaw freedman? A Chickasaw freedman.
Q When did she die? A Well, I think she died in 1897; I think it was.
Q To whom did she belong during the war? A I don't know; that is, I heard the name of who she belong to, but I forgotten.
Q How old is Willie now? A He is fifteen years old; fifteen years old the 20th day of last November.
Q Where has Willie lived since he was born? A Well, he was born at Caddo. She came up to Hartshorne and Dow; he lives at Dow now.
Q Lived in the Choctaw Nation all of his life? A Yes sir.
Q Is Eddie Vinson your son? A Yes sir.
Q How old is he? A Ten years old.
Q Who is his mother? A Hettie Vinson.

The witness, Charlie Vinson, is identified upon Choctaw freedmen card 787, opposite number 3369, approved September 26, 1903.

Q Where has Eddie lived since his birth? A In Dow.
Q Always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q You stated that you did not know anything about whether or not Jackson Hawkins was a Choctaw freedman? A No sir, I don't know.
Q And you don't know whether or not Jackson Hawkins or Sampson Ward was the father of this child, Willie? A No sir.
Q What was your wife's name before you married her? A Butler.
Q Hettie Butler? A Yes sir.
Q How old was she when she died? A Twenty-two years old, I believe; I am not sure now; I think it was twenty-two though.
Q Twenty-two years old when she died in 1897? A Yes sir.
Q Who was her father? A Father's name William Butler.
Q Was he a Choctaw freedman? A No sir.
Q Was he a states negro? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of her mother? A Her name was Ellen Butler; she was married again; married my brother; that makes her a Vinson now.
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.
Q Did your wife, Hettie Vinson, have any brothers and sisters?
A Yes sir.
Q What are their names? A Got one named Emma; one named Mary, and Ida; the boys have all got nicknames; one is named Dan, the oldest.
Q Are Emma Butler and your deceased wife, Hettie Vinson, full sisters? A That is what they said.

Emma Butler above referred to is identified upon Chickasaw freedman card number 1436, opposite number 4190 approved April 10, 1903.

Q Was your wife, Hettie Vinson, ever married to Jackson Hawkins?
A No sir.
Q Was she ever married to Sampson Ward? A No sir.
Q And then this child Willie Vinson is an illegitimate child?
A Yes sir.
Q Now about this child Eddie Vinson, if it should be found that Eddie Vinson is entitled to an allotment in either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation, in which nation do you want him enrolled? ~~allotment?~~ A Why I should want him in the Choctaw Nation, that is closest to me. Enrolled as a Choctaw freedman.
Q As a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir, that will be all right.
Q You live in the Choctaw Nation, don't you? A Yes sir.
Q You were married to Hettie Vinson? A Yes sir.
Q Who married you? A The Choctaw Judge; Judge Nelson.
Q County Judge of what county? A Gaines.
Q Have you a copy of that marriage certificate? A Yes sir.
Q Where is it? A It is at home. I don't have it with me.
Q You have it at home? A Yes sir.
Q Will you send it up here? A Yes sir.

(Witness excused)

17-1396. Willie Vinson, et al.,--3.

Lenora B. Ashton, upon oath states, that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, she reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on said date, and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes taken in said cause.

Lenora B. Ashton.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, 1906.

Myron White,

Notary Public.

F R E E D M A N

In re application of Charles Vinson, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Hartshorne, I. T., August 1st, 1899, for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al; he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Charle's Vinson.

Q. How old are you? A. 35 or 36.

Q. Were you born a slave? A. I believe so.

Q. Who did you belong to? A. Ellis and Zack. Jones.

Q. Were they Choctaws or Chickasaws? A. Choctaws.

Q. Where were you born? A In Blue County.

Q. Have you always lived Here in the Nation. A. Yes sir, always.

Q. Are you married? A. I am not now.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, three.

Q. Are they living with you? A. Yes Sir.

Q. Who was the mother of these children? A. Hetty Butler.

Q. Who was her mother? A. Ellen Vinson.

Q. Who did you belong to? A. James Nocharke.

Q. What was he? A. Chickasaw.

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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.

(Signed) W. A. Smiley

Josephine R. Pratt, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she made the above and foregoing copy and that the same is a true and complete copy of the original transcript.

Josephine R. Pratt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 8th day of March, 1906.

Notary

17-1396.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Willie Vinson and Eddie Vinson as Choctaw freedmen.

DECISION.

It appears from the record herein and from the census card record in this case that on August 1, 1899, Charles Vinson appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment (among others) of Willie Vinson and Eddie Vinson, aged nine and four years, respectively, as Choctaw freedmen. Further proceedings were had in the matter of this application at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on March 7, 1906.

It appears from the record herein that Willie Vinson is an illegitimate child of one Hettie Vinson (who died in 1897, aged twenty-two years), who was the daughter of Ellen Vinson, a recognized and enrolled Chickasaw freedman, whose name appears opposite No. 4142 on a list prepared by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 10, 1903. The applicant, Eddie Vinson, was born in lawful wedlock of said Hettie Vinson and Charles Vinson, a recognized Choctaw freedman, whose name appears opposite No. 3369 upon a list 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. The applicants, Willie Vinson and Eddie Vinson, were born in the Choctaw Nation and resided continuously therein from their birth up to and including September 25, 1902.

It further appears from the record herein that on March 7, 1906, Charles Vinson appeared before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, and under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), elected that Eddie Vinson be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman, and receive his allotment of land in said nation.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that Willie Vinson should be enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman and that Eddie Vinson should be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman, under 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.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

JUL 11 1906

Commissioner.

17-1396.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 11, 1906.

COPY.

Charles Vinson,

Dow, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered July 11, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Willie Vinson as a Chickasaw freedman and for the enrollment of Eddie Vinson as a Choctaw freedman.

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 their enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, the name of Willie Vinson will be placed upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen and the name of Eddie Vinson will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby
Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-1369

17-1396.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 11, 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 July 11, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Willie Vinson as a Chickasaw freedman and the enrollment of Eddie Vinson 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 their enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, the name of Willie Vinson will be placed upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen and the name of Eddie Vinson will be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Polly Chandler

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chick. Freedman ~~nation.~~

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1362

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Polly Chandler (Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation,~~ who formerly resided at or near Sherlin (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 30th day of November, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

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

I, Lewis Chandler, on oath state that I am 46 years of age and a citizen, ~~by~~ _____, of the United States ~~Nation~~; that my post office address is Sherlin (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am the father (State relationship as, the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Polly Chandler (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Polly Chandler (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 30 day of November, 1900.

his
Lewis X Chandler
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C Brown
T W Leahy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd *day of* December 1902.

H Christian
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

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

I, Charley Carson, on oath state that I am 46 years of age, and a citizen, ~~by~~ _____, of the United States ~~Nation~~; that my post office address is Sherlin (Here insert name of post office.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Polly Chandler (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Polly Chandler (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 30 day of November, 1900.

Charley Carson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd *day of* December 1902

H Christian
Notary Public.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen of-----

Minnie Franklin, et al., 19-1365.

Chickasaw Freedman 1365.

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

MUSKOGEE, Indian Territory, June 27, 1905.

In the matter of the application of Minnie Franklin for the enrollment of herself and her three minor children, Jonas Franklin, Nettie Franklin and James Franklin as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Minnie Franklin being first duly sworn testified as follows

Examination by the Commission.
Q What is your name? A Minnie Franklin.
Q How old are you? A Thirty.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Haileyville.
Q Are you an applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Have you any children? A Yes sir.
Q What are their names? A Jonas, Nettie and James.
Q Are these children all living with you? A Yes, all but my daughter; she is married.
Q When was Nettie married? A She has been married two years.
Q Who do you claim through? A Mary Preedie; she is my mother
Q Was Mary Preedie the sale of a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Whose slave was she? A She was Miss Preedie's slave.
Q What is Miss Preedie's first name? Do you know? A No, I don't know.
Q Is your mother living? A Yes, she is living.
Q Has she been enrolled as a Chickasaw Freedman? A Yes, she has filed.
Q Do you know what name she was enrolled under? A Brown.
Q Under the name of Mary Brown? A Yes, I guess so; I can't tell whether it w as Mary Brown.
Q Where is your mother living? A She lives at Hartshorne.
Q You say your mother's name is Mary Preedie; is that her present name? A That was her name before she was married.
Q What is her name now? A Mary Brown.
Q Did she ever have any other name than Mary Preedie and Mary Brown? A No, not since I have been big enough to know.
Q What is your father's name? A Sam Brown
Q What is your husband's name? A My husband I had when I was enrolled was named Franklin.
Q What was his first name? A Benjamin Franklin.
Q Wasn't it Richard B. Franklin? A Yes, he went by that name too.
Q Is he the father of the children whose names you have given? A No, their father is dead.
Q What is the name of the father of your children? A One of them is Louis Smith.
Q Which one is Louis Smith the father of? A Jonas.
Q Who is the father of the other two? A John Holman is the father of the other two.
Q You say that you are the daughter of Mary Brown? A Yes sir.
Q And Mary Brown is living at Hartshorne? A Yes, in the edge of Hartshorne, in the country.
Q Have you got any brothers and sisters? A Yes sir.
Q What are the names of your brothers? A Silas and Otis.
Q What is your sister's name? A Alice?

2-Minnie Franklin et al.

The mother of the applicant, Mary Brown, and her brothers and sisters, are identified upon Chickasaw Freedman Card No. 1450, and as Nos. 4522-3-4-5 upon the final roll of Chickasaw Freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904.

Q Where were you born? A I don't know exactly. On the line of Texas

Q When did you first come to the Territory?

A I can't tell you when; I come there small.

Q Since you first came to the Teeritory, where have you lived? A Lived right here in the nation ever since I come here.

Q In what nation? A Choctaw Nation.

Q You have always lived in the Choctaw nation since you were a child? A Yes sir.

Q Where are these children of yours now? A In the Choctaw Nation.

Q And have they always lived with you from the time of their respective births? A Yes sir.

Q And do they all live with you today? A No, my daughter is married.

Q They are all living? A Yes sir.

Q Were you married to the fathers of these children? A No sir I wasn't married to any of them.

Q But the children have always lived with you? And you have always taken care of them? A Yes sir, they never was with their father.

In the matter of the application for yourself and your children, it will be necessary for you to furnish further evidence to show that you are the daughter of Mary Brown, through whom you claim the right to enrollment.

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 June 27, 1905.

Chas E. Webster
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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I, Mary Brown, of Haileyville, Indian Territory and the mother of Slias Brown, Alice Brown, and Otis Brown who are enrolled as Nos. 4523, 4524 and 4525, respectively, upon the Approved roll of Freedmen of the Chickasaw Nations, after being duly sworn upon my oath state that Minnie Franklin of Haileyville Indian Territory is my daughter, that she is a full sister to above named Slias Brown, Alice Brown and Otis Brown ~~is~~ and that she is entitled to enrollment the same as the said Silas Brown, Alice Brown and Otis Brown are. So help me God.

Witness to mark
Gertrude Lawter

her
Mary X Brown
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Feb. 1906.

Notary Public.
A P Burnett

My Commission expires June 19 the 1 1908.

19-1365.

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

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Minnie Franklin, et al., as Chickasaw freedmen.

DECISION.

It appears from the census card record in this case that on August 2, 1899, at Hartshorne, Indian Territory, application was made to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Minnie Franklin and her three minor children Jonas, Nettie and James Franklin as Chickasaw freedmen. Further proceedings were had in the matter of this application at Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 27, 1905.

It appears from the record herein that Minnie Franklin was born subsequent to the war of the rebellion, and a daughter of Mary Brown, a recognized and enrolled Chickasaw freedman, whose name appears opposite No. 4522 upon the list prepared by the said Commission under the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641) of persons entitled to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 16, 1904; that Jonas Franklin, Nettie Franklin and James Franklin are the minor children of said Minnie Franklin and were born in the Choctaw Nation.

It further appears from the record herein that Minnie Franklin, Jonas Franklin, Nettie Franklin and James Franklin were residents in good faith of the Choctaw Nation on June 28, 1898 and have since resided continuously therein up to and including September 25, 1902.

I am therefore of the opinion that Minnie Franklin, Jonas Franklin, Nettie Franklin and James Franklin should be enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen under 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,

APR 25 1906

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 25, 1906.

Minnie Franklin,

Care of Otis Brown,

Haileyville, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered April 25, 1906, granting your application for the enrollment of yourself and your children Jonas, Nettie and James Franklin as Chickasaw freedmen.

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 your enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, the names of yourself and your children Jonas, Nettie and James Franklin will be placed upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 19-1365.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 25, 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 25, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Minnie Franklin and her children Jonas, Nettie and James Franklin as Chickasaw freedmen.

You are hereby advised that you will be 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 Minnie Franklin and her children Jonas, Nettie and James Franklin will be placed upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 14-1365.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 5, 1903.

R. B. Franklin,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 12 addressed to the Secretary of the Interior has been by him referred to this Commission for consideration and appropriate action. You ask therein the status of your enrollment and the enrollment of your parents, Charles and Frances, and your brother and sisters, Lemuel, Anna and Levenia Franklin. You state that at the time that you registered you were married to a woman named Minnie Franklin and had three children, Jonas, Nettie and Jim.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Richard B. Franklin and Lemuel Franklin, children of Charles and Frances Bartlett, 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 further appears from our records that Minnie Franklin and her children, Jonas, Nettie and James Franklin, 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.

You are further advised that it appears from our records that Charley Bartlett and his daughter, Levinia Williams, are applicants to this Commission for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen, but their final right to such enrollment has not been determined.

It also appears that application was made to the Commission on June 13, 1899, for the enrollment of Frances Bartlett, wife of Charley Bartlett, but that she died March 4, 1900.

It does not appear from our records that application has been made to this Commission for the enrollment of Anna Franklin as a Choctaw or Chickasaw Freedman under that name.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1904.

H. B. Coleman,

Attorney at Law.

McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 28, 1904, requesting information relative to the status of the application for the enrollment of Jonas Franklin as a Choctaw freedman and you make certain statements relative to the names of the other members of his family from which the Commission is able to identify said Jonas Franklin as an applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

You are informed, however, that the Commission has not yet determined the right of said Jonas Franklin for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman. If you will communicate with this office again at the expiration of sixty days you will receive further information relative to the matter.

The letter of Jonas Franklin which you enclose is returned you herewith.

Respectfully,

Enc. BB 2-30

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 2, 1904.

James Franklin,

Haileyville, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 27, 1904, giving the names of your parents and your brother and sister and requesting information relative to the enrollment of the same.

You are advised that the information contained in your letter has enabled the Commission to identify the family to which you belong as consisting of Minnie, Jonas, Nettie, and James Franklin, applicants for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, but whose rights to enrollment have not yet been determined by the Commission. If you will again communicate with this office at the expiration of sixty days you will receive further information relative to the matter.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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COMMISSIONERS:
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BREECKINRIDGE.

WM. O. BEALL,
Secretary.

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

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING
19-1343

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 25, 1905.

Minnie Franklin,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 16, 1905, asking if you and your children are approved.

In reply to your letter you are informed that Minnie Franklin and her children Jonas, Nettie and James Franklin have been listed for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon a schedule of said freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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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 7, 1905.

James Franklin,

Haileyville, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application of your mother, Minnie Franklin, for the enrollment of herself and her children, Jonas Franklin, Mittie Franklin and James Franklin, as Chickasaw Freedmen, you are informed that before this application can be finally decided, it will be necessary for your mother to appear in person before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, with such witnesses as she may have, and testify relative to her right and the right of her children to enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen.

A letter addressed to your mother at Atoka, Indian Territory, January 25, 1905, has been returned ~~to the~~ through the Post Office unclaimed. You will please advise her as to the contents of this letter, and further that she must appear before the Commission within fifteen days from the date of this letter, or the application will be decided upon the record as it now stands.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

19-1368

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 9, 1905.

Minnie Franklin,
Care of Otis Brown,
Haleyville, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 3, 1905, relative to your enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the names of Minnie Franklin and her children Jonas, Nettie and James Franklin have not yet been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

In event further evidence is necessary to enable the Commission to pass upon your case you will be notified of such further action as may be taken.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1638

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 27, 1905.

Winnie Franklin,

Haileyville, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 17, 1905, stating that your mother's name is Mary Brown; that she and all the rest of the children have filed on their allotments, and you wish to be advised the status of your enrollment.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the names of yourself and your children have not yet been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen, but when a decision is reached in this case you will be notified.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1366

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 3, 1905.

Minnie Franklin,

Care of Otis Brown,

Haileyville, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 26, 1905, asking if you and your three children have been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the names of yourself and your children Jonas, Nettie and James Franklin have not yet been placed upon the schedules of Chickasaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior. You will be advised of further action as may be taken in your case.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1365

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 13, 1905.

Minnie Franklin,

Haileyville, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 10, 1905, asking if yourself and your children have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the names of yourself and your children Jonas, Nettie and James Franklin have 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.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1365

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 12, 1905.

Minnie Franklin,

Haileyville, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 9, asking if you will be permitted to take further evidence in your case before a notary public as your mother is not able to make the trip to Muskogee.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it is desired that your mother should appear in person before this office for the purpose of testifying relative to your right to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman but if she is unable to appear, and you will forward her affidavit, giving the names of her parents, her roll number, if she is enrolled, and stating that you are her daughter, the same will receive consideration in connection with your case.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

19-1365

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 8, 1905.

Minnie Franklin,

Care of Otis Brown,

Haileyville, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

When you appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 27, 1905, you were notified that in the matter of the application for enrollment of yourself and children as Chickasaw Freedmen it was necessary for you to furnish further evidence to show that you are the daughter of Mary Brown, through whom you claim the right to enrollment.

As you have not yet complied with that request you are again advised that it is necessary for other testimony to be furnished before the rights of yourself and children can be disposed of.

This matter should receive your prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

19-1365

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 12, 1906.

Minnie Franklin,

Care of Otis Brown,

Haileyville, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of what purports to be an affidavit of Mary Brown of Haileyville, Indian Territory, which is forwarded in support of the application of Minnie Frankain for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, and the same is returned you herewith for the reason that it does not appear that the Notary Public whose seal appears upon the same has signed his name thereto. When this correction has been made the affidavit may be returned to this office.

Respectfully,

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Acting Commissioner.

19-1365

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 15, 1906.

Minnie Franklin,

Haileyville, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 10, 1906, inclosing affidavit of Mary Brown which you offer in support of your application for the enrollment of yourself and your children as Chickasaw freedmen and the same has been filed with the record in this case.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

19-1365

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 31, 1906.

Nettie Wright,

Hartshorne, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 17, 1906, which was received April 27, 1906, and replying to that portion wherein you ask the status of your application for enrollment you are advised that April 25, 1906, a decision was rendered granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedmen, but your name has not yet been placed upon a schedule of such freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior. You will be notified when your enrollment is approved by the Department.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 18, 1906.

R. B. Coleman,

Attorney at Law,

McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 24, 1906, asking the status of the applications for the enrollment of Sam Lee and Minnie Franklin, and requesting to be advised if the Secretary of the Interior has passed upon the application of Thomas Bruton for enrollment as an intermarried citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

In reply you are advised that the enrollment of Sam Lee as a Choctaw freedman was approved by the Secretary of the Interior July 20, 1906.

You are further advised that the names of Minnie Franklin and her children, Jones, Nettie and James Franklin, have been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen which has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, but this office has not yet been notified of Departmental action thereon.

You are further advised that on August 2, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior approved the enrollment of Thomas Bruton as

an intermarried citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

The other matters referred to in your letter have been made the subject of a separate communication.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 7, 1907.

J. E. Whitehead,

Attorney at Law,

McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 24, 1906, in which you state you have been employed by Phillip King to look after his case; that it seems he has been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman when he should have been enrolled as an intermarried Chickasaw, as he married Cornelia Benton a full blood Chickasaw Indian about fifteen years ago and has lived with her continuously from that time and has some children enrolled as Chickasaw Indians; you further state that he has refused his allotment and has been arbitrarily filed and you request that the matter be investigated and that he be given a proper status.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from the records of this office that Phillip King is the father of Billy, Allie and Arthur King who have been enrolled as citizens of the Chickasaw Nation and that Cornelia King, the mother of these children has been enrolled as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

It also appears that Phillip King has been enrolled as a

J. E. W. #2

Chickasaw freedman.

You are further advised that it does not appear that application has been made by or on behalf of Phillip King for enrollment as an intermarried citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and in this connection your attention is invited to the following provision of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906:

> "That no name shall be transferred from the approved freedman, 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."
>
> ....and no motion to reopen or reconsider any citizenship case, in any of said tribes, shall be entertained unless filed with the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes within sixty days after the date of the order or decision sought to be reconsidered except as to decisions made prior to the passage of this Act, in which cases such motion shall be made within sixty days after the passage of this Act."

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

19-1366

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 2, 1907.

J. E. Whitehead,

Attorney at Law,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 29, 1907, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior has been by him referred to this office for consideration and appropriate action. Therewith you inclose petition of Phillip King asking that his status as an intermarried citizen be investigated and that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes be required to enroll him as such.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that an application has ever been made for the enrollment of Phillip King as an intermarried citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and if no application has been made for his enrollment prior to December 1, 1905, there is now no authority for the reception of an original application in his behalf.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

FREEDMAN

In re application of Phillip King to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Hartshorne, I. T., August 2nd,1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Phillip King.

Q. How old are you? A. About thirty nine.

Q. Who did you belong to? A. Wm. King's wife, Tehoke King.

Q. What was she, a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir, my family are Chickasaw Indiand.

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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 A Smiley

TO THE HONORABLE A.E. HITCHCOCK, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

Your petitioner, Phillip King, respectfully states that he is an intermarried Choctaw Indian by reason of his marriage with Cornelia Benton, which marriage was solemnized under the customs and laws of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, over fourteen years ago.

That he appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Hartshorn, Indian Territory, upon the 2nd day of August, 1899 in person and made application for the enrollment of himself as an intermarried Chickasaw Indian, and he testified before the said Commission at said time, and informed the said Commission of his marriage several years before to the said Cornelia Benton, a Chickasaw Indian by blood, designated as number 3900 upon the rolls of said Chickasa Indians, that he also at said time furnished the Commission with the name of his wife, and the names of his children as follows: Billy King Number 4773, Alice King Number 3901, and Arthur King Number 4982.

That the said Commission wholly disregarding his rights as an intermarried citizen enrolled him as a Choctaw freedman, that he refused to accept his allotment as a Choctaw freedman, and that the said Commission further disregarding his rights as an intermarried citizen, proceeded to allot him arbitrarily as a Choctaw freedman, that he has heretofore refused to accept his allotment as a freedman, after being arbitrarily allotted, he now refuses still to accept the same, that he has always been designated upon the tribal rolls as as a citizen of the tribe, and the Commission had no right, authority, or jurisdiction, to deny his enrollment as a member of of the said tribe by intermarriage.

WHEREFORE he prays that the said Commission be required to proceed with his case according to law, and that he be enrolled as an intermarried Choctaw Indian.

J. E. Stallwood

Attorney for Petitioner.

Chic FR 1367

FREEDMAN

In re application of Mose Hopkins to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Durant, I.T., August 16th,1899, for enrollment of his nephew William Green as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Com'r Needles, and examined by him, et al he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Mose Hopkins.

Q. What is your nephew's name? A. William Green.

Q. How old is he? A. About 26.

Q. What is his mother's name? A. Malvina Green.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Alfred Murray.

Q. What was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. His wife was a Chickasaw

Q. Where has William Green been living all the time? A. Here in the Nation.

Q. Was he turned loose here in the Nation? A. He was born since freedom.

Q. Where was his mother turned free? A. Here in the Nation.

Q. Has he always lived here in the Nation? A. Yes sir, except he is in the Penitentiary now.

(Enrolled Wm. Green as 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

W A Smiley

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Thomas Lowe

a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the

Chickasaw Nation.

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Commissioner.

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

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1368.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Thomas Powers
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near
Oborlin, Ind. Ter., and died on the 7 day of
January, 1902

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Cousin Powers, on oath state that I am 64 years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Oborlin, Ind. Ter.; that I am father of Thomas 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 Thomas Powers died on the — day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
January, 1902

his
Cousin X Powers
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
R M Wilson
Wm C Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 *day of* Jan *190*2

H E Kisten
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Lewis Chandler, on oath state that I am 46 years of age, and a citizen, by ——, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Oborlin Ind. Ter.;
(Here insert name of post office.)
that I was personally acquainted with Thomas Powers
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Thomas Powers died on the — day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
Jan, 1902

his
Lewis X Chandler
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
R M Wilson
Wm C Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 *day of* Jan *190*2

H E Kisten
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Eva. A. Shoals (Here insert name of child.), born on the 17th day of September, 1901

Name of Father: Garfield Shoals, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Adie Shoals, a citizen of the _____ Nation.

Post-Office: Oberlin I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Adie Shoals, on oath state that I am 18 years of age and a citizen, by Marriage, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Garfield Shoals, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Female (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 17th day of September 1901; that said child has been named Eva. A Shoals, and is now living.

Adie her x mark Shoals

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) W. H. Webb / B. F. Perryman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of June 1902.

H W Allaway
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Sarah Gay, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Adie Shoals, wife of Garfield Shoals, on the 17th day of September, 1901; 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 Eva. A. Shoals.

Sarah her x mark Gay

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) W. H. Webb / B. F. Perryman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of June 1902.

H W Allaway
Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Eva A Shaels

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chick Freedman Nation.

Approved DEC 6 1902 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1372

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Eva A. Shoals
(Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw freedman ~~Nation,~~ who formerly resided at or near Oberlin
(Here insert name of postoffice)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the 22nd day of July, 1902

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Garfield Shoals, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Oberlin
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am the father
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.)
of Eva A. Shoals
(Here insert name of deceased.)
, who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Eva A. Shoals
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 22 day of July, 1902.

Garfield Shoals

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd *day of* December 1902.

H. E. Hister

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Joanna Scott, on oath state that I am 48 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Oberlin
(Here insert name of post office)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Eva A. Shoals
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Eva A. Shoals
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 22 day of July, 1902.

Joanna Scott

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd *day of* December 1902.

H. E. Hister

Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Diza Roberson (Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman Nation, who formerly resided at or near Oberlin (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 13th day of August, 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

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

I, Mack Roberson, on oath state that I am 40 years of age and a citizen, ~~by~~ _____, of the United States ~~Nation~~; that my post office address is Oberlin (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am the husband (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Diza Roberson (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Diza Roberson (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 13 day of August, 1900.

Mack his x mark Roberson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C Burns
M M Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December 1902.

H C Rolen
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

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

I, Nelson Shoals, on oath state that I am 46 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Oberlin (Here insert name of postoffice.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Diza Roberson (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Diza Roberson (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 13th day of August, 1900

Nelson Shoals

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December 1902

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THE DEATH OF

Lincoln Robeson

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Lincoln Robeson (Here insert name of deceased.) a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near Oberlin (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 8th day of January, 1901

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Mack Robeson, on oath state that I am 40 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ [redacted] of the United States Nation; that my post office address is Oberlin (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am the father (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Lincoln Robeson (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Lincoln Robeson (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 8th day of January, 1901

Mack his x mark Robeson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C Brown, W M Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December 1902

H. L. Ristine

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Nelson Shoals, on oath state that I am 46 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Oberlin (Here insert name of post office.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Lincoln Robeson (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Lincoln Robeson (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 8th day of January, 1901.

Nelson Shoals

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December 1902

H. L. Ristine

Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 16, 1904.

Sarah Young,

Adadeny, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 11th, in which you ask if the names of Sarah Young, Henry Young and Dora Matubby, freedmen, have been sent to the Secretary of the Interior for approval.

In reply to your letter, you are informed that Sarah Young, daughter of Dick and Mariah Young, has been enrolled by the Commission as a Choctaw freedman and her enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

You are further informed that there are several persons by the name of Henry Young upon our records and before definite information can be given you concerning the status of his enrollment, it will be necessary for you to state his age, names of his parents and other members of his family, time and place application was made for his enrollment, the matter of your inquiry will then receive further consideration.

You are also informed that the information contained in your letter is not sufficient to identify Dora Matubby upon our records as an applicant for enrollment as a freedman of the

Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation. If you will give her full name, her age, names of her parents and other members of her family, as well as time and place application was made for her enrollment the matter of your inquiry will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1381

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 6, 1904.

Sarah Young,

Academy, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam :-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd inst., giving information relative to Sarah and Henry Young, and Dora Matubbe, and stating that the above named persons first made application for enrollment in 1860, at Eadie, Indian Territory, and that they again appeared before the Commission, at Atoka, Indian Territory, for identification, in 1903; that the names under which the applications were made were Sarah Young, Henry Young, son of Sarah Young, and Dora Matubbe, daughter of Sarah Young. You state, further that Sarah Young, mother of Henry and Dora, was first listed for enrollment at Doaksville, Indian Territory.

You are advised it appears from our records that Henry Young is listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, but his name has not yet been placed upon a schedule of freedmen of said Nation to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for approval.

It further appears from our records that application was made for his enrollment, August 21, 1899; that the name of his father was John Young, a Chickasaw Indian, and his mother Sarah Young, a non-citizen. It does not appear from our records that any application was ever made for the enrollment of Sarah Young, or Dora Matubbe

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under these names. If application was ever made to this Commission for the enrollment of either Sarah Young or Dora Matubbe, it must have been under some other name.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

W. O. B.

COMMISSIONERS:
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

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 August 24, 1904.

Henry Young,

Bokohito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your right to enrollment as such freedman.

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 7, 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8-9, 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Chickasaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 26, 1903.

Sarah Young,

Academy, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 22, relative to the enrollment of Henry Young as a Chickasaw freedman, and in reply you are advised that it appears from our records that he has been listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman but his name has not yet been placed upon the schedules of Chickasaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1381

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 20, 1904.

Sarah Young,

Academy, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 27, 1904, addressed to the Choctaw Land Office, and referred to this Commission for appropriate reply.

Therein you request to be advised relative to the enrollment of Sarah and Henry Young and Dora Matubby, who, you state, are your children.

You are informed it does not appear that any application has ever been made to this Commission for the enrollment of Sarah Young or Dora Matubby as Choctaw or Chickasaw freedmen.

It does appear, however, that Henry Young, minor son of John Young, deceased, a Chickasaw Indian, and Sarah Young a non-citizen, has been listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, but his right to enrollment as such has not yet been determined by the Commission.

Respectfully,

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Chairman.

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Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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REFER TO REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
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ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 7, 1905.

Sarah Young,

Academy, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application of Henry Young, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, you are informed that before this application can be decided , it will be necessary for the applicant to appear in person before the Commission, with such witnesses as he may have, and testify relative to his right to enrollment.

A letter addressed to him at Bokchito, Indian Territory, under date of August 24, 1904, has been returned through the Post Office unclaimed, and as you have at various times communicated with the Commission relative to this application, it is presumed that you are acquainted with the applicant and know his present whereabouts. You are, therefore, requested to advise him of the contents of this letter and that his appearance before the Commission, with his witnesses, must be made within fifteen days from the date of this letter.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

19-1381.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER., MARCH 29, 1905.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Henry Young as a Chickasaw freedman.

Sarah Young being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION:

Q What is your name? A Sarah Young.
Q How old are you? A Going on thirty-two.
Q What is your post office address? A Armstrong Academy.
Q Have you got a son by the name of Henry Young? A Yes, sir.
Q How old is he? A He is twelve going on thirteen.
Q Is he living with you? A Yes, sir.
Q Where was he born? A He was born - I don't know what county.
Q What nation was he born in? A In the Choctaw Nation.
Q Has he ever lived any where else than in the Choctaw Nation? A No, sir.
Q You yourself were not old enough to have been a slave were you - you never were a slave? A No, sir, I guess not I don't remember.
Q Well through whom does Henry Young claim the right to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman? A Claims through his father, he was a Chickasaw and his owner was all Chickasaws.
Q He claims through his father? X What is his father's name? A John Young but his right name was Thompson, they say he named himself and called himself Young but his right name is Thompson.
Q Was his father a slave? A I don't know sir whether he was or not.
Q How old is his father? A His father is dead. I couldn't tell you how old he was but I guess you could find it on the records.
Q How long has his father been dead? A He has been dead about eight - he was born about two months after his father got killed, that would make him nearly - that would make him about thirteen years. He was born about two months after his father died.
Q How long has his father been dead? A That would make about thirteen years because he was born about two months after his father died; that would be nearly thirteen years since his father died, he was born two months after his father died.

Q You were married to the father of this boy were you? A Yes, sir.
Q Was the father of the boy much older than you are? A Yes, sir, right smart.
Q Did you ever hear that he was a slave during the war? A Why I knew of his mother.
Q You don't know whether his father was a slave at the beginning of the war, or at the end of the war or at any other time? A No, sir, because I was raised way down in Towson county.
Q But you never were a slave yourself? A No, sir. I was too ~~young~~ small.
Q Were either of your parents slaves? A Yes, sir, my father was a slave.
Q Who was your father a slave of? Who did he belong to? A It was either a Folsom or Gardner I don't know which.
Q And you can't tell us who your father belonged to? A No, sir, I was too small.
Q Was your mother a slave? A No, sir, my mother was on citizenship.
Q I don't understand you; do you mean that she was a United States citizen? A Yes, sir.
Q She didn't belong to either a Choctaw or Chickasaw citizen? A No, sir, just my father.
Q But your mother didn't belong to either? A She was freed on the way coming from the old nation.
Q She was freed before the war? A She said she was freed on the way from the old nation back here.
Q You don't know anything about who Henry Young's father belonged to do you? A Belonged to the Thompsons I guess, ~~but~~ his father and mother did and I guess he did too.
Q Do you know which Thompson he belonged to? A No, sir, I don't know.
Q Do you know whether he was the slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes, sir, I have heard them say lots of times that they was slaves of Chickasaw Indians.
Q And you think that Indian was named Thompson? A Yes, sir, they called him Thompson and some called him Yakhombe.
Q Do you know whether he was the slave of that Chickasaw Indian at the beginning of the war? A My husband? No, sir, I ain't certain that he was a slave, he might have been, he was with his mother but I don't know whether he was, I guess he was.

Witness excused.

Thomas Harris being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION:

Q What is your name? A Thomas Harris.
Q How old are you? A Sixty-three.
Q What is your post office address? A Hatey
Q Are you a Chickasaw freedman? A Choctaw.
Q You are a Choctaw freedman? A Yes, sir.

Q Are you on the final roll? A Yes, sir.
Q Taken your allotment? A Yes, sir.
Q What do you know about Henry Young who is an applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman? Do you know who his father was? A Well he grew up I know his mother.
Q Well his mother has just testified? A Her father was Chickasaw.
Q You knew the fatherof Henry Young? A Yes, sir.
Q Who was he? A Chickasaw freedman .
Q What is his name? A I don't know his name but I know his mother.
Q Did you know Henry Young's father while he was alive? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know whether or not he was a slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes, sir.
Q Was he the slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes, sir.
Q At the beginning of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q And at the close of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q You swear that do you? A Yes, sir.
Q Whose slave was he? A Old Yakhombe.
Q This Yakhombe was a Chickasaw Indian was he? A Yes, sir.
Q You say you don't know Henry Young's father's name? A No, sir.
Q How long did you know him? A Well I knew him when he was just about six or seven years old when I last saw him.
Q Where was he then? A Near old Deakesville.
Q What nation was that in? A Choctaw Nation.
Q Was that before or after the close of the war? A Way after.
Q And he was about six years old then? A Yes, sir.
Q Well if he was six years old way after the war he couldn't have been a slave at the time of the war? A His mother was.
Q Was the boy born during the war? A Yes, sir.
Q So he was born in slavery? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you see him right after the close of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q Where was he then? A Down close to Sugar creek near Deaksville.
Q Do you know how long he stayed there after the close of the war? A No, sir.
Q Do you know anything about how long he stayed there or where he went to from there? A No, sir.
Q Now you say you knew Henry Young's grandmother? A Yes, sir.
Q Who was she? A She belonged to Pamichi a Chickasaw.
Q She was a Chickasaw? A Yes, sir.
Q What was Henry Young's grandmother's name? A Mary Pamichi.
Q Did you know Mary at the time the war commenced? A Yes, sir.
Q Was she a slave then? A Yes, sir.
Q She belonged to this Yakhombe? A Yes, sir.
Q Was she his slave at the time the war closed? A She was a Pamichi.

Q Well she belonged to this Nacachi at the beginning of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q And she belonged to him at the close of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q What nation was that in? A Down close to Doaksville in the Choctaw Nation.
Q In the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q And this Nacachi what was he? A He was a Chickasaw Indian.
Q And did Mary continue to live there until the close of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q How long did she live there? A Well after the war closed we all scattered out - she stayed there until she died.
Q How long after the war did she die? A Yes, sir, she lived about twenty years after the close of the war; she has not been dead more than five years.
Q Do you know how long it has been since the war closed? A We have been free about forty years.
Q And she lived there twenty years? A Yes, sir.
Q Well the war has been closed about forty-five years? A I claim forty years I knowmyself - then so far as I know and she lived twenty years after the close of the war - on up until now I can't tell you.
Q You say she lived in the Choctaw Nation twenty years after the close of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q What happened then? A She died.
Q How long has she been dead? A She died twenty years after the war.
Q Did you know her up until she died? A No, sir.
Q You did know her for twenty years after the close of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q And that was the last you saw of her? A Yes, sir.
Q She was then in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q And you don't know what became of her? A I heard she was dead.
Q How long after that was it until you heard she was dead? A Not more than a year.
Q Well now you swear that you knew this Mary and that she was the slave of a Chickasaw Indian during and at the close of the war, is that right? A Yes, sir.
Q She was the mother of Henry Young's father? A She is the grandmother of Henry Young's father - Mary Nacachi.
Q Who was the mother of Henry Young's father? A Her father was a Chickasaw.
Q I want to know who she was. What was her name? A I don't know her name.
Q Was she a slave? A Yes, sir.
Q Whose slave was she? A Pamichi.
Q Was she his slave at the beginning of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q Was she his slave at the close of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q Where did she live? A Down close to Doaksville.
Q In the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q How longafter the close of the war did she live in the Choctaw Nation? A She never did leave.
Q Do you know whether she died? A No, sir.

Q How do you know she never left the Choctaw Nation? A Well she was buried down there you can find her grave.
Q And she was the mother of Henry Young's father? A Yes, sir.
Q And she belonged to Pamichi? A Yes, sir.
Q And Pamichi was what? A Chickasaw Indian.
Q And you also knew Henry Young's father did you? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know where he was born? A No, sir.
Q How old was he when you first knew him? A Six or seven years old.
Q And that was after the war closed? A Yes, sir.
Q Where was he then? A Down there close to Deaksville.
Q And you knew of your own knowledge that he was the son of this Mary? A Grandson he was.
Q Do you know where Henry Young's father lived? A He lived close to Deaksville.
Q In the Choctaw Nation? A In the Choctaw Nation.
Q Do you know whether he ever lived any place else than in the Choctaw Nation? A No, sir, he was killed down there close to Deaksville.
Q Did he always live there? A Yes, sir, raised there.
Q Do you know that of your own knowledge? A Yes, sir.
Q When was he killed? A Well I can't tell you exactly been about fifteen years ago - woman killed him.
Q Do you know Henry Young? A Yes, sir, I know him.
Q You don't know the name of Henry Young's father? A I know him when he was a small boy.
Q What was his name? A They called him - he was named Robert or something; he stayed with my mother good while.
Q Do you know what his name was? A No, sir, he must have been named -
Q You know that he was the fatherof this Henry Young? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know where Henry Young was born? A Some where down about Deaksville.
Q In the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q Is he living there today? A Yes, sir.
Q Where is he living? A At Armstrong Academy.
Q Do you know whether he has ever lived any place other than in the Choctaw Nation? A No, sir, right around that neighborhood.
Q He has always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q Is there anything further you can tell us in regard to Henry Young's rights to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman? A Not at all.
Q That is all you know about it? A That is all I knew about it.

Witness excused.

Fifteen days allowed in which to produce further testimony.

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 21st day of March 1905.

Myron White.

Notary Public.

19-1361.

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

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 6/03.

In the matter of the application of Henry Young for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Phoebe Greenwood being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? Phoebe Greenwood.
Q How old are you? A I don't know; about 40 I guess.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Atoka.
Q Are you a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q On the final roll? Have you been approved? A Yes sir.
Q And taken your allotment? A Yes, long ago.
Q Do you know a boy by the name of Henry Young? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you known that boy? A I have known him ever since he was small.
Q Do you know who his father was? A I don't exactly know about his father but I know his mother.
Q Do you know who his father was? A No, I know his mother; I was raised up with her.
Q You don't know whether the father of Henry Young was a slave or not?, do you? A I think he was a slave.
Q I don't want to know what you think; do you know anything about it? A No, I don't know whether he was a slave or not I know his mother was.
Q That is his mother over there is it? I am talking about the boy Henry Young? A Yes, that's her there.
Q Henry Young's father you don't know. A Yes, I knows Henry Young's father; his name is Johnny Young.
Q How long did you know Johnny Young? A I knew him ever since he was small.
Q Was he a slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A He belonged to a Choctaw I think.
Q What is the name of the Choctaw he belonged to? A Her name was Nacachi.
Q About how old a man is Henry Young's father? A I can't exactly tell about how old he was because I can't tell my own age; I can't read nor write.
Q Were you a slave yourself? A Yes, I was about five years old I think when the colored people--
Q When did you first know Henry Young's father? A It's been so long I can't tell you. [illegible] lived right close, he on one side [illegible] the river and we on the other side.
Q Was he a slave when you first knew him? A No, we was all free.
Q When you didn't know him during slavery? A No, his father was a slave.
Q [illegible] don't know that he was a slave at all; you only suppose it? A [illegible] Q I want to know what you know about it. [illegible] it. [illegible] slave and he is [illegible] slave; they [illegible] them.

2-Henry Young.

Q What is the name of John Young's mother? A Sylvia
Q Was she a slave? A Yes sir.
Q To whom did she belong? A Nacachi.
Q Who was this Nacachi? A She was a Choctaw Indian.
Q You are sure about that? A Yes, she was Choctaw.
Q That was Henry Young's grandmother was it? A Sylvia, yes.
Q What was her other name? A Sylvia Yacombe.
Q And Sylvia Yakombe was the mother of John Young? A Yes sir.
Q And she was the slave of this Nacachi? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know whether Henry Young's father John Young, was born during slavery or not? A No, I couldn't swear that because I don't want to tell anything that I don't know.
Q Do you know where this Sylvia Yakombe lived at the close of the war? A She lived in Cedar county somewhere.
Q That is in the Choctaw Nation isn't it? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know how long she continued to live there after the war closed? A I can't recollect the war.
Q Then you don't know whether she was living there at the close of the war? A No, I can't recollect the war; I can't tell nothing I don't know about.
Q Where was John Young, the father of Henry Young, living at the time you first knew him? A On the edge of Cedar county
Q How long did you know him? A I knew him when he was quite small.
Q How long did you continue to know him? A Before he ever married; I can't tell you; it has been so long.
Q Is he living now? A No sir.
Q Did you know him up to the time of his death? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know where he lived from the time you first knew him until he died? A I don't know where he lived when he died because I was living at Antlers.
Q Do you know if they were living in the Territory?
A Yes, I know that.
Q Do you know whether John Young was married to the mother of Henry Young? A Yes sir.
Q How do you know that? A They said they was married.
Q You wasn't there to see them married? A No, I didn't see them married.
Q Did they live together as husband and wife? A Yes, I always seen them together.
Q Do you know that they lived together until the death of John Young? A Yes, I am satisfied that they lived together as husband and wife.
Q Until John Young died? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know whether Henry Young is the son of John Young?
A He is just like him.
Q Was he always recognized as being the son of John Young by the people who knew him? A Yes sir.
Q There was never any question as to his being John Young's son? A No sir.
Q Do you know where Henry Young has lived since he was born?
A Close to Armstrong Academy
Q Has he always lived there? A Not about two years.
Q Has he ever lived outside of Indian Territory? A No sir.
Q [illegible] A No.
Q Did [illegible] or father ever live outside of Indian Territory?
A No sir.
Q [illegible] Nacachi you have [illegible] you say she was a [illegible]
Q [illegible]
Q [illegible] was [illegible]

3-Henry Young.

Q She was not a Chickasaw? A She's Choctaw.
Q You say you don't remember anything about the war? A No, I don't.
Q Were you born before the war or after the war? A I was here in slavery times but I was small, and I can't recollect. I was very small.
Q You didn't know Sylvia yourself did you? A Yes sir.
Q You knew her? A Yes sir.
Q How long did you know her? A Since she was small.
Q Is she living? A She is dead.
Q Do you know how long she has been dead? A No, I don't know exactly because I live at Antlers and they lived at Doaksville.
Q You do know that she was a slave of this Nacachi during the war? A Yes sir.
Q And you know that she didn't live outside of the Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q You are sure about that? A I know she didn't.

Witness excused.

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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 6, 1905.

Edward L. Merrick
Notary Public.

19-1331.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Henry Young, as a Chickasaw Freedman.

--:DECISION:--

It appears from the census card record in this case that on August 21, 1899, application was made to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Henry Young (twelve years of age), as a Chickasaw Freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Muskogee, Indian Territory on March 20, and April 6, 1905.

The statements of the witnesses who have testified in this case on behalf of the applicant are entirely at variance with each other. Sarah Young, the mother of the applicant, testifies that she has no knowledge on the subject, but she thinks that the name of the owner of the father of the applicant was Thompson or Yakhembe, a Chickasaw Indian.

The witness Thomas Harris, testifies that he knew Henry Young's father, but cannot remember his name; that he knows that he was born during the war, and was the slave of a Chickasaw Indian named Yakhembe; he states further that the grandmother of Henry Young was Mary Nacachi, and in one place that he belonged to Pamichi, a Chickasaw Indian, and later that he belonged to Yakhembe, and still later, that he belonged to Nacachi; further along he testifies that he does not know the name of Henry Young's grandmother at all, but that she was a slave belonging to Pamichi, a Chickasaw Indian.

The witness Phoebe Greenwood, says that the father of Henry Young was named Johnny Young and belonged to a Choctaw named Nacachi, and that the mother of Johnny Young (whose name the witness Harris says was Nacachi), was Sylvia Yakhembe, who was the slave of Yakhembe, a Choctaw Indian.

The applicant has had every opportunity to establish that he is entitled to enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, but has entirely failed to show that his father, through whom he claims, was the slave of a Chickasaw Indian during or at the close of the war of the rebellion.

I am therefore of opinion that Henry Young is not entitled to be enrolled as a Chickasaw Freedman, and that his application for enrollment as such should be denied in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 28, 1908.

Sarah Young,

COPY.

Academy, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered September 26, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Henry Young as a Chickasaw 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

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 19-1361.

Registered.

19-1381

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 28, 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 the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered September 28, 1905, denying the application of Henry Young for enrollment as a Chickasaw 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,

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Tams Bixby

Incl. 19-1381.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 28, 1908.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

COPY.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Henry Young as a Chickasaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated September 26, 1908, denying said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

2 Incl. 19-1341.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

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November 3, 1905.

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Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

September 28, 1905, you transmitted the record of the application for the enrollment of Henry Young as a Chickasaw freedman, including your decision of same date declining said application.

October 11, 1905, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs reporting thereon, recommended that your decision denying said application 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 for the enrollment of Henry Young as a Chickasaw freedman is hereby approved.

Respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,
First Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON. October 11, 1905.

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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 Chickasaw Freedman by Henry Young.

September 28, 1905, the Commissioner decided adversely to the applicant.

The record shows that although afforded ample time and opportunity the applicant has failed to show by any satisfactory evidence, that his father, whose name is not established, through whom he claims, was the slave of a Chickasaw Indian during or at the close of the war of the rebellion.

In view of the record the approval of the Commissioner's decision adverse to the applicant is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee
Acting Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 14, 1905.

Sarah Young,

Academy, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

You are hereby notified that the Secretary of the Interior under date of November 3, 1905, affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated September 28, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Henry Young as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

19-1381

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 14, 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 November 3, 1905, affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated September 26, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Henry Young as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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applicant died prior to 9-25-02

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

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

I am 64 years old. I suppose I belonged to Robert Jones, but Susan Colbert was my mistress. I am a Chickasaw. I have been living here in the Nation all the time since I was turned free. My wife is alive. She belonged to Robert Jones. She is a Choctaw. I have some children not married.

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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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Martin Shoaks

a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman
Nation.

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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN #1382.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Martin Shoales
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near Oberlin
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the 11th day of February, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Margaret Shoals, on oath state that I am about 60 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Oberlin
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am the wife of Martin Shoales,
(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 Martin Shoales
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 11th day of February, 1900.

Margaret her x mark Shoales

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Lm C Burn
W M Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd *day of* December 1902

H. C. Kistler
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Minnie Gooden, on oath state that I am 35 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Oberlin
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Martin Shoales
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Martin Shoales
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 11th day of February, 1900.

Minnie her x mark Gooden

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Lm C Burn
W M Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd *day of* December 1902

H. C. Kistler
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ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 21, 1901.

Mr. Peter Gay,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of an application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Henry C. Gay, the infant son of Peter Gay and Nancy Gay, born March 22, 1900. Also, an application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Emmerva Gay, the infant daughter of Peter Gay and Nancy Gay, born March 11, 1901.

These applications are herewith returned to you for the reason that the Commission is unable to identify the mother of these children as listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

It is stated in the affidavits of the mother as to the birth of these children, that her name is Nancy Gay; that she is twenty-seven years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Chickasaw Nation, and the lawful wife of Peter Gay, who is a citizen by marriage of the Chickasaw Nation.

If this statement is correct you are requested to inform the Commission when and where Nancy Gay was listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, stating her full maiden name, and the names of other members of her family who were listed for enrollment at the same time, and any other information which you may have that will enable the Commission to identify her as listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

You are also requested to furnish the Commission with

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C. and Sup. Nicola Cox, Atty. Choctaw Nation.

Application after notice for enrollment of Noel Chickasaw Nation.

Show length of time to perfection Leadership Tribe, and ob-
tain Noel citizen as Chickasaw Freedman.

Find Cora Pheloot, in the matter of the objection for enrollment
against Noel citizen multiple ficuras and certificate of a certi-
fied Noel.

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either your original marriage license and certificate, or a certified copy thereof, in the matter of the application for enrollment of your children as Chickasaw freedmen.

Upon receipt of the information requested herein, the application which you make for the enrollment of your children Henry C. Gay and Manervy Gay, will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

C. R. Breckinridge.

Commissioner in Charge.

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ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 1, 1901.

Mr. Peter Gay,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your several enclosures of recent date in the matter of the application for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen of Henry C. and Manervy Gay, containing a letter from the Commission of June 21, 1901, addressed to you relative to these applications, and also the application for enrollment as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation of Henry C. Gay, the infant son of Peter and Nancy Gay, born March 22, 1900, and the application for enrollment as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation of Manervy Gay, the infant daughter of Peter and Nancy Gay, born March 21, 1901, also the marriage license and certificate of Peter Gay and Nancy Crane of the 24th of October, 1899, and the affidavit of Nancy Gay to the fact that she made application for enrollment under her maiden name of Nancy Crane at Caddo, Indian Territory, in 1899.

The several enclosures are returned you herewith with the information that the Commission is still unable to identify the mother of this child as having been listed for enrollment as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. We are unable from our records to find any person by the name of Nancy Crane as having

ever made application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

It does, however, appear from our records that at Caddo, Indian Territory, on August 21, 1899, Annie Crane, 37 years of age, of Oberlin, Indian Territory, made personal application to this Commission for the enrollment of herself and the following children as Chickasaw freedmen:

Abigail Crane, 24 years of age;
Sammie Crane, 20 years of age;
Sarah Crane, 15 years of age;
Robert Crane, 14 years of age;
Henry Crane, 12 years of age;
Delilah Crane, 10 years of age;
Bella Crane, 9 years of age;
Tena Crane, 8 years of age and
Ellison Crane, 5 years of age.

Presumably the mother of the children for whom these applications are now made, belongs to this family, but as previously stated, none of these children were listed for enrollment under the name of Nancy Crane. If your wife, the mother of these children, belongs to this family, you are requested to so inform the Commission, and also if the Abigail Crane, who was listed at the time of the application of Annie Crane, is the identical person now known by the name of Nancy Gay. If Nancy Gay and Abigail Crane are the same person, you are requested to so inform the Commission and also have an affidavit made for your wife, stating that she was listed for enrollment under the name of Abigail Crane, and also state the reason why she was at that time known by the name of Abigail and is now known by the given name of Nancy.

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Commissioner in charge.

Choctaw Nation.

Choctaw Nation.

Motion to dismiss the protest of the Choctaw Coal & Mining Co. and Wm. Vaughan for the reason that the applicants are not entitled to the land in question.

To enter the motion and the letter of the Assistant Attorney General upon receipt of this information.

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Upon receipt of this information and the return of all of the enclosures the matter of the application for the enrollment of Henry C. and Manervy Gay will receive proper consideration.

Yours truly,

C. R. Breckinridge

Commissioner in Charge.

19-1384.
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 12, 1901.

Mr. Peter Guy,

Cherlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing affidavits of Nancy Guy and Annie Crane, relative to the enrollment of your wife.

From the affidavit of Annie Crane the Commission is now able to identify your wife as being listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman under the name of Abigail Crane, at Caddo, Indian Territory, August 31, 1898.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the marriage license and certificate between Peter Guy and Nancy Guy, and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission; also the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Henry H. Guy, the infant son of Peter Guy and Nancy Guy, born March 28, 1900; and also the application for enrollment of Mamerry Guy, the infant daughter of Peter and Nancy Guy, born March 31, 1901, and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission and the children listed for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

Yours truly,

Commissioner to the

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 15, 1907.

The Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Indian Office letter of June 4, 1907, requesting that information as to the dates of births of Arilla, Tena and Allison Crane be forwarded to the Commissioner of Pensions direct.

I have to advise that such information as is shown by the records of this office has been forwarded this date direct to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 15, 1907.

The Commissioner
of Pensions.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This office has been requested by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to compile information as to the dates of the birth of Arrella, Tena and Allisen Crane whose names appear at numbers 4156, 4157 and 4158 respectively upon the roll of Chickasaw freedmen as Rella Crane, Tena Crane and Ellisen Crane and copy of any evidence on which these dates are based.

I have therefore to advise that the testimony of Annie Crane the mother of the children above named was taken August 21, 1899 and she was examined as to the ages of herself and her children. This testimony, however, was not reported by a stenographer but was taken down upon a census card and the ages of Rella, Tena and Ellisen Crane at that time were given as nine, eight and five years respectively.

No affidavits to the birth of these children have been filed with the record in the case.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Central District
Indian Territory

This is to certify that Nancy Crane the name mention in the accompanying marriage licens is now Nancy Gay wife of Peter Gay, who was listed as Nancy Crane at Caddo I.T. 1899, ~~that~~ Mother also registered (Annie Crane) at the same time and place

Nancy Gay

Sworn to and subscribed to before me The undersign Notary Public This the 26th day of June 1901

H. W. Attaway
Notary Public

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Acting Chairman.

No. 220

Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,
CENTRAL DISTRICT. } SCT.

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. Peter Gay and

M Nancy Crane

was filed in my office in said Territory and District the 14 day of Nov. A. D. 1899 and duly recorded in Book 1 of Marriage Record, Page 110

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at Antlers this 14 day of Nov. A. D. 1899

E. J. FANNIN,
Clerk.

By Chas. A. Fortson Deputy.

CLARKE & GRUETT, MFG. STATIONERS, GALVESTON

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 Mr.* Peter Day *of* Oberlin *in the Indian Territory, aged* 27 *years, and Miss* Nancy Crane *of* Oberlin *in the Indian Territory, aged* 24 *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* 17 *day of* October *A. D.* 1899.

Jno. A. Farnham
Deputy.

E. J. Fannin
Clerk of the United States Court.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
CENTRAL DISTRICT. } ss.

I, Louis Gaston *a* minister of the Gospel *do hereby CERTIFY, that on the* 22 *day of* Oct *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 the 24 *day of* Oct *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 A, *Page* 278.

Louis Gaston
a minister of the Gospel

NOTE.—The 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,
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Affidavit

Indian Territory
Central District

Be it Remembered, That on this 9th day of July 1901 Personally appeared before me. Annie Crane. of Oberlin I.T. after being duly sworn according to law. deposeth and says. That she is the Mother of Nancy. Gay. and that on the 21st day of August 1899 she appeared before the commission at Caddo I T for the enrollment of herself and children. as Chickasaw freedmen. and Annie Crane further states that Nancy, Abigail. Gay is the full name of ~~her~~ daughter that appears on the rolls made at Caddo on the 21st August 1899. as Abigail. Crane she further states that, she Nancy Gay as it appears in the accompanying Marriage Licens is the ~~same~~ person that was enrolled at Caddo I. T. August 21-1899. as Abigail Crane

Witness
Peter Gay
P. R. Russ

her
Annie X Crane
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 9th day of July 1901.

19-1384

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 15, 1904.

Abigail Crane,

Oberling, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 6th inst., requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of yourself and your minor children, Henry, Manerva and David Gay.

You are informed it appears from our records that Abigail Gay, formerly Abigail Crane, and her minor children, Henry Crane and Manerva Gay, havebeen duly enrolled by this Commission as Chickasaw freedmen, and their enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior, April 10, 1903.

Relative to the application for enrollment of David Gay, infant son of Peter and Abigail Gay, it appears from the affidavits of yourself and Sarah Gay, on file with our records, that said child was born October 29, 1902, subsequent to the ratification by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of the act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902, which provides that no child born to a citizen or freedman subsequent to the ratification of said treaty shall be entitled to enrollment or to participate in the distribution of the tribal property of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

You will, therefore, understand that the Commission is

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without authority to enroll your infant child, David Gay.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

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

I have been married about 20 years. My mother's name is Malinda Read. I am 37 years old. I was born in slavery. I belonge to Susan Jones and have always lived in the Chickasaw nation. My husband is a state man.

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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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD.

Henry B. Gay

As a citizen of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved JUL 12 1901 1

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 Chickasaw Nation, of Henry C. Gay, born on the 22 day of March, 1900.

Name of father: Peter Gay, a citizen of the ..... Nation.

Name of mother: Nancy Gay, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post Office: Cherlin I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Nancy Gay, on oath, state that I am 27 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Peter Gay who is a citizen, by marriage, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a male child was born to me on the 22 day of March, 1900; that said child has been named Henry C. Gay, and is now living.

Nancy Gay

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of June, 1901.

H W Attaway
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Malinda Reed, a midwife, on oath, state that I attended on Mrs. Nancy Gay, wife of Peter Gay on the 22 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 Henry C. Gay

Witness { Alford Morris
H W Attaway

Malinda X Reed
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of June, 1901.

H W Attaway
Notary Public.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN 20 INDEXED

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD.

Mamenny Gay

As a citizen of the

Chickasaw Nation.

JUL 12 1901

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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 Chickasaw Nation, of Maneroy Gay, born on the 21 day of March, 1901.

Name of father: Peter Gay, a citizen of the ..... Nation.

Name of mother: Nancy Gay, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post Office: Oberlin I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Nancy Gay, on oath, state that I am 27 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Peter Gay who is a citizen, by marriage, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a Girl child was born to me on the 21 day of March, 1901; that said child has been named Maneroy Gay, and is now living.

Nancy Gay

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of June, 1901.

H W Allaway
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Malinda Reed, a Midwife, on oath, state that I attended on Mrs. Nancy Gay, wife of Peter Gay on the 21 day of March, 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 named Maneroy Gay.

Witness: Albert Morris
H W Allaway

her
Malinda X Reed
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of June, 1901.

H W Allaway
Notary Public.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

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

My mother's name is Annie Crane. She was a slave and belonged to Susan Jones. I am married. My husband is a state man. I have no children. I just want to register myself. 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 McDonald

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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Roosevelt Rogers

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved MAR 28 1902 190

Commissioner.

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

19-1385

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation,
of Roosevelt Rogers (Here insert name of child.), born on the 9th day of January, 1902
Name of Father Edmon M. Rogers a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Virginia Rogers a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.
Post-office Oberlin I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY
Central Judicial District.

I, Virginia Rogers, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Edmon M. Rogers, who is a citizen, by marriage, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a male (male or female.) child was born to me on 9th day of January 1902 that said child has been named Roosevelt Rogers, and is now living.

Virginia X Rogers
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) J. T. Thomas
Felix Morrison

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th *day of* March 1902
H W Attaway NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

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

I, Malinda Reed, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Virginia Rogers, wife of Edmon M. Rogers on the 9th day of January, 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 Roosevelt Rogers.

Malinda X Reed
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) J. T. Thomas
Felix Morrison

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th *day of* March 1902
H W Attaway NOTARY PUBLIC.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 19, 1908.

Simon M. Rogers,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Roosevelt Rogers the infant son of Simon M. and Virginia Rogers, born January 9, 1908, and the same is returned to you herewith for the reason that the age of the mother is not stated in her affidavit.

Upon return of the application properly corrected as to the age of the mother, the matter will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Enc. W. 119

Commissioner in Charge.

14-1388

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 28, 1908.

Simon M. Rogers,

Chickie, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Roosevelt Rogers, the infant son of Simon M. and Virginia Rogers born January 9, 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 Chickasaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

19-1385

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 13, 1903.

Edmon M. Rogers,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Virginia Rodgers and Malinda Reed relative to the birth of L. E. Rogers, September 29, 1903, which it is presumed have been forwarded to this office as an application for enrollment of the above named child as a Chickasaw freedman.

You are advised that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats.,641), the Commission is now without authority to receive or consider the original application for enrollment of any person whomsoever as a citizen of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge

Chic FR 1386

Trans to Choc FR card #1408

Chic FR 1387

Trans to Choc FR card 1409

Chic FR 1389

Trans to Choc FR card 1410

Chic FR 1386 -1389

EMPTY

Chic FR 1389

19-1389

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 12, 1903.

Delilah Howard,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 5th inst., requesting to be advised whether your enrollment has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

You are informed it does not appear from our records that any person by the name of Delilah Howard is an applicant to this Commission for enrollment as a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman; it does appear, however, that Delilah Howell, formerly Delilah Shoals, now about 53 years of age, of Oberlin, Indian Territory, has been duly enrolled by this Commission as a Chickasaw freedman and her enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 10, 1905.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

FREEDMAN

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,
Caddo, Ind. Ter. August 21, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Delilah Shoales, said Shoales being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him etal., testified:

I am about 50 years old. I belonged to the Choctaws. George Colbert was my master. He was a Chickasaw. I have been living in the Territory since I was turned free. I am not married; my husband is dead.

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. McDonald

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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Change of Name

No. 248

Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,
Ardmore DISTRICT. } SCT:

I, E. J. Farris, 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. Henry Howell and Mrs Lila Shoals was filed in my office in said Territory and District the 23 day of April, A. D. 1900 and duly recorded in Book 1 of Marriage Record, Page 124

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at Ardmore this 23 day of April, A. D. 1900

E. J. Farris
Clerk.

By Thos B. Latham Deputy.

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United States of America

Central District of the Indian Territory.

I, E. J. Fannin, Clerk of the United States Court in and for the Central District of the Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Marriage License and Certificate of Marriage of Henry Howell and Lila Shoals as the same appears of record in Marriage Record I page 124 and that the same was duly filed for record in my office at Antlers, Central District of the Indian Territory on the 23rd day of April 1900.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Antlers this 3rd, day of December 1902.

_____ Clk

No. 248

FORM NO. 592.

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 Henry Howell of Oberlin in the Indian Territory, aged 53 years, and Mrs Lila Shoals of Oberlin in the Indian Territory, aged ____ 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 13 day of March, A. D. 1900

Seal

Thos B Latham
Deputy.

E J Francis
Clerk of the United States Court.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT. } ss:

I, P. S. Meadows
a. O. M. G.
do hereby CERTIFY, that on the 15 day of March, A. D. 1900, 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 15 day of March, 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 3, Page 45

P. S. Meadows
a O. M. G.

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).

Chic FR 1390

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

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

I am 57 and belonged to Susan Jones. My husband is dead. Susan Jones was a Chickasaw. I have lived in this 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 above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.
[illegible signature]

Chic FR 1391

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Chic FR 1392

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

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

I am about 32 years old. I was Alice Lawrence before I married. My mother's name was Hannah Kemp and she belonged to Jane Guy, a Chickasaw. I am not married now; have been. I have always lived in the Indian Territory and have never lived out of it.

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.

McDonald

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Chic FR 1393

EMPTY

Chic FR 1394

Chickasaw Freedmen
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 11, 1903.

Lewis Chandler,

Oberlin, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 29, asking if Dave, Mira, Early, Dock, Warn, Sam and Clateton Chandle are on the rolls. You state that you have been informed that you cannot file, and you wish to know if this is true.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Sam Chandler, son of Lewis and Caroline Chandler, has been enrolled by this Commission as a Chickasaw freedman and his enrollment as such has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. He would, therefore, be permitted to make application for his allotment, upon his personal appearance at the land office for the nation in which his land is located.

It further appears from our records that Myra, Clayton, Davie, Early, Dock and Warren Chandler, children of Lewis and Caroline Chandler, 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. Relative to the selection of their allotments your attention is invited to section fifteen of the rules and regulations

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governing the selection of allotments and the designation of homesteads in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, copy of which is herewith inclosed for your information.

You are further informed that it appears from our records that Lewis Chandler, the father of the children above named, is a noncitizen, nor does it appear that application has been made to this commission for his enrollment as a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman.

It is believed that these are the persons referred to by you under the surname of Chandle.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Rules for allotment.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

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

I am 21 years of age. My mother's name was ~~Katherine~~ Caraline Chandler and she belonged to Sampson 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.

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Chic FR 1395

Chic FR 1395

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

In the matter of the enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, Lem Colbert being sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him et als. , testified:

Georgia Reynold's mother was Rose Colbert and her mother belonged to Pittman Colbert, a Chickasaw. She has lived in the Indian territory all her life.

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

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

B M McDonald

Muskogee, Oklahoma, February 1, 1908.

Subject:
Duplicate enrollment
of Georgia Reynolds,
a Choctaw freedman.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the matter of the enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, whose name appears opposite No. 2741 upon a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior June 11, 1903, and Georgiana Reynolds, whose name appears opposite No. 4168 upon a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 10, 1903.

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of the Department, a copy of the testimony of James Reynolds of October 8, 1907, and Georgia Conley, nee Reynolds, of November 14, 1907, which shows that Georgia

Reynolds, Choctaw Freedman Roll No. 2741, and Georgiana Reynolds, Chickasaw Freedman Roll No. 4168, are one and the same person.

There are also enclosed herewith copies of Choctaw Freedman Field Card No. 144 and Chickasaw Freedman Field Card No. 1295, upon which these names appear.

The records of this office further show that on August 21, 1905, there was allotted to Georgia Reynolds, Choctaw Freedman Roll No. 2741, land in the Choctaw Nation of the total appraised value of $111.87, for which Choctaw-Chickasaw Freedman Patent No. 787 has been recorded in this office and delivered to the allottee.

The records of the Commissioner show that no selection of an allotment has been made in the name of Georgiana Reynolds, Chickasaw Freedman Roll No. 4168.

I have the honor to recommend that upon the copies of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, there be placed opposite the name of Georgiana Reynolds, appearing thereon as No. 4168, the following:

> "Duplicate enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, Choctaw Freedman Roll No. 2741; no allotment to be made in this name".

and also upon the original letter and copies thereof transmitting the schedule containing the name of Georgiana Reynolds for Departmental action.

It is also recommended that this office be authorized to make like notation upon the copies of the final roll and letter of transmittal in its possession.

Respectfully,

SIGNED J. E. Wright.

Commissioner.

WPC(VR 183)

Through the
Commissioner of
Indian Affairs.

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File 053

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

February 18, 1908.

Subject:
Relative to duplicate enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, a Choctaw freedman.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Sir:

In your report of February 1, 1908, you called attention to the enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, whose name appears opposite No. 2741 on a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, approved June 11, 1903, and to the enrollment of Georgiana Reynolds, whose name appears opposite No. 4168 on a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen, approved April 10, 1903. You recommended that inasmuch as these enrollments refer to one and the same person, that there be placed opposite the name of Georgiana Reynolds, appearing at No. 4168 on the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen, the following:

> Duplicate enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, Choctaw Freedman roll No. 2741; no allotment to be made in this name.

You are advised that the Department, on February 12, 1908, authorized that this notation be made.

There is enclosed a copy of approved Office letter dated February 11, 1908, transmitting your report to the Department.

You are authorized to make a similar notation on the copies of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen and letter of transmittal in the possession of your office.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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I. T. 6720-1908

File 053

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

February 11, 1908.

Subject:
Relative to duplicate enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, a Choctaw freedman.

The Honoralbe,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed report of Commissioner Wright, dated February 1, 1908, relative to the enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, whose name appears opposite No. 2741 on a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, approved June 11, 1903, and Georgiana Reynolds, whose name appears opposite No. 4168 on a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen, approved April 10, 1903.

Accompanying Commissioner Wright's report is a transcript of the testimony of James Reynolds and Georgia Conley, which shows that Georgia Reynolds, Choctaw Freedman roll No. 2741, and Georgiana Reynolds, Chickasaw Freedman roll No. 4168, are one and the same person.

There are also enclosed Choctaw Freedman Field Card No. 146, and Chickasaw Freedman Field Card No. 1395, on which the names of Georgia Reynolds and Georgiana Reynolds respectively appear.

Commissioner Wright reports that the records of his office show that on August 21, 1903, there was allotted to Georgia Reynolds, Choctaw Freedman roll No. 2741, land in the Choctaw Nation, for which Choctaw-Chickasaw Freedman patent No. 767 has been recorded and delivered to the allottee, and that no selection of an allotment has been made in the name of Georgiana Reynolds, Chickasaw Freedman roll No. 4168.

In view of this duplicate enrollment, the Office concurs in the recommendation of Commissioner Wright that on the copies of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen in the possession of the Department and this Office, there be placed opposite the name of Georgiana Reynolds, appearing at No. 4168, the following:

> Duplicate enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, Choctaw Freedman roll No. 2741; no allotment to be made in this name.

It is also recommended that a similar notation be made on the original letter and copies thereof, transmitting the schedule containing the name of Georgiana Reynolds, and that Commissioner Wright be authorized to make same notation on the copies of the final roll and letter of transmittal in his office.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee

Acting Commissioner.

February 18, 1908.

APPROVED:
(Signed) Jesse E. Wilson
Asst Secretary.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, February 25, 1908.

Chief Clerk,

Choctaw-Chickasaw Division,

General Office,

Sir:

There are enclosed you herewith two copies of Indian Office letter of February 18, 1908 (I. T., 8720-1908), accompanied by the report and recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs of February 11, 1908, approved by the Department February 12, 1908, relative to the matter of the enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, whose name appears opposite No. 2741 upon a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, approved June 11, 1903, and to the enrollment of Georgiana Reynolds, whose name appears opposite No. 4168 upon a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen, approved April 10, 1903.

In conformity with the authority therein contained, you are directed to place opposite the name of Georgiana Reynolds, appearing opposite No. 4168 of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen, the following notation:

> "Duplicate enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, Choctaw Freedman Roll No. 2741; no allotment to be made in this name".

You are also directed to place a like notation upon the roll card upon which appears the name of the said Georgiana Reynolds.

Respectfully,

WPC(VR 237)

Acting Commissioner.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, February 25, 1908.

Chief Clerk,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Oklahoma.

Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of Indian Office letter of February 18, 1908 (I. T., 8720-1908), accompanied by the report and recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs of February 11, 1908, approved by the Department February 12, 1908, relative to the matter of the enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, whose name appears opposite No. 2741 upon a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw Freedmen, approved June 11, 1905, and to the enrollment of Georgiana Reynolds, whose name appears upon a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen at No. 4168, approved April 10, 1903.

In conformity with the authority therein contained, you are directed to place opposite the name of Georgiana Reynolds, appearing opposite No. 4168 of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen, the following notation:

> "Duplicate enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, Choctaw Freedman Roll No. 2741; no allotment to be made in this name".

You are also directed to place a like notation upon the roll card upon which appears the name of the said Georgiana Reynolds.

Respectfully,

WPC(VR 238)

Acting Commissioner.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, February 25, 1908.

Chief Clerk,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Sir:

There is enclosed you herewith a copy of Indian Office letter of February 18, 1908 (I. T., 8720-1908), accompanied by the report and recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs of February 11, 1908, approved by the Department February 12, 1908, relative to the matter of the enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, whose name appears opposite No. 2741 upon a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, approved June 11, 1903, and the enrollment of Georgiana Reynolds, whose name appears opposite No. 4168 upon a schedule constituting a part of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen, approved April 10, 1903.

In conformity with the authority therein contained, you are directed to place opposite the name of Georgiana Reynolds, appearing opposite No. 4168 of the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen, the following notation:

"Duplicate enrollment of Georgia Reynolds, Choctaw Freedman Roll No. 2741; no allotment to be made in this name."

You are also directed to place a like notation upon the roll card upon which appears the name of the said Georgiana Reynolds.

Respectfully,

WPC(VR 239)

Acting Commissioner.

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Your receipt of the application for the enrollment of your child properly executed, accompanied by the two affidavits mentioned herein in lieu of the affidavit of the mother, such application will receive proper consideration.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

19-1396.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 23, 1902.

Harry Holman,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Lilly Holeman, infant daughter of Harry and Marthey Ann Holeman, born May 8, 1901, and the same is returned to you herewith, for the reason that it appears from our records that you are listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

It will therefore be necessary that application be made for the enrollment of your child as a Chickasaw freedman, for which purpose there is enclosed you herewith a blank application for the enrollment of an infant child.

It is noted from the affidavit returned herewith relative to the birth of your child that the mother is dead. This being the case, it will be necessary that you furnish the Commission with the affidavits of two disinterested parties who know of the birth of the child, and the fact that it is still living, blanks for which purpose are also enclosed you herewith.

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Upon receipt of an application for the enrollment of your child as a Chickasaw freedman, accompanied by the affidavits of two disinterested persons as to its birth, and the fact that it is still alive, the matter will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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19-1396.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 8, 1902.

Harry Holman,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Lilly Holman, infant daughter of Harry and Martha Ann Holman, born May 8, 1901.

It is stated in your affidavit that Martha Ann Holman, mother of this child, is a non-citizen. It will therefore be necessary that you forward either the original or certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between yourself and Martha Ann Holman before further consideration can be given this application.

Upon receipt of such evidence of marriage, the matter will have further attention.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

19-1594.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 8, 1903.

Harry Holman,

Sturr, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Under date of December 8, 1902, receipt was acknowledged to you of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Lilly Holman, infant daughter of Harry and Martha Ann Holman, born May 8, 1901. You were informed that the mother of the child being a non-citizen, it would be necessary that you furnish the Commission with either the original or a certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between yourself and Martha Ann Holman, before further consideration could be given the application for enrollment of your child.

Such evidence of marriage has not yet been received by the Commission, and you are again requested to forward same with as little delay as possible.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

19-1396.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 19, 1905.

Harry Holman,

Sluff, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of your daughter, Lilly Holman, as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with evidence of your marriage to Martha Ann Holman, the mother of this child.

Such evidence may consist either of your original marriage certificate, or a certified copy thereof, or the affidavits of two eye-witnesses to the marriage.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as until the evidence requested is supplied nothing further can be done in the matter of the enrollment of your daughter as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1396

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 6, 1903.

Harry Holman,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 30, in which you give the names of witnesses to your marriage to your wife, Martha Ann Holman, in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor child, Lilly Holman.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that on September 19, 1903, you were informed that it would be necessary for you to furnish evidence of your marriage to Martha Ann Holman in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Lilly Holman, as a Chickasaw Freedman, and you were also informed that such evidence might consist of your original marriage certificate, a certified copy thereof, or affidavits of two witnesses to your marriage, and you now reply by sending the names of witnesses to your marriage.

You are now advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish affidavits of at least two witnesses to your marriage properly acknowledged before a notary public, in the event you are unable to secure the original or a certified copy of your marriage

certificate. This matter should receive immediate attention as until the evidence requested is supplied no further action can be taken looking toward the enrollment of your minor child, Lilly Holman, as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

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

I don't know exactly how old I am. I have heard that I was going on 35. My mother's name was Louisa Holman and she belonged to Henry Folsom, a Chickasaw. I have been living in the Nation all the time I have never lived out of the Nation. I am married to my wife.

Amos Johnson being sworn testified:

I know Harry Holman and his wife; they are married. I was at the wedding. He lived with her until she died.

Redirect:

They all live here and always have.

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 Donald

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

I, Andrew Johnson on oath state that I am _____ years of age, and was personally acquainted with Martha Ann Holman during her lifetime; that she was a citizen by birth of the United States ~~Nation~~ and the lawful wife of Harry Holman and know that on the 8th day of May, 1901 there was born to said Martha Ann Holman a female child, and that said child is now living and is named Lilly Holman.

Andrew Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of December, 1902.

H. C. Rister
Notary Public.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT

I, Willie Williams, on oath state that I am _____ years of age, and was personally acquainted with Mertha Ann Kolman during her lifetime; that she was a citizen by birth of the United States Nation and the lawful wife of Harry Kolman and know that on the 8th day of May, 1901 there was born to said Mertha Ann Kolman a female child, and that said child is now living and is named Lilly Kolman.

Willie Williams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of December, 1902.

H C Riter
Notary Public.

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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN 20

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lilly Holman

As a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman *Nation.*

Approved DEC 24 1902 *190*

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~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation,
of Lilly Holman (Here insert name of child.), born on the 8th day of May, 1901
Name of Father: Harry Holman, a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.
Name of Mother Martha Ann Holman, a ~~citizen of the~~ Non Citizen ~~Nation.~~
Post-Office: Bluff, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF ~~MOTHER~~ father.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Harry Holman, on oath state that I am 42 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful ~~wife~~ husband of Martha Ann Holman, who ~~is~~ was a citizen, by birth, of the United States ~~Nation,~~ that a female (Male or female.) child was born to ~~me~~ her on the 8th day of May 1901; that said child has been named Lilly Holman, and is now living.

Harry his x mark Holman

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
Wm O Bynum
M M Nelson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 *day of* December 1902

H E Foster
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Corline Lewis, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs Martha Ann Holman, wife of Harry Holman, on the 8 day of May, 1901; 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 Lilly Holman

Corline her x mark Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
J. W. Morel
J. F. Gee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 *day of* Sept 1902

W D Swinburne
Notary Public.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

In the matter of the enrollment of Susan Lane, her husband, John Lane being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., who testified as follows:

My wife's name is Susan Lane. Her mother was Jane Holman and her parents belonged to Yakumba.

Amos Johnson being sworn testified:

I knew Susan Lane before she married Lane. Her father was a citizen and was named Steve Johnson; her mother was a non-citizen, but I know her father and mother to have been married and they have always lived here 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 McDonald

In the matter of the application of Susan Lane, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I.T., May 9th, 1899, for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Susan Lane.

Q. What is your mother's name, A. Jane Buckner.

Q. Whose slave was she? A. I couldn't tell, I know she was a slave though.

Q. Any body here that does know? A. Yes sir.

Q. Henry Wilson being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name, A. Henry Wilson.

Q. Do you know Susan Lane, A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know her mother, A. Yes sir.

Q. What is her mother's name? A. Jane Johnson.

Q. Who was her master? A. A white man in Texas, B. G. Davis.

Q. Who was her father, A. Stephen Johnson.

Q. Whose slave was he, A. Yakambe's.

Q. Was he married to that woman? A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you see them married? A. Yes sir.

Susan Lane re-examined.

Q. Susan where were you born? A. Jackson County.

Q. Did you ever live in Texas. A. No sir. I was born in the Nation and raised in the Nation.

Q. Never lived in Texas? A. I hired out in Texas.

Henry Wilson re-called.

Q. Where was her father at the time of the surrender? A. I could not tell you that.

Dick Roebuck states that this Stephen Johnson was Caroline Lewis' son.

(Applicant requested to secure more witnesses)

Susan Lane No. 2.

Synthia Hendricks being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Synthia Hendricks.

Q. Do you know this girl Susan Lane? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was her mother? A. Jane Holman, she was a state woman.

Q. Who was her father? A. Her grand father was July Johnson, he belonged to Yakambe.

Q. Who was her father? A. Stephen Johnson.

Q. Do you know whether Stephen belonged to Yakambe when he was freed? A. No sir, I don't know.

Jeff Rose being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Jeff Rose.

Q. Do you know Susan Lane? A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know her father? A. A. Stephen Johnson.

Q. Who did he beleng to? A. I don't know.

Lin Colbert states under oath, that he belongad to Yakambe and he went to Texas and has lost all his right here.

(Enrollment refused.

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 A Smiley

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane and her two minor children, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane, as Chickasaw freedmen.

It appears from the census card record in this case that on August 22, 1899, application was made to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Susan Lane and her two minor children, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane, as Chickasaw freedmen.

On March 25, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered a decision refusing the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen.

The record in the case, together with the decision of the said Commission, was transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior March 25, 1905.

The Department on October 10, 1905 (I.T.D. 3380-1905), returned the record in the case to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for a full investigation of the claim of the applicants upon its merits and for the purpose of determining if the applicants are the descendants of a slave of a Chickasaw Indian. Proceedings were had before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes in conformity with the Department's instructions of October 10, 1905, on December 9, 1905, at which hearing it developed that the applicant herein is identical with Susan Lane who appears upon the records of this office as an undetermined applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, and the record in the latter case has been consolidated with and made a part of the record in this case.

From the additional evidence, it appears that the principal applicant, Susan Lane, was born in the Choctaw Nation in 1873; that she is the daughter of Steve Johnson, who is a son of Caroline Lewis, the latter of whom has been enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman, her name appearing upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior, opposite [illegible]

It further appears that the [illegible] Johnson, and her [illegible] Caroline [illegible] a [illegible] Gilbert or [illegible] in [illegible] and at the [illegible] Caroline Lewis has [illegible] residence [illegible] Country, but that [illegible] from the Indian Territory to the State of Texas [illegible]

age and has abandoned any claim to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, it not appearing from the records of this office that he has ever made any application for enrollment or asserted any rights as a Chickasaw freedman since his removal to the State of Texas.

It further appears that the principal applicant, Susan Lane, has continuously resided in the Choctaw Nation since the date of her birth and that her two minor children, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane, were born in the Choctaw Nation, where they have since lived, and that all of the applicants were living and actual bona fide residents of the Choctaw Nation on September 25, 1902.

I am therefore of the opinion that the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of March 25, 1905, refusing the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane and her two minor children, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane, should be rescinded, vacated, set aside and held for naught.

I am further of the opinion that the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane, as Chickasaw freedmen, should be granted 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 to the Five Civilized Tribes

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
ATOKA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
September 7, 1904.

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In the matter of the enrollment of Susan Lane and her minor children, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane, as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Q. Susan Lane, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Susan Lane.
Q. How old are you? A. Twenty-nine.
Q. Have you any children? A. Yes, sir, Johnnie L. and Jimmie.
Q. Are they living? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Where were they born? A. Spring Bluff.
Q. Where were you born? A. At the same place.
Q. Did you ever live in Texas? A. No, sir/
Q. Sure about that? A. Yes, sir, I have been there visiting.
Q. You got your mail at Texas? A. No, sir, in the Nation; used to get it at Garrett's Bluff.
Q. Never lived in Texas? A. No, sir.
Q. What is your father's name? A. Steve Johnson.
Q. You claim through him? A. Through my grandfather, July Johnson.
Q. Are you a fullblood negro? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Who is Steve Johnson? A. My father.
Q. What has become of him? A. I don't know, sir. I think he is in Texas; he has married over there.
Q. Your mother was Jane Holman? A. Yes, sir.
Q. States woman? A. Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

Jeff Rose, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Jeff Rose.
Q. How old are you? A. Fifty-one or fifty-two.
Q. Are you a Chickasaw Freedman? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Have you taken your allotment ? A. Yes, sir, but not filed.
Q. What do you know about this girl's father? A. I know him.
Q. What was he? A. A colored man.
Q. To whom did he belong? A. Zack Colbert.
Q. Do you know whether he was the slave of Zack Colbert at the end of the war? A. I don't know.
Q. Do you know Steve Johnson's father or mother? A. Yes, 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
Stenographer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of September, 1904.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Muskogee, I. T., December 9th, 1905.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane and her two minor children, Johnnie Lane and Jimmie Lane, as Chickasaw freedmen.

The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes on March 25, 1905, rendered a decision refusing the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen; the record in the case, together with the said decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, being transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior March 25, 1905.

The Department on October 10, 1905 (I T D 3380-1905), returned the record in the case to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for a full investigation of the claim upon its merits and for the purpose of determining if the principal applicant, Susan Lane, is the descendant of a slave of a Chickasaw Indian.

November 10, 1905, the principal applicant, Susan Lane, at Bluff, Indian Territory, and Messrs. Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, at South McAlester, Indian Territory, were notified that the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes would, on Saturday, December 9, 1905, at nine o'clock A. M., hear such testimony as might be submitted by the applicant tending to establish the right of herself and her two minor children to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

Now on this 9th day of December, 1905, and in conformity with the notices above referred to, appeared the principal applicant, Susan Lane.

No appearance on behalf of the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Susan Lane, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by Commissioner.

Q What is your name? A Susan Lane.
Q How old are you? A I was thirty this last October.
Q Where do you live? A At Bluff, I. T.
Q Are you a resident of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Actually live there? A Yes sir.
Q You have two children, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane, have you not? A Yes sir.

Q Are these the only two children you have? A No sir, I have four, but only two been registered.
Q The other two you refer to were born since September 25, 1902?
A Yes sir.
Q There are only two children then, Johnnie L. and Jimmie, for whom you are applying? A Yes sir.
Q You say you are thirty years old? A This last October.
Q Where were you born? A Bluff, I. T.
Q Was you born in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Have you maintained a continuous residence in the Choctaw Nation since the date of your birth? A Yes sir, all my days; all I can remember of.
Q Never lived anywhere else? A No more than I have cooked some now and then around, but I called it my home.
Q What is your father's name? A Steve Johnson.
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.
Q Does he claim to be entitled to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir, he claimed to be, but couldn't never get him to come to see about it. He has a big farm, at least his wife has, and she never consented to come to the Territory.
Q Where is your father? A My father is near Blakney, Texas.
Q Has he always lived in Texas? A No sir, moved there since he married another woman.
Q How long has he been living in Texas? A I couldn't tell you. He just went there after I was something along about thirteen years old.
Q What is your mother's name? A Jane Holman. Before she died she was Jane Johnson.
Q Your mother is not living now? A No sir, dead.
Q How long has she been dead? A Eight years, soon will be nine.
Q Was she a slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A No sir.
Q She was a States woman? A Yes sir.
Q You claim your right as a Chickasaw freedman then, through your father Steve Johnson? A Yes sir, my father, my grand mother, and grand father.
Q You get your right through your father Steve Johnson? A Yes sir.
Q Has your father, Steve Johnson, ever applied to be enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman? A So I heard; I couldn't possibly tell you; that's why I made affidavit and my two uncles--my father's brothers--they couldn't get here and I hadn't money to pay their way, and they just had it filled themselves.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application has ever been made by or on behalf of the applicant's father, Steve Johnson, for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, nor that he has ever asserted any rights to recognition as such.

Q How long has it been since you have seen your father?
A I seen my father in August.
Q Whereabouts? A At my home, Bluff, I. T.
Q Do you know the name of the Chickasaw Indian that your father belonged to? A Belonged to two owners. I think one of them was - - I think one of them - - I know one was Yakumby and another I believe was Zack Colbert.

Q Did you ever know either of these people, Yokomby or Zack Colbert? A No sir, no more than my people go by their name.
Q How old a man is your father, Steve Johnson? A He said he was fifty-four last time - -
Q He was living during the war wasnIt he? A Yes sir.
Q Now, which one of these Chickasaw citizens, Yokomby or Zack Colbert, did your father belong to during the war? A Well he was turned loose by Zack Colbert, and his first owner was Yokomby.
Q How did you acquire this information or knowledge that Yokomby and Zack Colbert were the owners of your father and that they are Chickasaw Indians? A Through my grandmother Caroline Lewis.
Q Is she living? A Yes sir:
Q Is she a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir, she has her allotment.
Q Is she the mother of your father? A Yes sir.
Q Who did Caroline Lewis belong to? A Same owners - Yokomby and Zack Colbert.
Q Do you know the name of your father's father? A Yes sir.
Q What is it? A July Johnson.
Q Was July Johnson a slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Have you any witnesses here? A No sir.
Q Witnesses who knew your father and know that he was the slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A No sir, I haven't none, no more than this paper, that's all I have.

The applicant offers the ex parte affidavit of Lee Lewis, marked exhibit "A", filed, and made a part of the record in this proceedings; also the ex parte affidavit of Andrew Johnson, marked exhibit "B", filed, and made a part of the record in this proceedings.

Q What relation are you, if any, to the Lee Lewis who makes this affidavit? A Lee Lewis is my uncle, a half brother to my father. He is just a half brother to my father; and Andrew Johnson is a full brother to my father. All three is brothers by mother's side.
Q Now, as I understand you, this affiant, Lee Lewis, is your father's half brother? A Yes sir.
Q Did they have the same father? A Same mother.
Q Same mother? A Yes sir.
Q You claim your rights, though, through your father's father, July Johnson? A Yes sir, July Johnson.
Q And what was your father's mother's name? A Caroline.
Q Caroline what? A Lewis.
Q Is she living? A Yes sir, but she's so feeble - - -
Q How old is your grandmother Caroline Lewis? A She's something about one hundred years old.

The Caroline Lewis referred to by the applicant, appears upon the records of this office on Chickasaw freedmen roll card No. 1480 and opposite 4573 upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904.

The affiant, Lee Lewis, is identified upon the records of this office on Chickasaw freedmen roll card No. 1480 and opposite No. 4691 upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen

approved by the Secretary of the Interior July 20, 1905.

Q Now this affiant, Andrew Johnson, whose affidavit you have introduced here and which has been identified as exhibit "B", you say is your father's full brother? A Full brother, yes sir.

The affiant, Andrew Johnson, is identified upon the records of this office on Chickasaw freedmen roll card No. 1480 and opposite No. 4572 upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904.

There is marked exhibit "C", filed with and made a part of the proceedings in this matter, copy of the testimony of Andrew Johnson and Dick Williams before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Atoka, Indian Territory, September 7, 1904, in the matter of the application of Caroline Lewis, Andrew Johnson and Willie and Roy Rose for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

Q I notice from this affidavit of Andrew Johnson that he states that your father, Steve Johnson, lives at Blakney, Texas, and that he has twelve children? A Yes sir.
Q Now have any of those children been enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen? A No sir, only myself.
Q Are you the oldest of these twelve children? A Yes sir, the oldest that's living. The oldest one is dead.
Q What was the name of the oldest one? A Benjamin.
Q How long has he been dead? A About seven years.
Q Then these other ten children live in Texas? A Yes sir, all live right with him.
Q Were they all born there? A Yes sir.
Q And always have lived there? A Yes sir.
Q When did your mother, Jane Helman die? A I don't know just the date; she died in September, though; along in September when she died; it's been, say, about eight years.
Q About eight years? A Yes sir, been eight years.
Q Now how many children did she have younger than you at the time she died? A Let's see - - there's - - -five, but they're all not living.
Q Now how long after the death of your mother, Jane Helman, was it when your father, Steve Johnson, moved to Texas? A Oh he moved to Texas before she died and married to another woman long before she died.
Q He took these children of your mother, Jane Helman, to Texas with him? A No sir, he went there to Texas himself and married a woman that lived in Texas.
Q What became of these other children? A His last wife's children are the ones you are speaking of.
Q You state that your mother, Jane Helman, had five children before she died? A Yes sir.
Q Where are those children? A They are at home, but they are not his children.
Q They are not his children? A No sir.

Q How long has it been since your father, Steve Johnson, went to Texas? A I couldn't tell you how long it's been since he went to Texas. He would come to see us every now and then.
Q How long has he been living in Texas; you say he lives at Blakney, Texas; how long has he been there? A He moved there he said when I was going on-ten years old, and I was thirty this last October.
Q Been there about twenty years then? A Yes sir, I reckon.
Q Now are you the only child of Steve Johnson that's living here in the Indian Territory? A Yes sir, only one.
Q The only one? A Yes sir.
Q And these other children that you say your mother Jane Holman had in the Territory are not the children of Steve Johnson?
A No sir.
Q Whose children are they? A Harry Holman.
Q He was a States negro? A No sir, he's a freedman too, Choctaw freedman.
Q What became of these other children? A Some of them filed by their father, Harry Holman; he has his allotment and also his children that's living.
Q His children by Jane Holman has been enrolled? A Yes sir.
Q And the children of Steve Johnson? A He only had two by my mother, one's dead, so that just left me.
Q You are the only one? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know if he had any children since he went to Texas?
A So he told me; I couldn't swear it.
Q They were born in Texas and never have lived here? A Never lived here.
Q And your father, Steve Johnson, hasbeen in Texas twenty years?
A Yes sir.
Q And when he lived in the Indian Territory, as I understand now, he had two children? A Yes sir, he had two children.
Q One named Benjamin Johnson who has been dead about seven years, and you are the other child? A Yes sir.
Q You, yourself, have never lived in Texas? A No sir, never lived in Texas.
Q Have always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q You don't claim to be possessed of any Indian blood do you?
A No sir, I don't think I have. Some say my grandmother had Indian blood.
Q You don't claim any rights except as a Chickasaw freedman?
A Just as a Chickasaw freedman. All my people they said that had allotment is under the Chickasaw . They come by it by Chickasaw.
Q Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Are your two children, Johnnie L. and Jimmie Lane now living with you? A Yes sir, they are now living with me.
Q And these are the only two children for whom you have applied?
A Yes sir, only two.

There is marked exhibit "D" and made a part of the record in this proceedings, the testimony of Susan Lane, Henry Wilson, Cynthia Hendricks, and Jeff Rose before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, Indian Territory, May 9, 1899.

There is also marked exhibit "E" the testimony of John Lane before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Caddo, Indian Territory, August 22, 1899.

There is also marked exhibit "F", filed, and made a part of the record in this proceedings, the affidavits of Susan Lane and Cynthia Hendricks.

Albert G. McMillan being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commisioner to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 9th day of December, 1905, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Albert G. McMillan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of December, 1905.

Edward Merrick
Notary Public.

19-1397.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen.

,--: 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 Susan Lane, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Ateka, Indian Territory on September 7, 1904.

From the record herein it appears that the principal applicant, Susan Lane, claims the right to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman through her grandfather, July Johnson. She does not know whether the said July Johnson was the slave of a Chickasaw Indian at the commencement or at the close of the War of the Rebellion, nor does she know whether her father Steve Johnson was the slave of a Chickasaw Indian at the commencement or at the close of the War of the Rebellion, where he is, nor where he resided at the close of the war, nor, so far as the testimony shows, at any other time. All that the testimony introduced by the applicant shows is that her father was a colored man.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Susan Lane, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane are not entitled to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen and that their application for enrollment as such should be denied, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

Chairman.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory August 24, 1904.

Susan Lane,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your children Johnnie L. and Jimmie Lane, 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.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 25, 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 25, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw Freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the same, 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 the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 25, 1905.

Susan Lane,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 25, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of yourself, and two children, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane, as Chickasaw Freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the same, 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 the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-1397.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 25, 1905.

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 Susan Lane, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw Freedmen, including the decision of the Commission dated March 23, 1905, denying said application.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Incl. 19-1397

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 28, 1905.

Susan Lane,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 20, 1905, asking the status of your enrollment.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission has not yet passed upon your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, but before the same can be determined 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 your right to enrollment as such freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choctaw freedman
1397.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 20, 1905.

Susan Lane,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 6, referring to your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are informed that on March 25, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision refusing your application for enrollment of yourself and your children, Johnnie L. and Jimmie Lane, as Chickasaw freedmen, and on the same day a copy thereof was forwarded you by registered mail and the records in the case were transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

You will be advised of the action taken in your case when the Commission is notified of the same.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 10, 1905.

Susan Lane,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that on October 10, 1905, the Secretary of the Interior remanded the record in the matter of your application for the enrollment of yourself and your two minor children Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen for the taking of further testimony as to the rights of yourself and your children to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

You are therefore advised that on Saturday, December 9, 1905, at 9 o'clock a. m. the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes will at his office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, hear such testimony as may be submitted tending to establish the rights of yourself and your children to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby.

Commissioner.

19-1397

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 10,1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on October 10, 1905, the Secretary of the Interior remanded the record in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane and her two minor children, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen, for the taking of further testimony as to their right to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

You are therefore informed that on Saturday, December 9, 1905, at nine o'clock A. M. the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes will at his office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, hear such testimony as may be submitted tending to establish the rights of Susan Lane and her children to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby.

Commissioner.

19-1397

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1906.

Susan Lane,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 12, 1906, asking if you and your children may file on your land.

In reply you are advised that the names of Susan Lane and her children Johnnie Lane and Jimmie Lane will be placed upon the next schedule of Chickasaw freedmen prepared for forwarding the Secretary of the Interior. Pending the approval of their enrollment by the Department no selection of allotment may be made in their behalf.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

19-1397

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 11, 1906.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

March 25, 1905, you were furnished with a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of the same date, refusing the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane and her two minor children, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen.

The record in the case was on the same date transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior and on October 10, 1905, was remanded by the Department, with directions that a time be fixed for a full investigation of the claim of the applicants upon the merits.

November 10, 1905, you were notified that the Commissioner would, on Saturday December 9, 1905, at 9 o'clock A. M., hear such testimony as might be submitted tending to establish the right of Susan Lane and her children to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

A hearing was had before the Commissioner in this matter at his office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on December 9, 1905, at which time you entered no appearance.

I now enclose herewith copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes of December 12, 1905, rescinding the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of March 25, 1905, adverse to Susan Lane and her two minor children, and enrolling Susan Lane, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen.

The record in the case, together with the decision of the Commissioner of December 12, 1905, has this day been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby.

Commissioner.

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19-1377

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 11, 1906.

Susan Lane,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes of December 12, 1905, rescinding the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of March 25, 1905, adverse to you and your two children and granting the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen.

You are advised that the record in this case, with the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes of December 12, 1905, has this day been forwarded the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby.

Commissioner.

CP 11-6

19-1397

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 5, 1906.

Susan Lane, COPY.

Bluff, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

You are hereby notified that the Secretary of the Interior under date of February 23, 1906, affirmed the decision of this office of December 12, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself, Johnnie L. and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen.

Your names will be placed upon the next schedule of Chickasaw freedmen prepared for forwarding the Secretary of the Interior for approval. You will be notified when your enrollment has been approved by the Department.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Wm. O. Beall.

Acting Commissioner.

19-1397

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 6, 1906.

COPY.

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 February 23, 1906, affirmed the decision of this office dated December 12, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen.

The names of these persons will be placed upon the next schedule of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Wm. O. Beall,

Acting Commissioner.

OR

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LLS

WASHINGTON.

I.T.D. 5300-1905. October 18, 1905.

LRS

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

In the matter of the application of Susan Lane for the enrollment of herself and her two minor children, Johnnie L. Lane and Lizzie Lane, as Chickasaw freedmen, the record whereof was transmitted with letter of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes dated March 25, 1905, the Commission in its decision therein of same date stated that the principal applicant, Susan Lane, claimed the right to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman through her grandfather, July Johnson; "she does not know whether the said July Johnson was the slave of a Chickasaw Indian at the commencement or at the close of the War of the Rebellion, nor does she know whether her father, Steve Johnson, was the slave of a Chickasaw Indian at the commencement or at the close of the War of the Rebellion."

No questions upon which to predicate such a conclusion was asked the applicant as appears from the record in the case. The applicant appeared before the Commission without an attorney for examination, and the Commission did not ask her whether her grandfather, July Johnson, or her father, Steve

Johnson, was a slave of a Chickasaw Indian either at the commencement or at the close of the War of the Rebellion.

Her principal witness, Jeff Rose, testified that applicant's father, Steve Johnson, belonged to Zack Colbert, and that he did not know whether he was the slave of Zack Colbert at the end of the war. No other evidence on the subject was introduced.

The record is too meagre to pass upon the merits of this claim, and therefor the record is remanded to you to fix a time for a full investigation of the claim upon the merits, of which you will notify applicant.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

1 inclosure. (Land 23614-1906).

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 11, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

The Department on October 10, 1905 (I.T.D. 3380-1905), remanded to this office, with instructions to fix a time for a full investigation of the claim upon the merits, the record in the matter of the application of Susan Lane for the enrollment of herself and her two minor children, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen.

November 10, 1905, the principal applicant, Susan Lane, at Bluff, Indian Territory, and Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, the Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, at South McAlester, Indian Territory, were notified that the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes would, at his office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on Saturday, December 9, 1905, at nine o'clock A. M., hear such testimony as might be submitted, tending to establish the right of Susan Lane and her two children to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

On December 9, 1905, proceedings were had before this office in reference to the right of Susan Lane and her two minor children as Chickasaw freedmen, at which time it developed that the Susan Lane who was refused enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman by

the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of March 25, 1905, was identical with Susan Lane, an undetermined applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

The record in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane as a Choctaw freedman was consolidated with the record in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane and her two minor children, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen.

I have the honor to return herewith the original record in the matter of the application of Susan Lane for the enrollment of herself and her two minor children as Chickasaw freedmen, returned with Departmental letter of October 10, 1906, and the additional proceedings had in conformity with said instructions, together with my decision of December 12, 1906, rescinding the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of March 25, 1905, adverse to Susan Lane and her two minor children, and granting the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane, Johnnie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane as Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby.

Commissioner.

CP 11-7

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

LAND:
4296-1906.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, (COPY)
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

February 12, 1906.

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 January 11, 1906, transmitting the record of the application for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedman by Susan Lane for herself and her two minor children, Johnnie L., and Jimmie Lane.

December 12, 1905, the Commissioner decided favorably to the applicants.

The record shows that on March 25, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered a decision denying the applicants enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen; that thereafter, on October 10, 1905 (ITD) 3326-1905) the Department remanded the record for a full investigation.

The record further shows that the applicant is identical with Susan Lane who is an undetermined applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman and that record is consolidated with this case. The evidence shows that the applicant was born in the Choctaw Nation in 1875; that she is the daughter of Steve Johnson, who is a

son of Caroline Lewis whose name appears at #4575 on the final roll of Chickasaw Freedmen approved by the Department.

It is further shown that the applicant's father, Steve Johnson, and her grandmother, Caroline Lewis, were both slaves of a Chickasaw Indian named Zack Colbert or Yakumba (or Yakumby) during the war of the rebellion and at the close thereof; that Caroline Lewis has continuously resided in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country, but that applicant's father, Steve Johnson, removed to the State of Texas about twenty years ago and has abandoned any claim to enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

It is further show that Susan Lane has continuously resided in the Choctaw Nation since the date of her birth and that the minor applicants were born in the Choctaw Nation, where they have since lived, and that all the applicants were living and residents of the Choctaw Nation on September 25, 1902.

In view of the record the approval of the Commissioner's decision favorable to the applicants is recommended.

Very respectfully,

G. Y. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

MMM

D.C. 7270-1906.
I.T.D. 2530-1906.
L.R. S.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, J.S.Jr. ind

WASHINGTON,

February 21, 1906.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

January 11, 1906, you transmitted the record in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Susan Lane and her two minor children, Johnnie L. and Jimmie Lane, as Chickasaw freedmen.

Reporting February 12, 1906, the Indian Office recommended that your decision, favorable to the applicants, be approved. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department concurs in said recommendation, and your decision dated December 26, 1905, is hereby affirmed.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) Thos. Ryan,
First Assistant Secretary.

1 inclosure.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LRS

WASHINGTON.

I.T.D. 8320-1905. October 10, 1905.

LRS

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

In the matter of the application of Susan Lane for the enrollment herself and her two minor children, Jennie L. Lane and Jimmie Lane, as Chickasaw freedmen, the record whereof was transmitted with letter of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes dated March 25, 1905, the Commission in its decision therein of same date stated that they rincipal applicant, Susan Lane, claimed the right to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman through her grandfather, July Johnson; "she does not know whether the said July Johnson was the slave of a Chickasaw Indian at the commencement or at the close of the War of the Rebellion, nor does she know whether her father, Steve Johnson, was the slave of a Chickasaw Indian at the commencement or at the close of the War of the Rebellion."

No questions upon which to predicate such a conclusion was asked the applicant as appears from the record in the case. The applicant appeared before the Commission without an attorney for examination, and the Commission did not ask her whether her grandfather, July Johnson, or her father, Steve

Johnson, was a slave of a Chickasaw Indian either at the commencement or at the close of the War of the Rebellion.

Her principal witness, Jeff Rose, testified that applicant's father, Steve Johnson, belonged to Zack Colbert, and that he did not know whether he was the slave of Zack Colbert at the end of the war. No other evidence on the subject was introduced.

The record is too meagre to pass upon the merits of this claim, and therefor the record is remanded to you to fix a time for a full investigation of the claim upon the merits, of which you will notify applicant.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

1 inclosure. (Land 23614-1905).

Chic FR 1398

Chic FR 1398

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

In the matter of the enrollment of Mrs. Ned Johnson, Ned Johnson, her husband, being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als. , testified:

My wife's mother was Baylor Kemp. Her father belonged to Jackson Kemp, a Chickasaw. I have been living in the Territory for about eight years. I married this woman in Jackson county in the Indian Territory. She has lived here always.

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

Chic FR 1399

Trans to choc FR card 1413

Chic FR 1400

Trans to choc FR card 933

Chic FR 1399 -1400

EMPTY

Chic FR 1401

Chic FR 1401

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

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

I am 26 years old. My mother's name was Hannah Farrow. She belonged to Cubbie Love. I have been living in the Chickasaw Nation all my life. My wife's mother belonged to Zila Colbert.

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

Chic FR 1402

Trans TO choc FR card 1414

Chic FR 1403

Trans TO choc FR card 1415

Chic FR 1404

Trans TO choc FR card 1416

Chic FR 1405

Trans TO choc FR card 1417

Chic FR 1406

Trans TO choc FR card 1002

Chic FR 1402 -1408

EMPTY

Chic FR 1409

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 29, 1899.

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

I am 23; my mother's name is Phyllis Factor and she belonged to Bony Harkins, a Chickasaw. My father belonged to Mrs. Shaw. 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.

P. McDonald

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

Atoka, Indian Territory, June 30, 1904.

17-125 Roll-2669.

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In the matter of the enrollment of Rena Brown, Choctaw Freedman card No. 125, approved roll No. 2669.

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Charley Brown, Chickasaw Freedmen card No. 688, approved roll No. 2953, being first duly sworn testifies as a witness as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION:

Q What is your name? A Charley Brown.
Q About how old are you? A I am about 29 years old.
Q What is your post office address? A Atoka, I. T.
Q What is the name of your father? A Tom Brown.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Mahala Brown.
Q Have you ever been married? A Yes sir.
Q Give the name of your wife? A Lizzie Norris.
Q Were you ever married more than one time? A Yes sir, twice.
Q What is the name of your first wife? A Lizzie Norris was the first, the other was Mollie Swift.
Q Did you have any children by either of these women? A No sir.
Q Are you the father of any children? A I am the father of one, named Rena Brown.
Q What is the name of the mother of Rena Brown? A Ella Factor.
Q Is that her name at the present time? A I think she married a man by the name of Frazier.
Q At the time you enrolled yourself, when the Commission was enrolling the freedmen, did you enroll this woman, Ella Frazier, did you give her name in? A No sir.
Q Did you give in the name of your child, Rena? A Yes sir.
Q Who else did you give in at that time? A I gave in the name of Lizzie Norris.
Q You were married to Lizzie Norris, were you? A Yes sir.
Q Is Lizzie Norris living now? A Yes sir.
Q Haveyou been divorced from her? A Yes sir.
Q Has she married again? A Yes she has been married and her husband got killed.
Q What was the name of this man she married? A I don't know, she married while she was down here.
Q What is the name of her father? A John Norris.
Q At the time you enrolled yourself you gave in the name of Lizzie Norris as Lizzie Brown? A Not as I know of.
Q At the same time that you gave in her name you gave in the name of Rena Brown, your child? A Yes sir.
Q But Ella Frazier enrolled herself and she had possession of your child, Rena Brown, and gave her name in at the time she gave in her own name? A Yes sir.

Reference is made to Chickasaw Freedman Card 1409, The name of Reenie Brown appears thereon as No. 4, approved roll No. 4180. The name of Ella Frazier also appears as No. 1, on said card, approved roll No. 4177.

Q What is Ella Frazier's father's name? A I don't know his name.
Q What was her maiden name? A Factor.
Q What was her mother's name? A Phyllis Factor.
Q Is Rena Brown living? A Yes sir.
Q Where is she living now? A Right up here on the prarie.
Q Who is she living with? A With her mother I think.
Q Then there is no child by the name of Rena Brown living with this woman, Lizzie Norris, who you were at one time married to? A No sir.
Q She never had a child named Rena? A No sir.
Q And the way that Rena Brown is registered with this woman, Lizzie Norris, who you were married to, was from the fact that you gave her name in to the Commission at the same time that you gave Lizzie Norris's name in? A Yes, I must have, I don't know.

Relative to Lizzie Norris, whose name appears in the testimony, reference is made to Choctaw Freedmen Card No. 125. The name of Lizzie ~~Mun~~ Norris appears thereon as No. 1, approved roll No. 2668, as the daughter of John Norris and Maria Butler.

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Lewis T. Martin on oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes as taken insaid cause on June 30, 1904.

Lewis T. Martin

Sworn to before me this July 1, 1904.

Walter Shelby
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1410

Trans to choc FR card 1420

Chic FR 1410

EMPTY

Chic FR 1411

Chic FR 1411

Chickasaw 1411

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 20, 1904.

Polly Finn,

Womack, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 10, asking if it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission before your enrollment will be approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that at this time it is not believed that it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission in the matter of your enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman. If it should be necessary, however, for you to make such personal appearance, you will be duly notified.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

19-1411

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 28, 1904.

Polly Finn,

Womack, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 21st inst., requesting that papers showing your approval be sent to your address without delay.

You are informed it appears from our records that Polly Finn, and her children, Ella, Chris and Lena Finn, and her granddaughter, Mandy Pickens, arelisted for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, but their names have not yet been placed upon a schedule of freedmen of said Nation to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior. Your requests therefore, cannot be complied with.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 6, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,
Chickasaw Land Office,
Tishomingo, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Referring to the copy of the testimony of Lena Finn of September 23, 1904, at your office, which you forward for the purpose of showing that Mandy Pickens, approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen #4445 and Amanda Pickens, approved roll of Chickasaw Freedmen, Number 2026, are identical, you are advised that before the cancellation of the enrollment of Mandy Pickens, approved Chickasaw Freedman Roll Number 4445 can be recommended to the Department it will be necessary to have the testimony of Henry Pickens as the identity of the children.

You are therefore directed to secure the personal appearance at the Chickasaw Land Office of Henry Pickens, approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen, Number 2024, for the purpose of procuring his testimony in the matter of the enrollment of Amanda Pickens and Mandy Pickens.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

IN RE application of Polly Finn and others for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen.

Sworn by Commissioner Mc Kennon says:

I am 55. I belonged to Jim Gaines. He sold me to Hickiotubby a Choctaw living near the mouth of the Kiamichi. My husband James is a U.S. citizen.

I have children:

John McKenzie, 33. His wife Mary, 23, is daughter of Nancy Ransom who belonged to Yocubby, Chickasaw. He has no children.

Dora Harris, 31, wife of Dan Harris. They have one child: David James, 18.

Martha, 28, wife of Mack Fisher a U.S. citizen. She has 4 children: Ella, 11; Burl, 9; Patilla, 7; and Roy, 5.

Mary, 25, wife of Charley Jones a U.S. citizen. She has children: Callie, 6; and Clyde, 5.; Walter, 2; and Getta, 1.

Lena Chism, 19. She has one child: Amanda, 2.

Alice Jennings, 17; Janie Finn, 14; Ella, 12; Crissy, 10.

Ardmore, September 22nd 1898

(Suspended to Colbert).

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., August 28, 1899.

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

I am 56 years old. My owner was Hickaturby when I was freed. I have been living in the Territory ever since I was freed. I never was sold out of the territory.

Silas Sanders, being sworn, testified:

I am 52 years old. I know Pollie Finn. She belonged to Hickaturby, a Choctaw Indian.

(August 30, 1899).

Chas. Walker, being sworn, testified:

I am about 68 years old. Hickaturby was a Chickasaw Indian. I knew him. He lived down on Kiamish. He owned slaves.

Silas Sanders, being sworn, testified:

I know Pollie Finn. She belonged to Hickaturby. I know because I saw her there. I saw her there after we were turned loose. I was out hunting work.

Redirect: I belonged to Hickaturby. I have been living in the Territory ever since I was turned loose. I was at Hickaturby's when I was turned loose.

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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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Mandy Pickens, daughter of Lena Finn, Polly Finn being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., Testified:

Lena Finn the mother of Mandy Pickens is my daughter and I belonged to Hickaturby, a Chickasaw.

Sallie Sanders: I know them and they live in the Chickasaw 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.

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
CHICKASAW LAND OFFICE
SEPTEMBER 23, 1904.

In the matter of the enrollment of Mandy Pickens, Chickasaw Freedman, Card No. 1411, Roll No. 4445.

Lena Finn, being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION:

Q What is your name? A Lena Finn.
Q How old are you? A Twenty-five.
Q What is your post office address? A Woodford.
Q What was your father's name? A Sam Chisholm.
Q Wasn't your father known by the name of Jas. Finn? A He was my step-father.
Q What was your mother's name? A Polly Finn.
Q Have you ever been married? A No sir.
Q Did you ever live with Henry Pickens? A Yes sir.
Q Have you ever had any children? A One.
Q What was its name? A Mandy Pickens.
Q What was the name of the father of Mandy Pickens? A Henry Pickens.
Q When you made application to the Commission for the enrollment of Mandy Pickens, did you give the name of the father of that child as Buck Finn? A No sir, Buck Pickens.
Q The correct name of the father of Mandy Pickens was Henry Pickens? A Yes sir.
Q Is Henry Pickens married now? A Yes sir.
Q What is his wife's name? A Josie.
Q Has he any children by Josie? A Yes sir.
Q What are their names? A Alverson.
Q Has he any other children by Josie? A Yes sir.
Q What is its name? A Edward.
Q How old is that child? A About six months old.

The name of Henry Pickens, father of Amanda Pickens, appears upon Chickasaw Freedman Card No. 495, Chickasaw Freedman Roll No. 2024.

Q Henry Pickens never had a child by the name of Amanda Pickens other than your child, Mandy Pickens, did he? A Not that I know of.
Q At the time you had this child by Henry Pickens, did you go by the name of Lena Chisholm? A Yes sir.

The name Amanda Pickens appears upon Chickasaw Freedman Roll Card 495, Chickasaw Freedman, Roll No. 2026, as a child of Henry Pickens and Lena Chisholm.

(Witness excused.)

J. E. Williams, being duly sworn, on oath states that he reported the above and foregoing proceeding on September 23, 1904, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes in said cause on said date.

(Signed) J. E. Williams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this September 23, 1904.

(Signed) J. H. Carlock

(Seal) Notary Public.

Enrollment Division
[illegible]

Washington, Indian Territory, September 16, 1904.

To the Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

On June 14, 1904, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes had the honor to transmit, for departmental approval, a schedule of Children Freedmen, numbering [illegible] to [illegible] inclusive, prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, (32 Stats. 641). Copies of this schedule were returned to the Commission, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, June [illegible], 1904.

In reference to another child upon said schedule, Jesse Polly, 14 years of age, [illegible] a male, I have the honor to advise that on August 16, 1904, Polly Ann, the mother of said child, appeared before the Chickasaw Land Office of the Commission, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and testified that this child was a female, and not a male.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the testimony of Polly Ann, of August 16, 1904, and I have the honor to respectfully recommend that the sex of the enrollment [illegible] upon the schedule as approved by the Secretary of the Interior June [illegible]

[redacted]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

D.C. 39847. WASHINGTON, FEB

I.T.D. 8420-1904. October 11, 1904.

L.R.S.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

The Department is in receipt of your letter of September 16, 1904, recommending that the word in the sex column, opposite number 4445, on the approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen, be changed so that Chris Finn will appear thereon as a female instead of as a male. You also transmitted a copy of the testimony of Polly Finn, mother of said Chris Finn, taken August 22, 1904, showing that said child is a female and not a male.

Reporting in the matter September 26, 1904, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs concurs in your recommendation. A copy of his letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs, and has noted such correction on the part of said approved roll in its possession. The Indian Office has been requested to make a like correction on its part of said roll, and you are authorized to make such correction upon the part of said roll in your office.

Respectfully,

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1 Inclosure.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Land. OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

65368-1904. WASHINGTON, September 28, 1904.

D.C. 39547.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated September 16, 1904, stating that the word in the sex column opposite No. 4443, Chris Finn, approved partial roll of Chickasaw freedmen should be changed from "male" to "female". Copy of the testimony of Polly Finn, mother of Chris Finn, is enclosed and it appears therefrom that said Chris Finn is a girl 16 years of age.

It is recommended that authority be granted for the correction of the roll by this office and the Commission as indicated.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Tonner,

Acting Commissioner.

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F 4443

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 22, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

For your information there is inclosed herewith copy of Departmental letter of October 11, 1904 (I. T. D. 8620-1904) authorizing the change of sex of the freedman who appears at Number 4443 upon the approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen as Chris Finn. You are therefore directed to make the necessary change upon the schedules of Chickasaw freedmen in the possession of your office.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

AB 14-22

F 4443

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 22, 1904.

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

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Respectfully,

Chairman.

AB 18-22

19-1411

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 26, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to original Chickasaw freedman enrollment card number 1411 Polly Finn et al, you are advised that the following changes have been made thereon.

On line 3 opposite the name of Chris Finn the word "Son" has been erased and the abbreviation "Dau" inserted in lieu thereof, and the following notation placed on said card.

"No. 3 is a girl. Sex changed under Departmental instructions of Oct. 11, 1904. (I.T.D. 8620-1904 D.C. 39547-1904.")

You are therefore requested to make like corrections and place the above notation upon the duplicate of corresponding number in your possession.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1411

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Chickasaw Land Office,

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Respectfully,

Chairman.

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19-1414.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 24, 1904.

American Lynch,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your sister Celia Lynch as freedman of the Chickasaw Nation it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your rights as such freedman.

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.

19-1414

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 8, 1905.

Bud Lynch,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your two children, America and Lelia Lynch, as Chickasaw Freedmen, it will be necessary for further evidence to be produced relative to the rights of said children as such freedmen.

The record shows that these children claim through Minnie Factor, who was a daughter of Phyllis Factor. If the father of Minnie Factor was a Choctaw or Chickasaw Freedman you should produce evidence necessary to establish that fact, and if he was a non-citizen you are requested to inform this office of the same.

In case you desire to offer evidence relative to the father of Minnie Factor you should appear with your witnesses before me at my office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, as soon as possible, so that the rights of your children may be disposed of.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Minnie Lynch and children, Bud Lynch being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him at ale., testified:

My wife's name was Minnie Factor and her mother was Phyllis Factor. I have lived in here all the time with my children. My wife was a Chickasaw.

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 Donald

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

Atoka, Indian Territory, January 17, 1907.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of America and Lelia Lynch.

Phyllis Facter, being first duly sworn and examined, testifies as follows:

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Phyllis Facter.
Q How old are you? A Well, I don't know, I can't tell you how old I am.
Q About how old are you? A I don't know.
Q Were you living during the Civil War? A Yes, sir.
Q About how old were you at the close of the Civil War? A I was a young woman.
Q Were you a slave during the war time? A Yes, sir, in the Creek Nation.
Q What was the name of your father? A Daniel.
Q Do you know his last name? A I don't know.
Q What was the name of your mother? A Jennie.
Q Do you know her last name? A No, sir.
Q Were your father and mother slaves? A Yes, sir.
Q Who was their owner? A Boney Hawkins.
Q Who was your owner? A Hawkins.
Q Do you know his first name? A Boney Hawkins.
Q Was Boney Hawkins an indian? A Yes, sir.
Q What tribe did he belong to? A I don't know.
Q How do you know he was an indian? A I know because his mother was an indian.
Q Do you know what tribe of indians either your owner, Boney Hawkins or his mother belonged? A No, sir.
Q Have you any children? A Yes, sir.
Q What are their names? A Jennie, Hettie, Nancy, Carrie, Bush, Ella, Robert and Minnie.
Q Have you any other children? A No, sir.
Q Who was the father of Minnie? A Simon Facter.
Q Was Minnie Facter ever married? A Yes, sir.
Q What was the name of her husband? Bud Paris.
Q Was he ever known by any other name? A Yes, sir, Lynch.
Q Did Minnie and Bud have any children? A They had three.
Q What are their names? A Lelia and America.
Q What is the name of the other child? A I don't know, he is dead.
Q Are America and Lelia now living? A Yes, sir, they are living.
Q What is their postoffice address? A Atoka.
Q Atoka is also your postoffice address, is it? A Yes, sir.

(Witness excused)

I, Fay E. Blachert, upon oath, state that I reported the proceedings in the foregoing and above cause and that the same is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes taken therein.

Fay E. Blachert

Subscribed and swern to before me this 17th day of January, 1907.

Richard Thompson
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1415

In the matter of the application of Alice Gatewood for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Alice Gatewood being sworn says: (Pauls Valley, September 14th 1898)

I am about 37 years old. I belonged to Rev. Robinson who was a missionary and Superintendent of the Male Academy at Tishomingo.

September 14th. 1898

Newton Burney (at Paul's Valley) being sworn says:

Alice Gatewood is 38 years old and is my daughter .

She belonged to Rev. Robinson, a missionary and a white man.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Ardmore, Indian Territory, November 23rd, A. D., 1898.

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Freedmen Case.

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Nannie Robinson,

Vs.

Chickasaw Nation.

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MRS. NANCY SMITH, being duly sworn by Commissioner A. S. McKennon, on her oath, testified as follows:

Direct Examination by Mr. W. B. Johnson, Atty. for the Nation:

Q Mrs. Smith, did you know Nannie Robinson? A. Yes sir.

Q Did you know who she belonged to? A. Yes sir.

Q To whom? A. She first belonged to old Martin Chicco, an old man that lived just above Colbert on Rock Creek, and he sold her to old Mr. Robinson, our Missionary.

Q He was not a Chickasaw by blood? A. No sir.

Q Nor by adoption? A. No sir.

Q Nor by marriage? A. No sir.

Q And at the time the war ended, when the negroes were declared free, to whom did she belong? A. She belonged to Mr. Robinson, but she was raised on our place. Her mother died when she was very young, and my mother's old negro woman took her and raised her.

Q Her mother came from Texas? A. No sir, she was an Indian negro, Martin Chicco's negro.

Q And he sold her to Mr. Robinson, who was not an Indian? A. Yes sir.

Q That was before the war? A. Yes sir.

Q And she belonged to him when the war was over? A. She was dead. This little girl was living, Alice, her daughter. This negro man belonged to me and that was how he took his name as Burney. I guess it is Alice Burney, Nannie's mother.

Q Was her name not Delphie? A. Delphie I believe. Delphie was the mother's name.

Q And at the time when they were freed they belonged to a white man, United States citizen? A. Yes sir, an old Missionary.

Q (By Mr. McKennon) Did the girl belong to him too? A. I guess so, the mother belonged to him.

Q And they lived together at his house? A. I don't know whether they took the children with them or not. My old negro woman Martha raised the child.

Q That was after her death? A. Yes sir, after her death.

Q How old was the child when he sold her? A. I couldn't tell you. She was not very old when the war came up. Mr. Robinson left here before the war came up.

Q Did she die before the war? A. I don't know whether she did or not. I don't know whether she died before the war or ~~mak~~ in the time of the war.

Q (By Mr. Johnson) Your understanding is that the mother and child belonged to Mr. Robinson at the time they were freed?

A Yes sir.

Q (By Mr. McKennon) Do you know whether the mother died before the negroes were freed? A. I don't know. She died when that child was quite a baby, right young. It had to be raised on a bottle.

Q (By Mr. Johnson) As a matter of fact did Mr. Robinson purch-

the mother before the child was born? A. Yes sir, a good little bit before Newt married her, my negro man.

Q The child was born while she belonged to Mr. Robinson?

A Yes sir. I don't know whether the child ever went out of here or not now.

(By Mr. Cohee) I understood, Mrs. Smith, that Mr. Robinson went away before the war ended and the child was left here. Wouldn't that make a difference?

(By Mr. Johnson) That is for the Commission to settle.

Q (By Mr. McKennon) Robinson went away and left the child here?

A I think the child was left here to the best of my knowledge, because Newt stayed here until after the war with me.

Q The question would be whether the child belonged to him or whether it was owned by a Chickasaw citizen when the war ended?

A I don't think anybody owned it but them, Mr. Robinson. It was there at our place and over at the academy together.

Q The fact that it was left here and it belonged to him and he was not a Chickasaw citizen would not effect the case at all. It would not be a Chickasaw Freedman unless it belonged to a Chickasaw citizen at the time it was freed.

(By Mr. Johnson) That is our contention.

Q (By Mr. Cohee) Mrs. Smith, was the child's father a Freedman?

A Freed here?

Q Yes? A. Yes, he stayed here until after the war.

Q (By Mr. McKennon) Was it born before the slaves were freed or afterwards? A. Why, it was born before the darkies was freed.

(By Mr. Johnson) The mother belonged to Robinson.

(By Mr. McKennon) The status of the case would be this, if she had been born to that Freedman, the man, since the war, and her mother had had no rights she would be enrolled as a descendant of the Freedman.

(By Mr. Johnson) Of the father.

(By Mr. McKennon) Of the father. But if she was born to the mother before the war she was born a slave and she would then be either a Freedman or not. If she was freed as a slave of the Chickasaw then she would be a Freedman, but if she was freed as the slave of someone-else then she would not be.

(By Mr. Cohee) Suppose when Mr. Robinson left here he gave the child to its father?

(By Mr. McKennon) Then it would be free and would not have been a Freedman, because it was not set free as a Chickasaw Freedman. If he gave it to its father it was not the slave of anybody but it was free.

(By Mr . Cohee) I would like to ask one more question. It was Nannie that you started in there with and then Alice?

(By Mr. McKennon) What do you understand her name to be?

(By Mr. Cohee) Of course the girl that Mrs. Smith is speaking about is Alice but there is Nannie and Nannie Alice was two different girls. The name that you have in there is Annie.

(By Mr. McKennon) She was speaking about Nannie. That is the one that is contested, isn't it?

(By Mr. Cohee) No sir, I think not.

(By witness) He owned two girls named Nannie and Alice. Delphie was Alice's mother.

Q (By Mr. McKennon) Delphie was the mother of Alice? A. Yes sir.

Q And you think there was another girl named Nannie? A. Yes sir. I have got that all mixed,-and I don't know which is which,-Delphie was Newt's wife,-because we had a good many of our darkies hired out from the academy.

WILLIAM L. BYRD, being duly sworn by Commissioner A. S. McKennon, on his oath, testified as follows:

Direct Examination by Mr. Johnson:

Q Go ahead and tell what you know about it? A. I knew Delphie. She belonged to Rev. J. C. Robinson.

Q Was he a United States citizen? A. Yes sir. I knew Alice. She was Delphie's daughter. I knew Nannie. She belonged to Rev. Robinson.

Q Was she Delphie's daughter? A. No sir.

Q Did she belong to Robinson at the time the slaves were freed?

A Yes sir.

Q (By Mr. McKennon) Was Delphie living there? A. No sir, Delphie died when Alice was born.

Q Was that before the war? A. Yes sir.

Q How old was Alice at the close of the war? A. I don't know about that. She was born a year or two before the war began.

Q How old was Nannie when the war ended? A. I would say she was about eight or ten years old when the war commenced. I know her now, she lives near me at Stonewall.

Q (By Mr. Johnson) You know that Nannie was freed while she belonged to Robinson, a United States citizen? A. Yes sir.

Q (By Mr. McKennon) And Alice also? A. Yes sir.

CHARLES COHEE, being duly sworn by Commissioner A. S. McKennon, on his oath, testified as follows:

Direct Examination by Mr. McKennon:

Q Make your statement now? A. I have not much statement to make, only I would like to ask Mr. Byrd that question, whether he didn't know that she originated from that family of people McGilbra.

(By Mr. Byrd) Yes sir, she belonged to them and Pratt. Jackson Frazier sold Nannie to Robinson.

(By Mr. Cohee) I know that Delphie was hired there a good

while before she was sold, and I reckon she was sold if the Governor's statement is correct. But there is where she came from, is from the McGilbras

Department of the Interior
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes
Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 22, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Alice Gatewood for the identification of herself and her two minor children Albert and Eliza Gatewood as Mississippi Choctaws.

Newton Burnie being first duly sworn as a witness testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Newton Burnie.
Q What is your age? A I was born in 199.

By Attorney: He's seventy three years old.

By the Commission.

Q What is your post office address? A Womack Indian Territory.
Q Are you a member of any tribe? A Yes sir.
Q What tribe? A Chickasaw.
Q Are you a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Are you related to Alice Gatewood? A She's my daughter.
Q And you say you are enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q You were then a slave at one time? A Yes sir.
Q What is your wife's name? A Delphie.
Q Was she a slave at any time? A No sir.
Q What was her blood? A Choctaw.
Q Was she all Choctaw; full blood Choctaw or did she have other blood? A She claimed Choctaw.
Q How long has she been dead? A About forty three years.
Q Do you know how old she would be if living now? A No sir I don't.
Q Then your daughter Alice Gatewood gets her African blood from you and her Choctaw blood from her mother? A Yes sir.
Q In her application made today to be identified as a Mississippi Choctaw she stated that she had made an application as a Chickasaw freedman at one time and that she made it because her father, meaning you I presume, told her that she was a Chickasaw freedman. Now do you know anything about that?
A Yes sir.
Q Did you advise her to make that other application? A Yes sir.

Examination by Mr. Jones, Attorney for applicant.
Q You say your name is Newton Burnie and you are the father of Alice Gatewood? A Yes sir.
Q How long did you say her mother had been dead? A Forty three.
Q She states that she's forty two years old; did you know that? A I don't know as I did; I said her mother.

Q Do you know how long she's been dead? A No sir I don't.
Q Do you know how old she was when her mother died.
A She was about four hours old when her mother died.
Q How much Choctaw blood did you say her mother had? A She was all Choctaw.
Q Do you know? A Her people was full blood Indians.
Q Now I'm talking about her mother - Alice Gatewood's mother; was she a half breed or was she a full blood? A Her mother was an Indian.
Q Was you married to her mother? A No sir; I was married to the girl.
Q Was you married to Alice Gatewood's mother? A Yes sir, Yes Sir, Yes Sir; O! Now, YES, SIR.
Q Her name was Delphia? A Yes sir.
Q And you say she was a full blood? Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Where did she come from? A She come from Mississippi.
Q Now I want to ask you about this business at Pauls Valley, going before the Commission down at Pauls Valley; you testified for her at Pauls Valley didyou? A Yes sir.
Q What did you state to the Commission about this case; about Alice Gatewood; she claimed as a Chickasaw freedman down there; you say you advised her to do so; what did you state to the Commission about that; you say her mother was a full blood; state why you did it? A Because I was her father
Q You wanted her to take after you; you wanted her to take after her father? A Yes sir.
Q Did you know anything about her ancestors living in Mississippi in 1830 or anything of their remaining? A No sir; I don't know as I did; I didn't know anything about their moving from there.

Q By the Commission:

Q Now she stated before the Commission down there that she was a Chickasaw freedman; do you know how that came about?
A I told her to say that.
Q Why did you tell her to say that; was she a slave?
A No sir.
Q Why did you ask her to say that? A I was a slave and I thought she would go there on my side.
Q And she made the statement because you advised her to do so?
A Yes sir.
Q Was it a true statement? A No sir I guess not.
Q What's your name? A Newton Burnie.
Q Now Newton didn't you know that that was wrong thing for you to do to tell your daughter to swear falsely in that application that she made at Pauls Valley; don't you know that was a wrong thing for you to do? A No sir I thought by that she would go with me.
Q Now look here; she testified when she made that application that she belonged to Reverend Robertson who was a missionary; she meant by that that she was a slave didn't she? A I suppose so.
Q And you stated when you gave your testimony that she belonged to Reverend Robertson a missionary and a [illegible] you stated she was his slave didn't you? A No sir; I didn't know that Mr. Robertson owned any slaves.

Q What do you mean when you say a person belongs to another? A Yes sir I suppose so but let me explain.
Q Let me get at the facts. Again you testified: "Alice Gatewood is my daughter; she belonged to Nancy McGilvary."
Q Did you mean that she was a slave of Nancy McGilvary?
A No sir those are her kin people.
Q What did you mean by that language; just explain it.
A She belonged to that family; she was kin to that family.
Q Now she testified when she made this application today for identification as a Mississippi that she was one fourth Choctaw blood and that her mother was one half; now you testify that the mother was a full Choctaw; now is she right or are you right one of you is wrong. A I think I'm right; her mother is an Indian; her grandmother was Indian.
Q And who was Nanny Robinson? A I'm not acquainted with her; I don't know her.
Q You are not acquainted with her? A No sir; I'm not acquainted with her.
Q Do you know Mrs. Nancy Smith? A Yes sir; that's my kin.
Q Were you her slave? A Yes sir.
Q Now she testified at Ardmore Indian Territory, November 23, 1898 and she testified that she knew Nanny Robinson and she further testified that Nanny was Alice Burnie's mother. Do you know anything about that? A No sir.
Q She says: this negro woman belonged to me and she was now the mother of Burnie; I guess it is Alice Burnie, Nanny's mother.
A No sir I dont know Nanny.
Q Who was this Burnie? A I guess it must be me. That's my name.
Q Well dont you know or did you ever hear of Nanny Robinson?
A No sir.
Q Was your wife Delphia a slave? A I don't know sir whether she was or not; I don't think she was.
Q How long did you live with her? A About thirteen months or fourteen months I think.
Q Is that all you lived with her altogether? A Yes sir.
Q At what time was that; was that before the war or after the war? A After the war; I married her in November and she died the next November.
Q Where did you live during that time? A I lived down here at Tishomingo.
Q In the Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q Do you mean to say you don't know whether ever a slave? A Yes sir; I'm not able to tell you she was a slave.

Examination by Mr. Jones, Attorney for applicant.

Q When did you say you married her? A In November and the next November she died.
Q That year was that? A I am not able to tell you; that was just before the war.

By the Commission: What year was it she began? A In sixty I think.
Q I want you to tell me what year you and the mother of married as near as you can? A Well I can tell you before the war.
Q When was Alice born? A She must have been born in '61 or some where along there or sixty or somewhere along there.

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Q When did her mother die? A She died the same year that this child was born.

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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 22nd day of December 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 5th day of January 1903.

Charles Hetzwyer

Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes
Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 22, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Alice Gatewood for the identification of herself and her two minors children Albert and Eliza Gatewood as Mississippi Choctaws.

A.W.Jones attorney for applicant.

Alice Gatewood being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Alice Gatewood.
Q What is your age ? A Fort two.
Q What is your post office address? A Womack.
Q Where is Womack? A Indian Territory.
Q How long have you lived in Womack I.T.
A I lived there all my life. About twenty five years I guess - not all the time.
Q Were you born in the Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q And have always lived in the Indian Territory? A Yes sir
Q Most of the time in what nation? A In the Indian territory.
Q What Nation - Choctaw Nation or Creek Nation? A A portion of the Choctaw.
Q Is your father living? A Yes sir.
Q Is your mother living? A No sir.
Q What is your father's name? A Newton Burnie.
Q What was your mother's name? A Delphie.
Q Which parent do you claim your Choctaw blood through?
A Through my grandmother.
Q Through your father or mother? A Mother.
Q How much do you claim? A A About half.

By Attorney: Her mother's half.

By the Commission:

Q You claim your mother's half Choctaw? A Yes sir.
Q Then you would be one fourth would you? A Yes sir.
Q One half of one half, that's a fourth; you claim all your Choctaw blood through your mother don't you? A Yes sir.
Q Was your mother ever been recognized or enrolled as a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians by the Choctaw tribal authorities or the United States authorities in the Indian Territory? A No sir. My grand mother has.
Q Your mother hasn't has she? A No sir not as I know of.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is your father's blood; is he Indian or Negro?
A He's a freedman.
Q Was he a slave at any time? A Yes sir.
Q Was your mother? A No sir.
Q Were you ever a slave? A No sir.
Q Were you born before emancipation ; you were if you are forty two. A Yes sir.
Q How can you remember whether you were a slave when born or not ? A No sir.

Q Is your husband living ? A Yes sir.
Q White man or negro or what is he? A He's colored.
Q You dont make any claim for him then? A No sir.
Q What is your husband's name? A Gill Gatewood.
Q How many children have you under age and unmarried? A There's two not married; there's none of them married.
Q You have more than two? A I got four.
Q Are they all under twenty one years of age? A No sir.
Q Twenty one or over twenty one? A There's one twenty one and one twenty two.
Q And there are two under age? A Yes sir.
Q Give me the oldest of these two? A Newton Gatewood.
Q How old is Newton? A He's twenty two.
Q I want your children that are under twenty one

By Attorney: Mr. Sawyer these children over twenty one live with her and they are sick and cant come.

By the Commission: It don't make any difference; I cant take their applications; give me the younger ones.
A Albert.
Q How old is Albert? A Eighteen.
Q What is the name of the next one? A Eliza Gatewood
Q How old is Eliza? A Seven years old.
Q And your other two children are over twenty one.
A Yes sir; one is twenty one and the other twenty two.
Q Do you make application for yourself and these two minors?
A Yes sir.
Q Is Gill Gatewood the father of these children? A Yes sir.
Q Are you and he living together as husband and wife and are these children living with you? A yes sir.
Q Is your name or the name of either of these children on any of the tribal rolls of the Choctaw nation in the Indian Territory? A No sir.
Q Have you ever made application for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation either to the Choctaw tribal authorities in the Indian Territory or to the Dawes Commission under the act of Congress of June 10, 1896? A No sir.
Q Have you or your children ever been admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation by either the Choctaw tribal authorities the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes or the United States Court in the Indian Territory? No sir.
Q Do you come before the Commission now to identify yourself and these two minor children as Mississippi Choctaws? A Yes sir
Q Do you make this application under article fourteen of the treaty of 1830? A Yes sir.
Q Do you understand that article or would you like it explained? A Yes sir; explain it so I can understand it.

The treaty of 1830 sometimes called the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek was made in Mississippi at a place by that name on the 27th day of September of that year 1830; the object of that treaty was to remove as far as practicable all of the Choctaw Indians who lived in that old Choctaw nation east of the Mississippi river to the Choctaw nation in Indian Territory. Before the treaty was signed it became known that a good many Choctaw Indians would not go to the Choctaw Nation in Indian Territory under the treaty and in order to [illegible] of those Indians who [illegible] Nation article fourteen was drafted [illegible] the [illegible] of 1830; the treaty was [illegible] signed and later on was ratified; that article is as follows:

"Each Choctaw head of a family being desirous to remain and become a citizen of the states shall be permitted to do so by signifying his intention to the agent within six months after the ratification of this treaty and he or she shall thereupon be entitled to a reservation of one section of six hundred and forty acres of land to be bounded by sectional lines of survey; in like manner shall be entitled to one half that quantity for each unmarried child which is living with him over ten years of age and a quarter section to each child as may be under ten years of age to adjoin the location of the parent; if they reside upon said lands intending to become citizens of the states for five years after the ratification of this treaty, in that case a grant in fee simple shall issue; said reservation shall include the present improvement of the head of the family or a portion of it; persons who claim under this article shall not lose the privilege of a Choctaw citizen but if they ever remove are not to be entitled to any portion of the Choctaw annuity."

Q Did any of your Choctaw ancestors comply or attempt to comply with any of the provisions of that article or not? A Yes sir; there's some stayed; my grandmother came and my great grand father and my cousins stayed back there.
Q Now give me the name of your Choctaw ancestor who stayed in Mississippi and lived there in 1830 and who was the head of a family there then, that is who had children there then.
A McGilberry.
Q Is that the whole name? A Thosby McGilberry.
Q What was the given name? A Thosby.
Q Was that a man or woman? A She was a woman.
Q Is this your grandmother or great grandmother.
A That's my grandmother.

By Attorney: And she says that is the name of her great grand mother.
Q Is this your great grandmother Thosby McGilberry?
A Yes sir.
Q Then Thosby McGilberry is the name of your great grandmother?
A Yes sir.
Q And also your grandmother? A Yes sir.
Q Same name? A Yes sir.
Q You said your great grandmother by that name— did your grand mother by that name live in Mississippi in 1830 and have a family there then? A My great grandmother.
Q Do you know whether she went to the United States Indian agent Colonel Ward within six months after the ratification of the treaty of 1830 and told him she wanted to stay in Mississippi on the land and become a citizen of the states or not? A No sir; I heard my people; they told me she did.
Q You heard so through your people did you? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know whether your great grandmother was a full blood or a half blood or how much blood? A Full blood.
Q Do you know whether she had any land in Mississippi? A Yes sir; that's what Susan [illegible] and Delphia Simon told me that she owned land.
Q That she lived on land five years? A They never told me how long.

Q [illegible]

Q [illegible]

A Yes sir; I understand she did.
Q Did she claim it under article fourteen of the treaty of 1830
A No sir; I do not know that; because they didn't say anything about that.
Q Did your great grandmother Thosby McGilberry go from that old Choctaw Nation or did any other Choctaw ancestor of yours go from that old Nation to the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory with the other Indians -- any of your kin folkage from Mississippi to the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory?
A Yes sir they did; my grandmother.
Q What was her name? A Her name was Thosby McGilberry.
Q And you heard that she went from Mississippi to the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q When did she go? A I do not know sir; they come when all of them came from there; I don't know what time.
Q Came with the other Indians? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know whether the government paid her expenses or whether she paid her own. A No sir I do not know that.
Q Do you know where she located when she reached the Indian Territory? A Boggy Depot.
Q Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q How long did she live there? A I don't know.
Q Did she leave Mississippi and go straight to the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory and settle at Boggy Depot? A Yes sir that's what Susan said; Susan Brown came from Mississippi to the Choctaw Nation.
Q How is Susan Brown? A She's a Chickasaw.
Q And she knew about your grandmother? A Yes sir.
Q Where did Susan Brown go to? A She's in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Where was your mother born? A She was born in Mississippi.
Q Born there before her mother came to the Choctaw Nation?
A Yes sir.
Q She then came with her did she? A Yes sir.
Q Where in Mississippi was your mother born? A I don't know sir; I can't say.
Q Did any of your Choctaw ancestors get any land in Mississippi which they received a patent for from the government after living on it five years? A I don't know sir.

The Choctaw Indians who stayed in Mississippi after the treaty of 1830 was ratified refusing to go to the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory with the other Indians under the treaty were required if they wanted to take advantage of article fourteen of that treaty to go to the United States Indian agent Colonel Ward within six months after the ratification of the treaty and tell him they wanted to stay in Mississippi take land there and become citizens of the states; a great many Choctaw Indians did this, who of course Colonel Ward neglected to put upon his list known as Wards register and because of this neglect those Indians lost their land; it was taken from them by the government and sold at its public land sales; this caused so many complaints among the Choctaw Indians that in 1837 because of the complaints that were made commissions were appointed [illegible] that year and one in 1842 under various acts of Congress; these commissions went to the state of Mississippi and heard claims under article fourteen of that treaty; do you know [illegible] of your [illegible] went before either of these commissions and [illegible] under article fourteen of that treaty? A [illegible] I don't.

Q Did any of your Choctaw ancestors receive any scrip from the government which entitled them to select land in Mississippi Alabama Louisiana or Arkansas? A No sir I don't.

This scrip was issued under act of Congress approved August 23 1842 and was given to those Choctaw Indians who proved their rights under article fourteen and also proved that their land in the old Choctaw nation had been taken from them by the government and sold.

Q Do you speak or understand the Choctaw language? A No sir; I cant talk any at all.
Q Do you want any time in this case Mr. Jones?

By Attorney: Yes sir ; we want thirty days.

Thirty days time is allowed this applicant on motion of her counsel Mr. Jones in which to introduce other testimony if she desires in support of this application.

To Attorney: Any questions? A Yes sir.

Examination by Mr. Jones Attorney for applicant.

Q How long has your mother been dead? A She's been dead---I dont know how long she's been dead.
Q Do you know when she died? A No sir I don't.
Q Did she raise you? A No sir; an old lady raised me.
Q What old lady? A Old lady Martha.
Q Who was old lady Martha? A She belonged to the Lowes.
Q You stated to the Commission that you didn't make any application before today to be identified as a Mississippi Choctaw? A No sir I hasn't until today.
Q Didn't you go before the Commission in Pauls Valley in '98 and make application as a freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Will you state to the Commission why you did that? A Yes sir. Why I did that 'cause my father told me that my mother was a slave and my people told me she never was any slave
Q Your people told you she wasn't a slave and then you want to come now and make application by blood as a Choctaw by blood?
A Yes sir.
Q And want the application that was made before the Commission at Pauls Valley erased? A Want which.
Q You acknowledge you made application before the Commission at Pauls Valley; you stated you hadn't made one but you stated it through mistake? A Yes sir I stated it through mistake because I never understood it when he spoke.
Q Now you want to make it by blood as your people were Choctaws by blood; is that right? A Yes sir.
Q You want the Commission now to have that erased? A Yes sir.
Q Now you say your mother died when you were an infant? A Yes sir.
Q You say your mother was born in Mississippi? A Yes sir.
Q And that your great grandmother remained in Mississippi?
A Yes sir.
Q Who told you that? A My cousin told me; Dollie Filson; she was an Indian.
Q She came from Mississippi did she? A Yes sir.
Q She told you that? A Yes sir.

Examination by the Commission.

Q At Paula Valley you made application as a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman? A It was belonging to the Johnsons.
Q Was it as a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman? A No sir; wasn't no freedman at all.
Q It was stated that you made application as a Chickasaw freedman before the Commissions at Paula Valley in 1899 for yourself and children? A Yes sir.

The records of the Commission show that Alice Gatewood on August 30 1899 at Paula Valley Indian Territory made application as a Chickasaw freedman her name appearing upon freedman roll card field number 1416 and they also show that she made application at that time for her children Newton, Delphy, Albert and Elsa. Reference is here made to said application of Alice Gatewood et al Chickasaw freedman card 1416.

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This applicant has the appearance and physical characteristics of being descended from African parentage; her hair is black; wavy; her features are like the features of one having more colored blood than any other; she may have otherblood also. The Commission is unable to determine that from her physical appearance, she does not understand the Choctaw language and has no knowledge of compliance on the part of her ancestors with any of the provisions of article fourteen of the treaty of 1830.

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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 22nd day of December 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 5th day of January 1903.

Charles Kelsey

Notary Public.

October 14th 1898

Newton Burney (at Colbert) being sworn says:

Alice Gatewood is my daughter. She belonged to Nancy McGilvary . Her husband is Gill Gatewood. He is a United States Citizen.

She has children as follows: Newton, 17; Delphia, 15; Albert, 14; and Eliza, 3.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES/

Atoka, I.T. Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Alice Gatewood, Elijah Gatewood being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I know Alice Gatewood. Her mother's name was Delphy McGilbra. She belonged to an old woman they called Chufky McGilbra, she was a Chickasaw woman.

Sallie Sanders, being sworn, testified:

I know this girl (Alice Gatewood) I know when she was born. Her mother was named Delphy and she belonged to McGilbra.

Redirect:

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 M McDonald

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application of Alice Gateweed, et al., for identification as Mississippi Choctaws, M.C.R. 6488.

---: D E C I S I O N :---

It appears from the record herein that application for identification as Mississippi Choctaws was made to this Commission by Alice Gateweed for herself and her two minor children, Albert and Eliza Gateweed, under the following provision of the act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495):

"Said Commission shall have authority to determine the identity of Choctaw Indians claiming rights in the Choctaw lands under article fourteen of the treaty between the United States and the Choctaw Nation, concluded September twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty, and to that end may administer oaths, examine witnesses, and perform all other acts necessary thereto and make report to the Secretary of the Interior."

It also appears that all of said applicants claim rights in the Choctaw lands under article fourteen of the treaty between the United States and the Choctaw Nation, concluded September twenty-

seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty, by reason of being descendants of Theoby (or Tholsby) McGilberry, who is alleged to have been a full blood Choctaw Indian.

It further appears from the evidence submitted in support of said application, and from the records in the possession of the Commission, that none of said applicants has ever been enrolled by the Choctaw tribal authorities as a member of the Choctaw tribe, or admitted to Choctaw citizenship by a duly constituted court or committee of the Choctaw Nation, or by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, or by a decree of the United States Court in Indian Territory, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 10, 1896 (29 Stats. 321).

It appears from the records of the Commission that the principal applicant herein made application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedwoman, her name appearing on Chickasaw Freedmen Card Field Number 1416. It further appears that in making her application for identification as a Mississippi Choctaw she requested that the application she had previously made for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedwoman, be withdrawn, as her mother was not a freedwoman but a Mississippi Choctaw. It however appears that her father, Newton Burnie, applied for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, his name appearing on Chickasaw Freedmen Card Field Number 465, and that his enrollment as such was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on December 12, 1902, and his name placed on the approved Chickasaw Freedmen Roll as number 1880.

It does not appear from the testimony and evidence offered in support of said application, or from the records in the possession of the Commission relating to persons who complied or

attempted to comply with the provisions of said article fourteen of the treaty of eighteen hundred and thirty, and to persons who heretofore were claimants thereunder, that the said Thosby (or Tholsby) McGilberry, or ancestors less remote, signified (in person or by proxy) to Colonel Wm. Ward, Indian Agent, Choctaw Agency, an intention to comply with the provisions of said article fourteen, or presented a claim to rights thereunder to either of the Commissions authorized to adjudicate such claims by the acts of Congress approved March 3, 1837(5 Stats. 180) and August 23, 1842(5 Stats.513).

It is therefore the opinion of this Commission that the evidence herein is insufficient to determine the identity of Alice Gatewood, Albert Gatewood and Eliza Gatewood as Choctaw Indians entitled to rights in the Choctaw lands under the provisions of said article fourteen of the treaty of eighteen hundred and thirty, and that the application for their identification as such should be refused, without prejudice however, to whatever rights they may be possessed of as Chickasaw freedmen, and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

(SIGNED) Tams Bixby.
Acting Chairman

(SIGNED) T. B. Needles.
Commissioner

(SIGNED) C. R. Breckinridge.
Commissioner

Muskogee, Indian Territory

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER. OCTOBER 24, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Alice Gatewood and her children Newton, Delphy, Albert and Liza Gatewood as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Alice Gatewood being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Alice Gatewood.
Q How old are you? A I am going on about forty-three.
Q Where were you born? A Born in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q What is your post office address? A Womack.
Q What is your father's name? A Newt Burney.
Q Was he a slave? A Yes, sir.
Q Whose slave was he? A I don't know.
Q What was your mother's name? A Delphi Burney.
Q Was she a slave? A They claim that she was an Indian but I couldn't state anything about it.
Q You don't claim as an Indian do you? A No, sir, claim on my father's side.
Q Claim as a freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q Claim as freedmen for your children do you? A Yes, sir.
Q What are the names of your children? A Newton, Albert, Delphy and Liza.
Q Are those children all living? A Yes, sir.
Q You say you were born in the Chickasaw Nation, where have you lived since then? A Right there in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Have you ever lived outside of the Chickasaw Nation? A No, sir.
Q Where were these children born? A In the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Where have they lived? A Right there with me and are still there.
Q And are all living today? A Yes, sir.
Q You are too young to remember about the war are you? A Yes, sir.
Q You applied , did you not, as a Mississippi Choctaw and were denied? A Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

Newton Burney being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q Whatis your name? A Newton Burney.
Q Are you a freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q Are you on the final roll and have you taken your land yet? A No, sir, haven't taken it yet, I have filed.
Q

Q Is Alice Gatewood your child? A Yes, sir.
Q Who is the mother of Alice Gatewood? A Delphi Burney.
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.
Q When did she die? A Died shortly after the war.
Q Was the war over when she died? A No, sir, it was about over.
Q You don't know how near the end of the war it was? A No, sir.
Q You don't know the year do you? A No, sir, I don't know one date from the other.
Q Whose slave was Delphi? A Belonged to old Nancy McGilbray.
Q Was she a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you belong to the same master as Delphi? A No, sir, I belonged to Nancy Love who was afterwards McLish.
Q Where was Alice born? A Born in the Chickasaw Nation down there at Tishomingo.
Q She was born a slave then wasn't she? A I suppose so she was born about the close of the war.
Q Isn't it a fact that Delphi belonged to Robinson a missionary? A No, sir, when I married her I asked Mr. Robinson for her and he told me to go to McGilbray and she said it was all right.
Q When were you married to Delphi? A About the starting of the war.
Q About the beginning of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q She was then the slave of McGilbray? A They is what they claimed; I went and asked old Mrs. McGilbray for her.
Q When you were married you had to ask McGilbray for her? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you ask her yourself? A She talked Indian and I got Ben McGilbray, her slave, to ask Mrs. McGilbray for me.
Q Wasn't your wife ever with Robinson? A Yes, sir, she was hired there.
Q Who was this Robinson? A He was a white man teaching school.
Q Did Robinson own any slaves himself? A Not as I know of.
Q When you married her wasn't she stopping with Robinson? A Yes, sir, she was there at work.
Q You asked Robinson for her and Mr. Robinson referred you to Mrs. McGilbray? A Yes, sir.
Q How many slaves did Robinson have at that time? A He had about thirteen or fourteen.
Q Did he own any of them? A No, sir, not as I know of.
Q Where has this girl Alice Gatewood been living since she was born? A Right with me.
Q In the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you ever go out of the nation yourself? A No, sir, never did; she hasn't been three miles from me since she has been born.
Q Is this slave Ben McGilbray living today? A No, sir.
Q How long has he been dead? A Died long about - I think he died in '67.
Q Soon after the war? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know Mrs. Nancy Smith? A Yes, sir.
Q Is she an Indian? A Yes, sir.
Q Chickasaw Indian? A Yes, sir.
Q Is she living today? A She was not long ago; I heard of her about three weeks ago and she was alive.
Q Didn't Delphi die when this girl was very young? A She died at birth, never did suckle her mother.
Q Where was Delphi living at that time? A Living in the Academy in the Chickasaw Nation.

Q Didn't Robinson have charge of the academy at that time? A Yes, sir.
Q What became of this child when the mother died? A I taken her and raised her me and an old colored woman .
Q Who was the old colored woman? A Martha Love.
Q Was she a slave? A Yes, sir.
Q Whose slave was she? A Lottie Love's, Nancy's mother.

Witness excused.

Charles Cohee being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Charles Cohee.
Q Howold are you? A Fifty-six.
Q What is your post office address? A Berwyn.
Q Mr. Cohee what do you know about Alice Gatewood and her mother Delpji? A I have known Alice all her live.
Q What do you know about her mother? A I know her.
Q I want you to state all you know about her being a slave of a Chickasaw Indian if she was one? A Yes, sir, she was a slave of the McGilbray family.
Q It has been stated that Delphi Birney the mother of Alice was sold by the McGilbray's to Robinson who had charge of the academy during the war , what do you know about that? A I don't think they ever sold her.
Q Who did Delphi belong to? A To the McGilbray family.
Q Do you know as to whether McGilbray hired Delphi to Robinson? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know that of your own knowledge? A Yes, sir.
Q What makes you think she was hired only? A Well Mr. Robinson was a school teacher there and missionary and he had all the time from ten to fifteen hired; and he hired another woman, the present wife of Newt Birney, these two girls lived near me and they would frequently pass my house going from the academy on Saturdays and she was hired there.
Q You state that of your own knowledge? A Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

Newton Burney recalled testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q You testified in this case five years ago when application was first made for the enrollment of Alice Gatewood? A Yes, sir.
Q You testified before? A Yes, sir.
Q At Pauls Valley on September 14, 1898 did you not then say that Alice Gatewood belonged to Rev. Robinson a missionary and a white man? A If I did I don't remember it. When this question got up they called this girl in and at that time they asked her a question and I come to the door and she said there is my father and I says I don't think she belonged to Mr. Robinson and they just left things in that shape.

Q Isn't this Mrs. Nancy Smith that testified in thiscase your old Mistress? A How is that?
Q What is your old mistress' name now? A Nancy Smith.
Q She swore that this child Alice belonged to Robinson? A No, sir, Robinson never did own her.
Q What became of Robinson? A He is dead.
Q When did he leave the Chickasaw Nation; didn't he leave the Chickasaw Nation about the close of the war? A Yes, sir, I think about two or three years after the close of the war.
Q Do you know as to whether Delphi was hired out to Robinson or not? A Yes, sir, she was hired.
Q Do you know that of your own knowledge? A Yes, she was hired I know of her running away twice and going back to McGilbrays'.
Q ~~Were~~ Were you married to Delphi? A Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

Charles Cohee recalled testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q Do you know as to whether Newton Burney was ever married to Delphi Burney the mother of Alice Gatewood? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know whether they lived together as husband and wife? A They were married by a Choctaw preacher.
Q An Indian preacher? A Yes, sir.
Q Where were they married? A Out there near Tishomingo.
Q Was this Robinson academy at Tishomingo? A Yes, sir, little the other side.
Q Do you know as to whether Robinson ever had any slaves? A No, sir, he had a girl by the name of Annie and if he had any at all she was the only one but I don't think she was his.
Q Do you know whether he was against slavery or ~~not~~ did he believe in slavery? A I don't think he did; always preached against it.

Witness excused.

Alice Gatewood recalled testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q Did Newton and Delphy ever apply as Mississippi Choctaws? A No, sir.
Q How is that? A They wasn't here.
Q Where were they? A They were at home, I had to come here.
Q You only applied for yourself and Albert and Eliza? A Yes, sir.
Q You don't wish to put in any further testimony at any ~~further~~ future time do you? A No, sir.
Q You leave the case to be decided on the record? A (no answer).

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 d[illegible]

Chas. T. Difendafer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of November 1904.

Charles H. Warren
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19-1415.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Alice Gatewood and her children, Newton, Delphia, Albert and Eliza Gatewood as Chickasaw Freedmen.

- - : D E C I S I O N : - -

It appears from the record herein that on August 30, 1899, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Alice Gatewood and her minor children, Newton Gatewood 17 years of age, Delphia Gatewood 18 years of age, Albert Gatewood 15 years of age, and Eliza Gatewood 4 years of age, as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Pauls Valley, Indian Territory, September 14, 1898, at Colbert, Indian Territory, October 14, 1898, at Ardmore, Indian Territory, November 23, 1898, and at Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 24, 1904.

It appears from the record of the Commission that on December 22, 1902, the principal applicant made application to this Commission for the identification of herself and her minor children, Albert Gatewood and Eliza Gatewood as Mississippi Choctaws, and that on May 7, 1903, the Commission rendered its decision refusing said application for identification as Mississippi Choctaws, which decision was affirmed by the Department of the Interior July 11, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the principal applicant, Alice Gatewood, was born in the Chickasaw Nation during the war of the rebellion, and was the slave of Chufky McGilbra, a recognized Chickasaw Indian; that she has resided in the Chickasaw Nation continuously since the date of her birth up to and including September 25, 1902. That the other applicants herein were all born in the Chickasaw Nation, and have made their homes with their mother continuously since the dates of their respective births up to and including September 25, 1902.

There is some evidence in the record that Delphi Burney, mother of the principal applicant herein, belonged to one Robinson, who was a white missionary, and that the principal applicant was either the slave of said Robinson at the close of the war, or had been freed by him prior to that time. Taking the record as a whole, however, it is established that Delphi Burney belonged to said Chufky McGilbra, and that Alice Gatewood was also her property.

It is therefore the opinion of this Commission that Alice Gatewood, Newton Gatewood, Delphia Gatewood, Albert Gatewood and Eliza Gatewood should be enrolled as Chickasaw

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,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 28, 1906.

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Eliza Gatewood,

Wanack, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered June 28, 1906, granting the applications for the enrollment of yourself, Newton Gatewood, Delphia Gatewood, Albert Gatewood and Eliza Gatewood as Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your names will be placed upon the final rolls of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-1418.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 28, 1906.

W. R. Johnson,

Norman, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, on June 28, 1906, rendered its decision, granting the applications for the enrollment of Alice Gatewood, Newton Gatewood, Delphia Gatewood, Albert Gatewood and Eliza Gatewood as Chickasaw freedmen.

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Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Registered.

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 28, 1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, COPY.

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, 1905, granting the applications for the enrollment of Alice Gatewood, Newton Gatewood, Delphia Gatewood, Albert Gatewood and Eliza Gatewood as Chickasaw freedmen.

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Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-1418.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of John Kenzie, Polly Finn being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

John Kenzie is my son and I belonged to Hickaturby, a Chickasaw. He has lived with me in the Chickasaw Nation all his life.

Sallie Sanders: I know him; he is this woman's son.

Redirect: He 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.

Gmcadonald

Chic FR 1417

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Dora Harris, Polly Finn testified after being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als:

Dora is my daughter. I belonged to Hickaturby, a Chickasaw. Dora and her son Dave have always lived in the Chickasaw Nation.

Sallie Sanders:

I know Dora Harris; she is this woman's daughter. I know Dave; x he is her son.

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.

Geo Daniels

Chic FR 1418

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Martha Fisher, Polly Finn being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

Martha Fisher is my daughter and I belonged to Hickaturby, a Chickasaw. She has always lived there with me.

Sallie Sanders: I know Martha Fisher and her children. They are living in the Chickasaw Nation. I have been knowing them ever since they were little 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. McDonald

Chic FR 1419

Chic FR 1419

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 21, 1903.

Mr. W. M. Woods,

Purcell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd instant, enclosing the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Charley Jones, Jr., the infant son of Charley and Mary Jones, born January 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 Chickasaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 22, 1902.

W. F. Woods,

Purcell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, in which you desire to be advised if Charley Jones, agred about two years, the son of Charley Jones, is enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that on September 21, 1901, Charley Jones, Jr., twenty months old, the child of Charles, and Mary Jones, was listed for enrollment by this Commission as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

14-1419.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 15, 1905.

William Walker,

Vonoak, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Albert Gatewood relative to the death of your nephew, Walter Jones, a Chickasaw freedman, which occurred February 4, 1902, and the same are returned to you herewith for further information relative to the deceased person.

You are advised that two persons by the name of Walter Jones have been listed for enrollment by this Commission as Chickasaw freedmen.

You are therefore requested to state the age of the person referred to in your affidavit, the names of his parents and the time and place application was made for their enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

You are requested to give this matter prompt attention, returning your reply and the affidavits in the enclosed envelope.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

16-1417.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1898.

William Walker,

Vonook, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo, enclosing your affidavit and that of Albert Gatewood relative to the death of Walter Jones, a Chickasaw freedman, which occurred February 4, 1898.

The information contained in your letter has enabled the Commission to identify Walter Jones as being duly listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, and the affidavits being in proper form have been filed with our records as evidence of death of the above named person.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Mary Jones, Polly Finn being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

Mary Jones is my daughter and I belonged to Hickaturby, a Chickasaw.

Sallie Sanders: I know Mary Jones. Have known her and her children all their lives. Her children are all there living with her

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.

B. McDonald

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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN 20

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Charley Jones jr

as a citizen of the

Chockasaw Nation.

Approved SEP 21 1901 190

C. R. Breckinridge.

Commissioner.

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

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as Freedman ~~citizen~~ of the Chickasaw Nation,

of Charley Jones Jr., born on the 6th day of January, 1900
(Here insert name of child.)

Name of Father: Charley Jones Sr., a Freedman ~~citizen~~ of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Mary Jones, a Freedman ~~citizen~~ of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post-office, Purcell, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.
Southern District.

I, Mary Jones, on oath state that I am ~~twenty-nine~~ years of age and a Freedman ~~citizen~~, by blood, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Charley Jones Sr., who is a Freedman ~~citizen~~, by intermarriage, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a male (male or female) child was born to me on the sixth day of January, 1900; that said child has been named Charley Jones Jr., and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

mary Jones

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd *day of* Sept. 1901.

W. H. H. Woods,
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.
Southern District.

I, Polly Finn, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mary Jones, wife of Charley Jones Sr., on the 6th day of January, 1900, 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 Charley Jones Jr.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Polly her x mark Finn

Martha Fisher

Dora Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd *day of* Sept. 1901.

W. H. H. Woods,
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Walter Jones

a citizen of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved DEC 1 1902 190

Commissioner.

Walter Jones

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
DEC 1 1902

Commissioner.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Walter Jones
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Wonack
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the 4th day of February, 1902.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern District.

I, William Walker, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen, by Marriage, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Wonack
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am the uncle by marriage of Walter Jones
(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 Walter Jones
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 4th day of February, 1902.

William Walker

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Bird Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of November 1902.

Fromuller
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern District.

I, Albert Yatswood, on oath state that I am 18 years of age, and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Wonack
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Walter Jones
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a citizen, by Freedman Freedy, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Walter Jones
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the 4th day of February, 1902.

Albert Yatswood

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Bird Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of November 1902.

Fromuller

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka , I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Jane Walker, Polly Finn being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

Jane Walker is my daughter. I belonged to Hickaturby a Chickasaw. She has always lived in the territory.

Sallie Sanders: I know her. She live s in the Chickasaw 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 M McDonald

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN,
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD.

McKennon Walker

As a citizen of the

Chickasaw Freedmen Nation.

Approved Aug 8 1902

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Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO FIVE 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 Chickasaw Freedman Nation, of McKennon Walker, born on the 11th day of January, 1900.

Name of father: William Walker, a citizen of the United States ~~Nation.~~

Name of mother: Janie Lucinda Walker, a citizen of the Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

Post Office: Purcell I.T. Box 83.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern District.

I, Janie Lucinda Walker, on oath, state that I am 16 years of age and a citizen, by blood, of the Chickasaw Freedman Nation; that I am the lawful wife of William Walker who is a citizen, ~~by~~, of the United States ~~Nation~~; that a male child was born to me on the 11th day of January, 1900; that said child has been named McKennon Walker, and is now living.

Janie Lucinday Walker

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of March, 1900.

James B. Douglas
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern District.

I, Dora Harris, a Midwife, on oath, state that I attended on Mrs. Janie Lucinda Walker, wife of William Walker on the 11th day of January, 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 McKennon Walker.

Witness
Donat Carter

Dora her x mark Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of March, 1900.

James B. Douglas
Notary Public.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN 20 INDEXED

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Devere Garnetta Ulsen

as a citizen of the

Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

Approved, AUG 8 1902 190....

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
AUG 8 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHICKASAW 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 Chickasaw Freedman Nation,

of Devere Garnetta Walker, born on the 21st day of May, 1902
(Here insert name of child.)

Name of Father: Wm Walker, a citizen of the Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

Name of Mother: Jamie Lucinda Walker, a citizen of the Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

Post-office, Womack, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.
Southern District.

I, Jamie Lucinda Walker, on oath state that I am 18 years of age and a citizen, by blood, of the Chickasaw Freedman Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Wm Walker, who is a citizen, by intermarriage, of the Chickasaw Freedman Nation; that a girl child was (male or female) born to me on the 21st day of May 1902; that said child has been named Devere Garnetta Walker, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Jamie Lucinda Walker

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th *day of* July 1902.

Dorset Carter
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.
Southern District.

I, Dora Harris, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Jamie Lucinda Walker, wife of Wm Walker, on the 21st 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 (male or female) named Devere Garnetta Walker

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

J. H. Rotherman
C. A. Stinson

Dora her x Harris mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th *day of* July 1902.

Dorset Carter
NOTARY PUBLIC.

19-1430.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 8, 1902.

William Walker,

Vamoo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman of Devere Garnetta Walker, infant daughter of William and Janie Lucinda Walker, born May 31, 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 Chickasaw Freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

19-1150.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 8, 1902.

Barnett Carter,

Attorney at Law,

Purcell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 5th inst., enclosing the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Bessie Garnetta Walker, infant daughter of William and Janie Louinda Walker; and receipt of the same has this day been acknowledged to William Walker, Tecumseh, Indian Territory.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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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 a Chickasaw Freedman of-

Frank Reynolds.

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COPY.

Dorset Carter,
Attorney and Counselor at Law.
Purcell, I. T.

Purcell, I. T. Jan. 3, 1902.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:

Sometime ago we forwarded an application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Frank Reynolds, child of Rufus and Alice Reynolds.

Will you please inform us if you received this application and if so what action was taken in the matter.

Respectfully,

Dorset Carter.

(Copy)

Jan. 6, 1902.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:-

Some time ago we forwarded an application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Frank Reynolds, child of Rufus Reynolds and Alice Reynolds.

Will you please inform us if you received this application and also what action was taken by you.

Yours truly,

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 7, 1902.

Dorset Carter,

Attorney at Law,

Purcell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 3rd instant, in which you state that sometime since you forwarded to this office an application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Frank Reynolds, the child of Rufus and Alice Reynolds, and you now desire to be informed if such application has been received and what action, if any, was taken in the matter.

You are informed that it does not appear from our records that any application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Frank Reynolds, the infant child of Rufus and Alice Reynolds, has ever been received by this office.

Yours truly,

T. B. Needles

Commissioner in Charge.

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19-1117.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 1, 1904.

Dorsett Carter,

Attorney at Law,

Purcell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 24th in which you ask that a careful search be made for the marriage license between Rufus Reynolds and his wife, Alice Reynolds. It appears that on May 21, 1904, you addressed a communication to the Commission enclosing copy of a letter written by you under date of January 6, 1902 relative to the transmittal of an application for the enrollment o as a Chickasaw freedman of Frank Reynolds, infant son of Rufus and Alice Reynolds. You therefore request that a careful search be made of the records of the Commission for the purpose of ascertaining if these papers are not on file.

In reply to your letter, you are informed that there has been filed with the record in the matter of the enrollment of Alice Reynolds, daughter of James and Polly Finn, as a Chickasaw freedman, marriage certificate dated July 12, 1899, between Rufus Reynolds and Alice Jennings. It appears from our records

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that on January 7, 1902 a letter was addressed to you acknowledging receipt of your communication of January 3rd, stating that sometime prior to that date you had forwarded the Commission an application for the enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Frank Reynolds, son of Rufus and Alice Reynolds. You were then informed that it did not appear from our records that any application for the enrollment of Frank Reynolds, infant son of Rufus and Alice Reynolds, as a Chickasaw freedman had been received by this office; nor does it appear that such application has been received since that time. If you can state definitely when the application for the enrollment of Frank Reynolds as a Chickasaw freedman was forwarded the Commission, whether the same was accompanied by a letter of transmittal from you and any other information, which will enable us to determine whether such an application has ever been received at this office, the matter of your inquiry will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

T.B. Needles

Commissioner in Charge.

19-1421

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 10, 1904.

Alice Reynolds,

Wewoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam :-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 5th inst., requesting to be advised whether the name of your minor child, Frank Reynolds, appears upon the rolls as a freedman.

You are advised it does not appear from our records that any application was ever received by this Commission for the enrollment of your minor child, Frank Reynolds, as a Chickasaw freedman.

It appears, however, from a letter addressed to this Commission by Dorsett Carter, attorney at law, Purcell, Indian Territory, under date of June 24, 1904, that it is claimed that an application for the enrollment of Frank Reynolds as a Chickasaw freedman was made early in the year 1902.

If it is a fact that application was made for the enrollment of said child at the time stated in the letter of Dorsett Carter, and you will state all the facts relative to the exact time and place such application was made, and whether the same was forwarded by mail to this office, you will be further advised in the premises.

Respectfully,

T. B. Needles

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 14, 1904.

Daniel Carter,

Attorney-at-Law,

Purcell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 3, 1904.

Dorset Carter,

Purcell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 26th in which you state that Alice Reynolds, the mother of applicant Frank Reynolds, is a very poor woman and is not able to pay the expense of herself and witnesses to appear at Muskogee as requested in our letter of September 14, 1904. You therefore request, if possible, that some arrangements be made whereby this testimony may be taken at Tishomingo.

In reply to your letter it does not appear from our records that application has been made to this Commission for the enrollment of Frank Reynolds as a Chickasaw freedman, but if it is insisted that application was made for said child within the time provided by the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, it will be necessary for Alice Reynolds, with witnesses who know of application having been made for the child, to appear before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, for the purpose of submitting their testimony in this matter in order that the entire records of the Commission may be accessible.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby.

Chairman.

19-1421

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 22, 1904.

Alice Reynolds,

Womack, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, requesting to be advised as to the number of witnesses it will be necessary for you to furnish in the matter of establishing the fact that application was made for the enrollment of your minor son Frank Reynolds as a Chickasaw freedman during the Fall of 1901.

It appears from affidavits executed August 30, 1904, by Dorset Carter, Alice Reynolds and Dora Harris that during the Fall of 1901 an application was forwarded to this Commission for the enrollment of Frank Reynolds, infant son of Rufus and Alice Reynolds, born April 9, 1901. It will therefore be necessary that said persons appear before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory and testify under oath relative to the making of the application for enrollment of Frank Reynolds. This matter, however, should receive immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby.

Chairman.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7, 1905.

Alice Reynolds,

Womack, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 7, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of your minor child, Frank Reynolds, as a Chickasaw 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 said child as a Chickasaw freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, his name will be placed upon the final rolls of the freedman of the Chickasaw Nation to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED.

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7, 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 February 7, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Frank Reynolds as a Chickasaw 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 freedman of the Chickasaw Nation. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, his name will be placed upon the final rolls of the freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED)

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl.19--1421.

19-1481

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 18, 1905.

Alice Reynolds,

Womack, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 13, 1905, asking if the name of your son Frank Reynolds has been approved; you state that you have learned that the allotment you have selected for him has been filed on and he desires information as to the status of his case in order that you may contest the filing at once.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the name of your son Frank Reynolds has been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen which has been forwarded the Secretary of the Interior and you will be notified when his enrollment is approved.

You are advised, however, that if the land on which you have improvements which you desire to select in allotment for your son has been filed on by another person, you will be permitted to institute contest therefor upon your personal appearance at the land office for the nation in which the land is located within nine months from the date of original selection.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Marriage Certificate.

TERRITORY OF OKLAHOMA.

County of Cleveland

This Certifies That on the 12 day of July 1899

at Norman in said County, according to law and by authority,

I DULY JOINED IN MARRIAGE,

Mr. Rufus Reynolds of Chickasaw Nq and

Miss Alice Jennings of " "

That there appeared to be no lawful impediment to such Marriage, and that the parties were satisfactorily proven to be the persons described in this certificate, and of sufficient age to contract Marriage.

There were present as witnesses B. F. Williams and Frank Taylor

of Norman O.T.

Given under my hand the 12 day of July A.D. 1899

B. F. Williams

Probate Judge

DEMOCRAT-TRIBUNE PRINT, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Indian Territory :

Southern District :

I, Dorset Carter, do solemnly swear that in the fall of the year 1901 Alice Reynolds and Rufus Reynolds came to my office and I prepared for them an application for enrollment of Frank Reynolds, their minor child, as a member of the Chickasaw freedmen tribe. This child was at that time about six months old. This application was prepared and forwarded to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Not hearing from them, on January 6th, 1902 I wrote them a letter, a copy of which letter is hereto attached. I am positive that I prepared this application because I am well and personally acquainted with both of these parties, and I now recollect with certainly both the time and place where the application was prepared, and that I did forward it as above stated.

Dorset Carter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 30 day of August, 1904.

NOTARY

Martin Wright

Notary Public, Southern Dist., I. T.

NOTARY

Indian Territory :

Southern District :

I, Alice Reynolds, do solemnly swear that I am twenty-three years of age; my postoffice address is Womack, Indian Territory. I was married to Rufus Reynolds about five years ago. We had two children--Frank Reynolds and Howard Reynolds. Frank Reynolds was born on the 9th day of April, 1901. During the following fall Rufus Reynolds and I went to the office of Dorset Carter in the City of Purcell, Indian Territory and had him to prepare an application for the enrollment of Frank Reynolds, our minor child, as a Chickasaw freedman. This application was prepared, and was sworn to by us, and Mr. Carter was directed to forward to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Not having heard from it, we again appeared before Mr. Carter about the first of the year 1902 and had him write a letter to the said Commission about the enrollment of this child.

Dora Harris was present at the time this application was made, and also made oath as to the birth of the child.

Alice Reynolds

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 20 day of August, 1904.

Martin Straight
Notary Public - Southern Dist., I. T.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
FEB - 1 1905

CHAIRMAN.

Indian Territory :
Southern District :

I, Dora Harris, a resident of the Chickasaw Nation, postoffice address, Womack, Indian Territory, do solemnly swear that on the 9th day of April, 1901 I attended Mrs. Alice Reynolds, wife of Rufus Reynolds, and there was born to her on that day a male child, named Frank Reynolds. That during the fall of the year 1901 I went with Alice Reynolds and her husband Rufus Reynolds to the office of Dorset Carter, Purcell, Indian Territory, and there made oath as to the birth of this child, which affidavit was to be used for the enrollment of this child as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Witness
Dorset Carter
C. Roche

Dora her x mark Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 30 day of August 1904.

Martin Straight
Notary Public, Southern Dist., I. T.

Memorandum.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Muskogee, I. T., February 1,1905.

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In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Frank Reynolds as a Chickasaw Freedman.

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Alice Reynolds, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

Q What is your name? A Alice Reynolds.
Q What is your post office address? A Womack, Indian Territory.
Q How old are you? A Twenty-four.
Q Are you a Chickasaw Freedman? A Yes, sir.

The witness is identified on Chickasaw Freedman Card field No. 1421, and is No. 4462 on the final roll approved by the Secretary of the Interior June 28, 1904.

Q What is your husband's name? A Rufus Reynolds.

Rufus Reynolds is identified on Chickasaw Freedman card, field No. 1117, and No. 4060 on the final rolls approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 10, 1903.

Q Have you got a child called Frank? A Yes, sir.
Q Frank Reynolds? A Yes.
Q Did you ever make application for the enrollment of that child?
A Yes.
Q When and where did you make it? A We made it at Purcell.
Q Did you make out the papers yourself? A No, sir; Carter made them out for us.
Q Was Carter a lawyer? A Dorset Carter, yes.
Q You went before him to make out the papers? A Yes, sir.
Q Did he make them out that time? A Yes, sir.
Q About how old was this child at the time you made out the papers before Carter? A He was born in April; I don't know exactly, he was about seven or eight months old to the best of my recollection.
Q Who was with you when you signed those papers? A My sister Dora Harris.
Q What did she have to do with this case? A Midwife.
Q Was she present when the child was born? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you sign your name to any papers? A Yes, sir.
Q Did your sister sign? A Yes, sir.
Q Does your sister write? A No, sir.
Q How did she sign it? A She just touched the pen and he signed it.
Q What did you do with the papers? A Carter was to mail the papers to you all.
Q Carter was to Mail them? A Yes, sir.

Q All you claim about the matter is that when this child was seven or eight months old you went before Dorset Carter, the lawyer, and that he was to send them, but you did not send them yourself? A We paid him to do the work and he was to send them. I don't know whether he sent them or not, but he claimed to us he did.
Q Did you go to him after that? A No, sir; not until we went to Tishomingo to file and they could not find the child's name. He then told us that he sent them.
Q When you said he then told you, who did you mean? A Carter. He told us he had sent the papers.
Witness excused.

Dora Harris, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

Q What is your name? A Dora Harris.
Q How old are you? A Thirty-eight.
Q What is your post office address? A Womack, Indian Territory.
Q Are you a sister of Alice Reynolds? A Yes.
Q What do you know about this application? A Was there when it was made out.
Q Where? A At Purcell, in Carter's office.
Q Were the papers made out then? A Yes, they were made out then.
Q That is all you know about it? A Yes, sir.
Q You don't know whether the papers were sent or not? A No, sir; I don't know.
Q When was this child born? A April 9, 1901.
Witness excused.

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Robert E. Grunert, stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, on oath states that he reported all the proceedings had in the above entitled case on the 1st day of February, 1905, and that foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes in said case.

Robert E. Grunert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of February, 1905.

Charles T. Sawyer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Frank Reynolds as a Chickasaw Freedman.

-- D E C I S I O N --

It appears from the record herein that written application for the enrollment of Frank Reynolds (born April 9, 1901), as a Chickasaw Freedman, was prepared at the instance of Alice Reynolds, his mother, at Purcell, Indian Territory, in the year 1901, and then executed by the said Alice Reynolds and by one Dora Harris, who was in attendance at the birth of said Frank Reynolds, and then forwarded to this Commission by mail, although the records do not show that said application was ever received by this Commission.

It further appears from the record herein that the said Alice Reynolds is a recognized and enrolled Chickasaw Freedman, her name appearing as number 4462 upon the lists prepared by this Commission under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 28, 1904, and that on February 1, 1905, the said Alice Reynolds appeared in person before the Commission and testified relative to said application made for the enrollment of said Frank Reynolds.

It is the opinion of this Commission that the execution of said written application for the enrollment of said Frank Reynolds, together with the mailing thereof to this Commission in the year 1901, as above set forth, should be considered as an application made to this Commission for the enrollment of said child as of the date the same was so mailed, and that said application should be considered and decided on its merits.

It is further the opinion of this Commission that Frank Reynolds is entitled to be enrolled as a Chickasaw 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.

T. R. Buckingham
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
FEB 7 - 1905

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES/ /

ATOKA, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Alice Reynolds, Polly Finn being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

Alice Reynolds is my daughter and I belonged to Hickaturby, a Chickasaw. She has always lived in the Nation.

Sallie Sanders: I know her. She lives in the Chickasaw 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. U. B. Donald

Department of the Interior;

Commission to the Five Civiled Tribes.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation
Howard Reynolds
of ~~the Indian Territory~~, born on the first day of September, 1899;

Name of father: Rufus Reynolds, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, Freedman

Name of mother: Alice Reynolds, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, "

Post Office, Purcell, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Indian Territory,)
Southern District,)
At Purcell.)

I, Alice Reynolds, on oath state that I am 18 years of age and a citizen Freedwoman of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Rufus Reynolds who is a citizen Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that a male child was born to me on the 1st day of September 1899; that said child has been named Howard Reynolds, and is now living.

Alice Reynolds

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 28th day of September 1899. Chas Hutchins
Notary Public

In Re Application for Enrollment of Infant Child Howard Reynolds, Chickasaw

Approved DEC 13 1899

~~A S McKennon~~

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Before the Dawes Commission, in the Southern District of the Indian Territory.

In the matter of the enrollment of Howard Runnels, infant child of Rufus Runnels and Alice Runnels, husband and wife, and both Chickasaw Freedmen.

Indian Territory.)
)
Southern District) Affidavit..
)
at Purcell.)

Now on this 12th day of September 1899, comes Annie Eason, who being first duly sworn, says that she lives about 15 miles north west of Purcell, on walnut creek, in said District and Territory and is 26 years old; resides about a half a mile from said Rufus and Alice Runnels whom she has known for about two years; that she was present on the first day of September 1899 at the home of said Rufus and Alice Runnels in the capacity of a mid-wife and assisted and cared for the said Alice Runnels during her confinement; that she was present at the birth of said Howard Runnels and that said child is the infant son of the said Rufus and Alice Runnels, and was born on said first day of September. Affiant further says that she saw the said child on the 11th day of September 1899 and that said child was then ~~in good health and alive~~ alive and in good health; that she has no interest in the matter of the enrollment of the said child.

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Annie x Eason
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this the 12th day of September 1899.

Chas Hutchins
Notary Public

Witness to mark:
Geo Miller

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Howard Reynolds

~~a citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation.~~

Approved OCT 25 1902 190

C. R. Breckinridge

Commissioner.

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

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN
#1421

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Howard Reynolds (Here insert name of deceased.) a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near Purcell (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the — day of June, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Southern District.

I, George Reynolds, on oath state that I am 63 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Womack (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am The grand-father (State relationship, as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) of Howard Reynolds (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Howard Reynolds (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the — day of June, 1900.

George his X mark Reynolds

WITNESSES TO MARK (Must be Two Witnesses.) G. D. Rodgers. Wm. O. Beall

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 *day of* October 1902

C S Hamm
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Southern District.

I, William Alexander, on oath state that I am 39 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Purcell (Here insert name of postoffice.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Howard Reynolds (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Howard Reynolds (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the — day of June, 1900.

William his X mark Alexander

WITNESSES TO MARK (Must be Two Witnesses.) G. D. Rodgers. Wm. O. Beall

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 *day of* October, 1902

C S Hamm
Notary Public.

CHAIRMAN.

SIXTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen ~~of the~~ as a Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~,

of Frank Reynolds (Here insert name of child.), born on the 9 day of April, 1901

Name of Father: Rufus Reynolds a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~

Name of Mother: Alice Reynolds a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~

Postoffice Womack I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Western DISTRICT.

I, Alice Reynolds, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~, ~~of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~; that I am the lawful wife of Rufus Reynolds, who is a ~~citizen, by~~, ~~of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~; that a male (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 9th day of April, 1901; that said child ~~has been named~~ Frank Reynolds, and is now living.

Alice Reynolds

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of February, 1905.

N. J. Jacobus

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Western DISTRICT.

I, Doras Harris, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Alice Reynolds, wife of Rufus Reynolds on the 9th day of April, 1901; 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 Frank Reynolds

Dora (her + mark) Harris

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Robert E. Grant

Norman Leland

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of February, 1905.

N. J. Jacobus

Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 3, 1904.

Dorset Carter,

Purcell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 26th in which you state that Alice Reynolds, the mother of applicant Frank Reynolds, is a very poor woman and is not able to pay the expense of herself and witnesses to appear at Muskogee as requested in our letter of September 14, 1904. You therefore request, if possible, that some arrangements be made whereby this testimony may be taken at Tishominge.

In reply to your letter it does not appear from our records that application has been made to this Commission for the enrollment of Frank Reynolds as a Chickasaw freedman, but if it is instated that application was made for said child within the time provided by the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, it will be necessary for Alice Reynolds, with witnesses who know of application having been made for the child, to appear before the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, for the purpose of submitting their testimony in this matter in order that the entire records of the Commission may be accessible.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chic FR 1422

Duplicate of M-1076

Chic FR 1422

Chickasaw Freedman
1428

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 12, 1905.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Referring to Chickasaw freedman roll card Number 1428, Mellie Ann Willis, you are advised that a red ink line has this day been drawn through the name of Mellie Ann Willis and her roll number and the following notation placed on said card:

"No. 1 is duplicate of Nerval Willis Chickasaw freedman card #1076 Roll #3998. Enrollment hereon cancelled under Departmental instructions of March 31, 1905 (I T D 3236-1905) D C 17296-1905."

You are therefore directed to make like changes and place above notation on duplicate Chickasaw freedman card Number 1428 in the possession of your office.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedman
1422

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 12, 1908.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Ardmore, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Referring to Chickasaw freedman roll card Number 1422, Mollie Ann Willis, you are advised that a red ink line has this day been drawn through the name of Mollie Ann Willis and her roll number and the following notation placed on said card:

"No. 1 is duplicate of Norval Willis, Chickasaw freedman card #1076 Roll #3998. Enrollment hereon cancelled under Departmental instructions of March 31, 1905 (I T D 3236-1905) D C 17396-1905."

You are therefore directed to make like changes and place above notation on duplicate Chickasaw freedman card Number 1422 in the possession of your office.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 3, 1901.

James F. Morris,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 21st, enclosing marriage license and certificate between James F. Morris and Miss Frances Stephens , and application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman of Eulla M. Morris, the infant daughter of James F. and Frances A. Morris, born July 2, 1901.

The application for the enrollment of Eulla M. Morris being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of this office and the child listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

The marriage license and certificate is returned to you herewith in accordance with your request.

Yours truly,

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FREEDMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., SE PT. 7", 1899.

FRANCIS MORRIS, being sworn, testified as follows.

Q. What is your name? A. Francis Morris.

Q. What is your mothers name? A. Jane Stevens.

Q. She was not old enough to be a slave was she?

A. No sir.

Q. Q. Who was her mother? A. Betty Burton.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. One of the Jones.

Q. How old are you? A. Nineteen (19) .

Q. Your name was Francis Stevens before you were married?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you been married?

A. About ten (10) months.

Q. Ever go by any other name? A. No sir.

Q. Is your mother living? A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you any children? A. Yes sir.

Q. What are their names?

A. James Wesley Morris.

Q. Is your husband a State man?

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. Cravens

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD.

James Pierce Pace

As a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved Sept. 6 1899

Commissioner.

Roll 4183

19-1428

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation,

of [illegible], born on the [illegible] day of [illegible], 1[illegible].

Name of father: [illegible], a citizen of the [illegible] Nation.

Name of mother: Laura [illegible], a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post Office: [illegible]

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
[illegible] District.

I, [illegible], on oath, state that I am [illegible] years of age and a citizen, by [illegible], of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of [illegible] who is a citizen, by [illegible], of the [illegible] Nation; that a [illegible] child was born to me on the [illegible] day of [illegible], 1[illegible]; that said child has been named [illegible], and is now living.

[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of [illegible], 1[illegible].

[illegible]
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
[illegible] District.

I, [illegible], a [illegible], on oath, state that I attended on Mrs. [illegible], wife of [illegible] on the [illegible] day of [illegible], 1[illegible]; that there was born to her on said date a [illegible] child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named [illegible]

[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of [illegible], 1[illegible].

[illegible]
Notary Public.

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12378 IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Bulla M. Morris

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved SEP - 3 1901 1901

C. R. Breckinridge

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN. 11128

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation,
of Bulla M. Morris (Here insert name of child.), born on the 2 day of July, 1901
Name of Father: Jas. F. Morris, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.
Name of Mother: Frances A. Morris, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.
Post-office, South McAlester I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Frances A. Morris, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Jas. F. Morris, who is a citizen, by M. S., of the Nation, that a Female (male or female.) child was born to me on the 2 day of July 1901, that said child has been named Bulla M. Morris, and is now living.

Frances A Morris

WITNESSES TO MARK
(Must be Two Witnesses)
George Stevens
Jane Stevens

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of August 1901.

T. Foster
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Lulinda Jones, a, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Frances A. Morris, wife of Jas. F. Morris, on the 2 day of July, 1901; 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 Bulla M. Morris.

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Lulinda x Jones
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WITNESSES TO MARK
(Must be Two Witnesses)
George Stevens
Jane Stevens

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of August 1901
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Chic FR 1430

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#7 Trans to Choc FR card 1460

Chic FR 1431

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Chic FR 1429-1431

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Chic FR 1432

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

South McAlester, I.T., Aug. 8, 1899.

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

I belonged to Eden Nelson's widow, a Chickasaw. 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.

B McDonald

Chic FR 1433

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FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

South McAlester, I.T., Sept. 8, 1899.

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

My father belonged to Sam Colbert, a Chickasaw.

Henry Coll being sworn testified: I am 62 years old. I live in Cherryville. I know Isaac Alexander. He belonged to Sam Colbert, a Chickasaw. He has always been living in the Territory. Sam Colbert lived on the Wichita.

Redirect: My father has 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.

C. McDonald

Chic FR 1434

FREEDMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

SOUTH MCALESTER, I. T., SEPT 14", 1899.

MARY HILL, being sworn, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Mary Hill.

Q. How old are you? A. Twenty (20) years.

Q. What is your mothers name? A. Elsie Vinson.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Dave McCarche.

Q. Was a a Choctaw or a Chickasaw? A. A. Chickasaw.

Q. Where have you been living since you were freed?

A. Right here.

Q. Where have you been living all your life? A. Caddo, Ind. Ter.

Q. Have you been out side of the Indian Territory?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. What is your husbands name? A. Jarrett Hill.

Q. Is he a citizen? A. No sir.

Q. What was your name before you were married?

A. Mary Butler.

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

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

R R Crawis

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

SOUTH MCALESTER, I. T., SEPT. 4", 1899.

IDA HALL, being sworn, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Ida Hall.

Q. How old are you? A. I will be Sixteen the 14" day of this (September) month.

Q. What is your mothers name?

A. Ellen Butler (Also Vincent)

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Dave McCarche.

Q. A Choctaw or a Chickasaw? A. A Chickasaw.

Q. Have you ever been married? Yes sir.

Q. What was your name before you were married?

A. Ida Butler.

Q. Where have you lived all your life?

A. In the Nation 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.
R R Cravens

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 9, 1902.

E. L. Stegall,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 3rd instant, requesting that you be advised if Emma Butler and Dan Russell have applied to the Commission for enrollment.

Replying to your inquiry you are advised that the records of this office show, that on September 4, 1899, Emma Butler, 22 years of age, of South McAlester, Indian Territory, was listed for enrollment by this Commission as a Chickasaw freedman.

It does not appear from our records that any person by the name of Dan Russell has ever made application to this Commission for enrollment as a citizen or freedman of either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 21, 1902.

Mrs. Butler,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam-

It does not appear from the records of this office that evidence of the birth of Janie Vincent, daughter of yourself and Charlie Vincent, has been filed with the Commission. There is enclosed 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 attaches his name and seal to each affidavit. Signatures by mark must be attested by two disinterested witnesses.

This evidence should be furnished at the earliest practicable date as the same is necessary to determine the rights of this child as a Chickasaw Freedman, and no further action can be taken relative to her final enrollment as such until this information is supplied.

An envelope for your reply is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 29, 1908.

Emma Butler,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 27th inst., enclosing your affidavit and that of Ellen Vincent relative to the birth of your minor child, Peumia, January 21, 1893; and the same are returned to you herewith for further information.

It appears from our records that on September 4, 1900, Emma Butler, 28 years of age, of South McAlester, Indian Territory, and her minor daughter, Janie Vincent, 7 years of age, were listed for enrollment by this Commission as Chickasaw freedmen. The child, Janie Vincent, was listed for enrollment without affidavits of its birth having been filed; and under date of October 21, 1908, this office requested you to furnish such affidavits, enclosing a form for that purpose, together with an envelope for return of same when properly executed.

The Commission cannot accept the affidavits relative to the birth of Peumia Vincent as proof of birth of Janie Vincent;

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and you are advised that if your affidavit and that of Elias Vincent have been forwarded for that purpose, it will be necessary to explain why the child was called Jerie in 1899 and is now called Pearvie.

Upon receipt of the information requested herein, and return of the affidavits relative to the birth of this child, the matter will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 8, 1903.

Jane Butler,

Care R. L. Stegall,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It does not appear from the records of this office that any evidence of the birth of your minor daughter, Janie Vincent, has ever been filed with the Commission.

You are advised that before the application for her enrollment as such can be given further attention it will be necessary that proof of her birth be supplied. For the purpose of assisting you in the matter a blank application for the enrollment of an infant child is enclosed you. 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 parties whose names are to be affixed to the affidavits are unable to write, that the names be attested by two persons able to write their own names as witnesses. The Notary Public, before whom the affidavits are acknowledged, must affix his notarial jurat and seal to each separate affidavit.

Please give this matter immediate attention.

Respectfully,

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[illegible], Indian Territory, September 19, 1905.

Emma Butler,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

On October 20, 1905, the Commission acknowledged receipt of your letter of the 8th of October, 1905, enclosing your affidavit and that of Ellen Vincent relative to the birth of your minor child, Pearnie, January 22, 1899; and the same were returned to you for further information.

It appears from our records that on September 4, 1899, Emma Butler, 28 years of age, of South McAlester, Indian Territory, and her minor daughter, Jamie Vincent, 9 years of age, were listed for enrollment by this Commission as Chickasaw freedmen. The child, Jamie Vincent, was listed for enrollment without affidavits of its birth [illegible] been filed; and under date of October 21, 1905, this office [illegible] you to furnish such affidavits, enclosing a form for the [illegible] for return of same [illegible]

[illegible] of Oc[illegible]

and you were advised that if your affidavit and that of Ellen Vincent had been forwarded for that purpose, it would be necessary to explain why the child was called Jessie in 1880 and called Pocahontas in 1882.

The Commission again requests the above information and also enclosed a birth affidavit, which you should immediately have executed and returned to the Commission.

Respectfully,

B.C.
Enc.

Chairman.

19-1436

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 6, 1904.

Emma Butler,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby kindly requested to advise this office at your earliest convenience of the full names and ages of each of your living children.

An envelope which requires no postage is enclosed herewith for your reply.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 12, 1904.

Emma Butler,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 5th inst., stating that you have only one child and that she was born January 21, 1893, and her name is Janie Pearsy Vinson and you request to be advised when you will be permitted to select allotment of lands for said child.

You are informed it appears from our records that on September 4, 1899, Emma Butler, of South McAlester, Indian Territory and her minor daughter, Janie Vincent, were listed for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen and the enrollment of Emma Butler as a Chickasaw freedman was approved by the Secretary of the Interior, April 10, 1903.

Before the application for the enrollment of Janie Vincent can receive further consideration, it will be necessary that the Commission be supplied with further information.

You are therefore requested to answer the enclosed list of questions and return the same to this office at your earliest convenience.

You are further informed that under the rules and regulations governing the selection of allotments in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation no citizen or freedman will be permitted to select their

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allotment until their enrollment has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 8, 1904.

Emma Butler,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your statements relative to your minor daughter, Jamie Pearry Vinson, and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of her application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1436

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 27, 1904.

Emma Butler,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Kate Jackson relative to the birth of your minor daughter Janie Permia Vinson January 21, 1893.

You are advised that proof of birth of said child in proper form was filed with our records April 21, 1904, and the enrollment of Janie Pearmy Vinson as a Chickasaw freedman was approved by the Secretary of the Interior June 28, 1904.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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List of questions to be answered by

EMMA BUTLER.

Int. 1 State your age.

Ans. Born Nov. 12-1877- 27 years. old next birth day

Int. 2 State your postoffice address.

Ans. South McAlester, I.T.

Int. 3 Are you the mother of the child listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, named Janie Vincent.

Ans. Yes:- We spell the name Vinson, my child has a double name, Janie Jenny Vinson. she is the same person, recognized by the name of Janie,

Int. 4 Is the name of her father, Charlie Vincent?

Ans. Yes- Charlie Vinson.

Int. 5 Was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman?

Ans. Choctaw.

Int. 6 Is he living, and if so, can you state his present postoffice address?

Ans. Yes- Dow, P.O. Red Bring Choctaw Nation.

Int. 7 Do you know whether Charlie Vincent had any other children if so, state their names and ages, if possible.

Ans. Yes- Willie Vinson, about 14 years.
Eddie Vinson, " 9 "

Witness:- Emma Butler.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

.....

as a citizen of

.....Nation.

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

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Commissoner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation,

of Janie. Permia. ~~Vincent,~~ Vinson. (Here insert name of child), born on the 21st day of January-1893., 1.

Name of Father: Charles ~~Vincent,~~ Vinson. a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Emma Butler, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post-office South McAlester, I-T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Emma Butler, on oath state that I am years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Not Married, who is a citizen, by , of the Nation; that a Female (Male or female) child was born to me on 21st day of January--1893, 1; that said child has been named Janie. Permia. ~~Vincent,~~ Vinson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Emma Butler

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of September 1904. 190

G. A. Sloan
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Kate Jackson, a Mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Miss; ~~Emma~~ Butler, wife of on the 21st day of January---1893., 1; 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 Janie. Permia. ~~Vincent,~~ Vinson,

her
Kate X Jackson,
mark.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

J. J. Walsh
H. H. Brickley.

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of September-1904. 190

My commission expires September 27th 1907.

G. A. Sloan
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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The examining the name Vincent was done by Mr. there people pronounce the name Vincent, but Claim it is spelled Vinson.

G. A. Ploen
Notary Public.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Jamie Pearsia Vincent

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved APR 21 1904 to

Commissoner.

proof of birth of child
listed for enrollment 8/1/99

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation,
of Janie.Pearmia. Vincent, (Here insert name of child), born on the 2Ist day of January--I893.

Name of Father Charles Vincent, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother Emma Butler, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post-office, South McAlester, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.
Central District.

I, Emma Butler, on oath state that I am Twenty Six years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am [redacted] not married to Charles Vincent, who is a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female (Male or female) child was born to me on 2Ist day of January I893, ; that said child has been named Janie.Pearmia. Vincent, and is now living.

Emma Butler

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this I6th day of November 1903

T. A. Rice
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.
Central District.

I, Kate Jackson, a Mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Emma Butler, [redacted] wife of, on the 2Ist day of January- I893, ; that there was born to her on said date a [redacted] Female (MALE OR FEMALE) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Janie.Pearmia. Vincent.

her
Kate X Jackson,
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this I6th day of November 1903

T. A. Rice,
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission

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Choctaw Card No. [illegible]

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 stared 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 ~~[illegible]~~ 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 ~~[illegible]~~ 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 Chi[illegible]
Q He is a C[illegible] freedman? A Yes.

By Mr. [illegible]

Q Did [illegible] to old [illegible] Factor? A I think he belonged to A[illegible] I don't [illegible] he belonged to-- I think he [illegible] was a Chi[illegible]

By Mr. [illegible]

Q Does [illegible] live with Henry McDonald? A No, my boy stays at home [illegible] me.

Q Have you a daughter named Carrie? A Yes.
Q Is she married to Henry McDonald? A Yes.

Robert Foster will be enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman. The enrollment of Phyllis Foster is refused for the reason that she was never was a slave of a Choctaw or Chickasaw Indian.

Brown McDonald, being first sworn by Acting Chairman Nixby, as Stenographer to the Five Civilized Tribes, says that he reported in full the testimony of the witness Phyllis Foster, 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, 1906, at Atoka, Indian Territory.

Acting Chairman.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF
Robert Gaiter
a citizen of the
Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

Approved NOV 25 1902, 190

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 the matter of the death of Robert Factor
(Here insert name of deceased.)

a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near Atoka
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the ___ day of February, 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

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

I, Phyllis Factor, on oath state that I am 68 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Atoka
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am the mother
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.)
of Robert Factor
(Here insert name of deceased.)
, who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Robert Factor
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the ___ day of February, 1900

her
Phyllis x Factor
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)
W. M. C. Bunn
R. M. Nelson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th *day of* November 1902.

D. H. Linebaugh
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

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

I, E. W. Nail, on oath state that I am 32 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Atoka
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Robert Factor
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Robert Factor
(Here insert name of deceased.)
died on the ___ day of February, 1900

E. W. Nail

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)
[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th *day of* November 1902

D. H. Linebaugh
Notary Public.

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Chic FR 1441

In the matter of the application of Sam Jones for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman:

Sam Jones being sworn says: (Stonewall, September 6th 1898)

I am about 58 years old. I belonged to Richard McLish. I belonged to him when I was freed. I went to Fort Gibson in 1865 and returned in June 1865.

My wife Agnes is 48 years old. She belonged to sam Colbert.

I was mustered out of the 1st Creek Regiment May 31st 1865 and came home in June.

We have 7 children. The married ones are Jennie, wife of Bat Brashears a Choctaw Freedman. I have 5 unmarried children: Willis, 30; Nettie, 21; Victoria, 20; Ida, 18 and Belle, 15.

Charles Cohee being sworn says: (Honewall, September 6th 1898)

I know Sam Jones. I know he was here in July of 1865. I saw him on the Washita. He went away agd n and agd n returned along in the fall or winter.

Gabe Jackson being sworn says: (Richmond, September 22nd 1898)

I know Sam Jones. I saw him the last of August or the first of September in the year peace was made. He was in Cubby Lowe's yard. I do not know when he came back. He went off in 1863 or 1864. I saw him at Lowe's in the summer of the year that peace was made. I am about 52 years old.

Nero Perry being sworn says: (Ardmore, September 7th 1898)

I know Sam Jones. I knew him during and after the war. I knew when he went away from the Chickasaw Nation. He came back before the treaty of 1866. It was along after we had laid by crops. That was the year peace was made. It was along in the latter part of August that he came back.

Doc Thompson, Cubby Love and others said they did not want any free negroes and I went on the range.

I was here when Sam Pitcylynn was killed and I think Sam Jones was here.

Fred L. Shoeape being sworn says: (Ardmore, September 21st 1898)

I know Sam Jones. I was in the United States army. I belonged to Company "A". 1st Arkansas Light Art. In 1865 I was in Arkansas and the Indian Territory. I was mustered out at Fort Smith.

Sam Jones belonged to the 1st and 2nd Kansas Regiment.

I do not know when we went out of the Territory or when he came back. I was mustered out August 10 th 1865, but do not know when he was mustered out.

Chickasaw freedman-1441.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
COLBERT, IND. TER., JUNE 11, 1906.

In the matter of the application of Agnes Jones et al., for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, said Agnes Jones being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Agnes Jones.
Q How old are you? A 49.
Q Where was you born. A I was born in Blue in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Was you a slave? A yes.
Q Who was your master? A Robert Colbert.
Q What was Robert Colbert? A Chickasaw Indian.
Q Where have you lived since you were freed? A Berwyn.
Q Have you always lived in the Territory? A yes.
Q Never been out of it? A No sir.
Q Have you any testimony besides your own to show you belonged to Robert Colbert or not? A No sir.
Q How old were you at the close of the war when the negroes were freed? A I don't know.
Q Do you recollect the circumstance? A No sir.
Q How do you know that you were a slave? A I stayed with the Indians.
Q Have you any children? A yes.
Q What are the names of those under 21 years of age that are unmarried? A I have but one-- Belle Jones 14 years old last ~~summer~~ May.
Q You have a son not married? A yes.
Q How old is he? A 32.
Q Is he of sound mind? A No sir.
Q He is not competent to appear himself and give testimony? A No.
Q Does he live with you? A Yes.
Q Always has? A yes.
Q Is this the first time you have appeared before the Commission for enrollment ? A Yes.
Q Why haven't you appeared before? A Well, my husband was with me and I thought he was attending to it.

Chickasaw freedman 1441.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
COLBERT? IND. TER., JUNE 11, 1900.

In the matter of the application of Agnes Jones et al., for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, Charles Cohee being sworn testified: (Sworn by Com'r. Needles)

Q How old are you? A Fifty-two.
Q Do you know Agnes Jones? A Yes.
Q How long have you known her? A Ever since I can recollect.
Q Do you know whether she was a slave or not? A Yes.
Q Whom did she belong to? A Robert Colbert .
Q Who was he? A A Chickasaw.
Q Full blood? A No sir.
Q Do you know where Agnes Jones has lived since the Emancipation proclamation in '65? A Yes, right around Burwyn in the Indian Territory and has always lived there.
Q Never to your knowledge lived out of the Territory? A No sir.
Q Do you know her unmarried children? A Yes.
Q What are their names? A Willie and Belle .
Q Do they live with her now? A Yes.
Q You know of your own knowledge that she is a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes.
Q Who was she before she married? A Agnes Humdy.
Q Did her parents belong to Sam Colbert? A Yes.
Q Do you mean Sam or Robert Colbert? A Her parents belonged to Sam. She belonged to Robert.

Chickasaw Freedman-1441.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
COLBERT, IND. TER., JUNE 11, 1900.

In the matter of the application of Agnes Jones et al., for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, said Agnes Jones Being RE-CALLED and sworn by Commissioner Needles, testified:

By the Commission:

Q When were you married to Sam Jones? A It has been about 33 years since I have been married to him.
Q Since the war? A Yes.
Q Was that after Sam returned from the army? A Yes.
Q You have been in the Chickasaw Nation since September, 1865? A Yes.
Q You make application for enrollment of the two children besides yourself? A Yes, for all my children.

Brown McDonald being sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby says that as Stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported the testimony of Agnes Jones and Charles Coheek and the foregoing is a complete transcript of his notes.

Brown McDonald

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June, 1900, at Colbert, Indian Territory.

Acting Chairman.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Sirear Johnson

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

JAN 10 1902

Approved, ... 190

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 Chickasaw Nation,
of Serear Johnson (Here insert name of child), born on the 8th day of Dec, 1901.
Name of Father: Manly Johnson, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Bell Johnson (Maiden name Bell Jones), a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.
Post-office Berwyn

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AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Southern District.

I, Bell Johnson, on oath state that I am 18 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Manly Johnson, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation, that a female (male or female.) child was born to me on the 8 day of Dec 1901; that said child has been named Serear Johnson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK (Must be Two Witnesses)

Bell Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th *day of* Jan *1902*

J P Taylor
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Southern District.

I, Vina Williams, a Mid Wife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Bell Johnson wife of Manly Johnson on the 8th day of Dec, 1901; 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 Serear Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK: (Must be Two Witnesses.)

H D. Taylor

her
Vina x Williams
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 *day of* Jan *1902*

J P. Taylor
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,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern District. } sct.

I, C. M. CAMPBELL, Clerk of the United States Court, in the Territory and District aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the License for and Certificate of Marriage of

Mr. Manly Johnson and

M Bell Jones

were filed in my office in said Territory and District the 29th day of Dec. A. D. 190 0

and duly recorded in Book E. of

Marriage Record, Page 253

WITNESS my hand and Seal of said Court, at

Ardmore, this 8th day

of Jany. A. D. 190 1

RECEIVED
DEC 29 1900 PM

C. M. Campbell
C. M. CAMPBELL, Clerk. CLERK.

☞ Return this License to the United States Clerk at Ardmore, that it may be recorded, when it will be mailed to the proper address.

"DEAD" PRINTING COMPANY.

Marriage License

United States of America,
INDIAN TERRITORY
SOUTHERN 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. Manly Johnson of Berwyn in the Indian Territory, aged 20 years and M. Bell Jones of Berwyn 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 24 day of Dec A. D. 190 0

C M Campbell
Clerk of the United States Court.

Certificate of Marriage.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT. } ss: I, G W. Stall a Baptist minister

do hereby certify, that on the 27 day of Dec, A. D. 190 0, 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 27 day of Dec, A. D. 190 0

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Southern District, at Ardmore, Book A, Page 45

(NOTE.—The person officiating should fill in the spaces for book and page and sign here.)

G W. Stall of Berwyn
a Bapt. minister

NOTE (a)—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, at Ardmore, 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.)

NOTE (b)—No person is authorized to perform the Marriage Ceremony in the Southern District unless the proper credentials have first been recorded in the Clerk's office.

Texas Printing Company, Fort Worth.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 29, 1900.

Mr. Charles Jones,

Purcell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of May 17th, in which you make inquiry as to the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman of Sam Jones and his family, and also state that he, Sam Jones, died on March 27th, 1900.

The testimony taken in behalf of Sam Jones and his wife Agnes and of his married daughter, Jennie, and of his unmarried children, Willie, Nettie, Victoria, Ida and Nellie, before this Commission at Stonewall, was taken September 6th, 1898. The Commission has not up to this time located him or his family for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen. The Commission will be at Atoka from June 4th to June 8th, and at Wolbert from June 11th to June 16th, 1900, inclusive, and suggests that you have Mrs. Jones appear there in person as an applicant for enrollment on behalf of herself and family, so that a sufficient statement may be taken under oath, upon which the Commission can base a decision, and also for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior when the final rolls of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations are sent to him for review.

Yours truly,

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 10, 1902.

Manly Johnson,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Serear Johnson, the infant daughter of Manly and Rell Johnson, born December 8, 1901, and the name being in proper form has been duly filed with the records of this office and the child listed for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

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

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 21, 1902.

Manly Johnson,

Berwyn, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of marriage license and certificate of Manly Johnson and Belle Jones of the twenty fourth of December, 1900, and the same has been accepted and filed with the records of the Commission as authority for the changing of the name of Belle Jones from her maiden name to her present married name of Johnson.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

19-1441

chic FR 1442

See also chic FR 1441

chic FR 1442

Chickasaw Freedman 1442.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
COLBERT, IND. TER., JUNE 11, 1900.

In the matter of the application of Nettie Haynes for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, Agnes Jones being sworn by Commissioner Needles testified:

By the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Agnes Jones.
Q How old are you? A 49 years old.
Q Are you the mother of Nettie Haynes? A Yes.
Q You have been enrolled today as a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes.
Q This Nettie Haynes is your daughter? How old is Nettie Haynes? A. 23.
Q Where does she live ? A In the Cherokee Nation.
Q How long has she lived in the Cherokee Nation? A She went up there last winter.
Q Where was she born? A At Burwyn.
Q She has always lived in the Indian Territory? A Yes.
Q Does she claim Cherokee citizenship? A No sir.
Q How does she happen to live in the Cherokee Nation? A Just went to visit her sister.
Q Her husband lived there? A Yes.
Q And is a non-citizen? A Yes.
Q Why is it that Nettie has not appeared in person today to be enrolled at the same time you appeared? A She did not know but what she was on the roll.
Q Her father appeared for her at Stonewall before Com'r. McKennon in September, 1898? A Yes.
Q And her father and you supposed that she was enrolled? A Yes.
Q Has Nettie any children? A No sir.

Under the circumstances we will permit Nettie Haynes's enrollment without her being present for the reason that she supposed that she was enrolled at Stonewall in September, 1898, by Com'r. McKennon, and it appears from some cause that the Commission failed to enroll her at that time.

(See testimony of Agnes Jones to be found with her application in her own behalf. Also refer to testimony of Chas. Cohee in Agnes Jones' case.)

Brown McDonald being sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, states that he reported in full the testimony of the witness Agnes Jones in the above styled case, and that the foregoing is a true, full and complete transcript of his notes.

Brown McDonald

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June, 1900, at Colbert, Indian Territory.

Acting Chairman.

Chic FR 1443

see also Chic FR 1441

Chic FR 1443

Muskogee, I.T., December 16, 1899.

Victory L. Allen,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear madam:

This office is in receipt of a birth certificate in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Edna Ruth Allen. The field records of this Commission do not show that either you or your husband have been enrolled. If application was made by you you will please advise the Commission at once at what place, when, and under what name. If you have been known by several names you will please mention them all in order that the right of your child to enrollment may be ascertained. No action can be taken on the certificate until receipt of your answer.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

Jany 11/00. Have made thorough examination of indices but fail to identify.

Ruth

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 1, 1901.

Mr. George Allen,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of an application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman of Thomas Clarence Allen, the infant son of George and Victoria Allen, born May 12, 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,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Chickasaw freedman 1443.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
COLBERT, IND. TER., JUNE 11, 1900.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Victoria Allen as a Chickasaw freedman, Agnes Jones being sworn by Com'r. Needles testified as follows:

By the Commission:
Q What is your name? A Agnes Jones.
Q What is your age? A 49.
Q How old is Victoria? A 21.
Q Is she married? A Yes.
Q What is her husband's name? A George Allen.
Q Where was she born? A At Berwyn in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Where does she live now? A Berwyn.
Q Has she always lived in the Indian Territory? A Yes.
Q She is your daughter? A Yes.
Q And you are enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman ? A Yes.
Q The reason Victoria doesn't appear in person is that she supposes-she was enrolled at Stonewall, and by some mistake of the Commission she failed to be enrolled at that time? A Yes.
Q Has Victoria any children? A She has one.
Q What is its name? A Cecil.

(Affidavit and proof of her birth is in the hands of the Commission.)

(See testimony of Agnes Jones, the mother, and Charles Cohee, to be found with Agnes Jones application in her own behalf.

Brown McDonald being sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, saus that he reported in full the testimony of the witness, Agnes Jones, in the above styled case, and that the foregoing is a true, full and correct translation of his notes.

Brown McDonald

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June, 1900, at Colbert, Indian Territory.

Acting Chairman.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD.

Edna E. Allen

As a citizen of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved DEC 13 1899 1

A S Mercer

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Edna Esta Allen, born on the 14 day of Nov, 1899.

Name of father: George Allen, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of mother: Victory L. Allen, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post Office: Berwyn Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern District.

I, Victory L. Allen, on oath, state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen, by Chickasaw Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of George Allen who is a citizen, by Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a Girl child was born to me on the 14 day of Nov, 1899; that said child has been named Edna Esta Allen, and is now living.

Victoria L Allen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of Nov, 1899.

J P Taylor
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern District.

I, Lavina Williams, a Midwife, on oath, state that I attended on Mrs. Victory L Allen, wife of George Allen on the 14 day of Nov, 1899; that there was born to her on said date a Girl child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Edna Esta Allen.

witness
Albert P Taylor

Lavina her x mark Williams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of Nov, 1899.

J P Taylor
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Thomas Clarence Allen

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved, JUL 1 1901 190

C. R. Breckinridge

Commissioner.

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

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Thomas Clarence Allen (Here insert name of child.) born on the 12 day of May, 1901

Name of Father: Geo Allen, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Victora Allen, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post-office, Berwyn I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Southern District.

I, Victora Allen, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Geo Allen, who is a citizen, by Marriage, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a male (male or female.) child was born to me on the 12th day of May 1901; that said child has been named Thomas Clarence Allen, and is now living.

Victoria L. Allen

WITNESSES TO MARK (Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 *day of* June 1901.

J. P. Taylor NOTARY PUBLIC.

Berwyn I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Southern District.

I, Lottie Jones, a mid wife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Victora Allen, wife of Geo Allen, on the 12 day of May, 1901; 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 Thomas Clarence Allen.

Lottie E Jones

WITNESSES TO MARK: (Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th *day of* June 1901.

J. P. Taylor NOTARY PUBLIC.

Chic FR 1444

see also chic FR 1441

Chic FR 1444

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 13, 1901.

Fred Edwards,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Fleetwood Frank Edwards, the infant son of Fred and Ida Edwards, born December 29th, 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 Chickasaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Chickasaw freedman 1444.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
COLBERT, IND. TER., JUNE 11, 1900.

In the matter of the application of Ida Edwards for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, Agnes Jones being sworn by Com'r. Needles testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Agnes Jones.
Q What is your age? A 49.
Q What is Ida's name? A Ida Edwards.
Q Is she your daughter? A Yes.
Q Where was she b orn? A Burwyn.
Q In the Indian territory? A Yes.
Q How old is she? A 19.
Q Has she any children? A No sir.
Q Has she always lived in the Indian territory? A Yes.
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.
Q The reason that she is not here today to make her application in person is that she assumed that she was enrolled in Stonewall in September, 1898, when her father Sam Jones, applied for the enrollment of his whole family, and by some omission they were not enrolled? A Yes.
Q Her father, Sam Jones, is dead? A yes.
Q Has Ida any children? A No sir.

(Refer to the testimony of Agnes Jones in her own behalf; also Charles Cohee in same case.)

Brown McDonald, being sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, ~~testifies~~ says that as Stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported in full the testimony of the witness Agnes Jones in the above case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct translation of his notes.

Brown McDonald

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June, 1900, at Colbert, Indian Territory.

Acting Chairman.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Frank Edwards

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved, FEB 13 1901 190..

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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FEB 13 1901

ACTING CHAIRMAN

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Fleetwood Franklin Edwards (Here insert name of child), born on the 29 day of Dec., 1900

Name of Father: Fred Edwards, a citizen of the _____ Nation.

Name of Mother: Ida (Jones) Edwards, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post-office, Berwyn I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Southern District.

I, Ida Edwards, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a citizen, by Freedom, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Fred Edwards, ~~who is a citizen, by~~ _____, of the _____ Nation, that a male (male or female.) child was born to me on the 29 day of Dec, 1900; that said child has been named Fleetwood Franklin Edwards, and is now living.

Ida Edwards

WITNESSES TO MARK (Must be Two Witnesses) J T Pringle

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 *day of* Feb. 1901.

W. A. Jolly NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Southern District.

I, Lottie Jones, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Ida Edwards, wife of Fred Edwards, on the 29 day of Dec, 1900; 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 Fleetwood Franklin Edwards

WITNESSES TO MARK: Lottie Jones

(Must be Two Witnesses.) J T Pringle

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 *day of* Feb. 1901.

W A Jolly NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Charley Lee Edwards

as a ~~citizen of the~~

Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation~~.

Approved OCT 31 1902 190

C. R. Breckinridge

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~~ Chickasaw Freedman ~~Nation,~~
of Charley Lee Edwards (Here insert name of child.), born on the 14 day of September, 1902
Name of Father: Fred Edwards, ~~a citizen of the~~ Non Citizen ~~Nation.~~
Name of Mother: Ida Edwards, a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw Freedman Nation.
Post-Office: Berwin

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
~~INDIAN TERRITORY,~~
Southern District.

I, Ida Edwards, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Fred Edwards, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ _____, ~~of the~~ Non Citizen ~~Nation,~~ that a male (Male or Female.) child was born to me on the 14 day of September 1902; that said child has been named Charley Lee Edwards, and is now living.

Ida Edwards

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of October 1902

C S Hamm
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
~~INDIAN TERRITORY,~~
Southern District.

I, Dina James, a nurse, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Ida Edwards, wife of Fred Edwards, on the 14 day of September, 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 Charley Lee Edwards

her
Dina X James
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)
Wm C Burn
G D Rodgers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of October 1902

C S Hamm
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, NOVEMBER 27,1900.

Chickasaw Freedman 1445.

In the matter of the application of Flora Roff for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Flora Roff, having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Flora Roff.
Q How old are you? A I am right at forty years old.
Q What is your post office address? A Ran.
Q Where is that? A In Pickens County.
Q Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir, Chickasaw.
Q How long have you been a redident of the Chickasaw Nation? A I dont know no where else; never b
Q Never been anywhere else? A No sir.
Q Born there and lived there all your life? A Yes sir, born there and lived there all my life. I don't know no where else.
Q Ever been outside of the Indian Territory? A Not only to go to trade and come back, about the towns somewhere.
Q What is your father's name? A My father was named Charlie.
Q Charlie Roff? A No sir, Dukes.
Q Charlie Dukes that was? A Yes sir, that was who owned him.
Q Is he living? A No sir, he is dead.
Q What was your mother's name? A Seely
Q Is your mother living? A No sir, my mother is not living.
Q Were your mother and father slaves of Chickasaw Indians? A No sir.
Q Both of them? A Not of Chickasaws; I don't know whether they was Chickasaws or what they was, I was taken away from then when I was a little bit of a child, as to telling you anything about my mother I just could not do it, only just to say that she belonged to --
Q Who did you belong to? A Jim Tyson.
Q Jim Tyson? A Yes sir.
Q Was he a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes sir, he was a Chickasaw.
Q You was born in 1860? A Yes sir, I reckon so.
Q You was in the Indian Territory at the time that the war broke out? A Yes sir.
Q In the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Did you go away? A No sir, I have not been no where.
Q Was you in the Chickasaw Nation at the time the was was concluded? A Yes sir.
Q Was you in the Chickasaw Nation at the time of the making of the treaty of Fort Smith? A Yes sir, I suppose so, but I was a very small child. I have neve r been any where else.
Q Did you go outside of the Chickasaw Nation from the time you were born up to the time you was ten years of age? A No sir, I didn't go out. They didn't take me out.
Q Did you remember anything about your father? A No sir.
Q Do you remember anything about your mother? A No sir.
Q Are you married? A No sir.
Q Have you ever been married? A Yes sir.
Q Where is your husband? A My husband has been dead soon will be eight years.
Q Have you got any children? A I have got seven.
Q What was your husband? A Roff.
Q Was he a United States man or a freedman? A I don't know what he was, I must tell you the truth about it, but he was alwayssaid to be a citizen, I don't know.
Q What are your childrens' names? A Abe Roff.

Q How old is Abe? A Nineteen.
Q All right, now go right down. A Tom Roff, seventeen, Leonard Roff sixteen, Mattie Roff is thirteen, Will Roff is twelve, Seely is ten the baby is seven.
Q What is the baby's name? A Poncy. Roff.
Q Who is the father of all these children? A That same man.
Q What is his name? A Henry Roff.
Q He is dead, is he? A Yes sir; been dead seven or eight years.
Q You don't know anything about whether your husband was a United States citizen or a slave of a Choctaw or Chickasaw Indian? A No, sir, not more than I have heard him say he belonged to Criners.
Q What Criners? A I don't know nothing about the Criners.
Q Did your husband always live in the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir; he don't know nothing about anywhere else; he has always lived here.

William Binks, having been first duly sworn, on his oath, testifies on behalf of the applicant as follows:

Examination by Commission.

Q What is your name? A William Binks.
Q What is your age? A I am just about fifty seven years, I will be fifty seven --
Q Are you a freedman of either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation?
A Choctaw.
Q Have you always resided in the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know this woman, Flora Roff? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know that she was a slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Who was her owner? A Jim Tyson.
Q Was this woman living in the Chickasaw Nation at the time of the beginning of the war of 1861? A Yes sir, all her people live here.
Q Was she here at the time of the treaty of Fort Smith? A Yes sir.
Q Was she here at the time of the treaty of 1866 between the Choctaws and the Chickasaws-- A Yes sir.
Q Did she ever go away from the Chickasaw Nation? A No sir, not to live. They have been living down here on Hickory.
Q Did you know her father, Charlie Dukes? A I knew of him, I was not personally acquainted with him.
Q Was he a slave? A Yes sir.
Q Who did he belong to? A Frank Dukes.
Q They were Chickasaw Indians? A Yes sir.
Q Did you know this woman's mother? A Yes sir. They belonged to the ~~[illegible]~~ Dukes.
Q Seely Dukes? A Yes sir.
Q This woman has always lived in the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir, she has neverr been out to live. I knowed her ever since she was a small girl.
Q Did you know this woman's husband, Henry Roff? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know that this woman and Henry were ever married? A Yes sir.
Q Who married them? A I did.
Q When did you marry them? A I married them in the latter part of '68 or '67, I disremember which now.
Q Do you know these children? A Yes sir.
Q You know these all to be the children of Flora and Henry Roff?
A Yes sir.
Q Was Henry Roff ever the slave of the Chickasaw Nation? A Well, now, it was so said that he was, I would not be positive about that. It was said, said he was but for me to know of myself I dont.

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 cause on November 28, 1900, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes in said cause. Anna Bell
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of November, 1900.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN

19-1445.

IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Flora Cloff

a citizen of the

Chickasaw freedman Nation.

Approved OCT 31 1902 190—

T. B. Ansley

Commissioner.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Flora Roff
(Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen of the~~ Chickasaw freedman ~~Nation~~, who formerly resided at or near
Rann
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the 12th day of
July, 1901.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern District.

I, Nannie Roff, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Rann
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am the daughter of Flora Roff,
(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 Flora Roff died on the 12 day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
July, 1901.

Nannie Roff

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 *day of* October 1902.

C S Hamm
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern District.

I, John Wright, on oath state that I am 35 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Rann
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Flora Roff
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Flora Roff died on the 12 day of
(Here insert name of deceased.)
July, 1901.

John Wright

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 *day of* October 1902.

C S Hamm
Notary Public.

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At Tishomingo, September 26th 1898, the following testimony was taken:

Magaret Kemp being sworn by Commissioner A.S.McKenno says:

I am 23. I am daughter of Viney McDonald, enrolled (Chickasaw Freedmen Card 726).

My husband Robert Kemp, 23, is son of Hannah Kemp. I do not know who she belonged to. I have one child: Garfield Gardner, 6.

Margaret Kemp
Garfield Gardner

enrolled.

(The foregoing appears on page 23, Tablet8, Chickasaw Freedmen notes. Neither of these parties appear to have been enrolled).

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 21, 1901.

Vinny McDonald,

Doggy Depot, Ind. Ter.

Dear Madam:

The records of the Commission show that at Tishomingo, Indian Territory, on September 25, 1899, Margaret Kemp appeared before the Commission and made application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman of herself and her minor child, Garfield Gardner.

The testimony taken at that time shows that the name of her husband is Robert Kemp, but no statement relative to the father of Garfield Gardner was made. Neither does the testimony state the post office address of Margaret Kemp. You are requested to state her present post office address and inform the Commission, if you are able to do so, whether or not Robert Kemp is a citizen by adoption of either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation, and if so, to which Nation he belongs. Please state also full information relative to the father of Garfield Gardner. Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated. An envelope is enclosed herewith for your reply, postage not prepaid.

Very Respectfully,

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 3, 1901.

Mrs. Viney McDonald,

Wapanuoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, in reply to the letter written by the Commission, June 21, 1901, making inquiry concerning Margaret Kemp and Garfield Gardner.

You state that the post office address of Margaret Kemp is Wapanuoka, I. T., and that the father of Garfield Gardner is Elijah Gardner, a Choctaw Freedman.

You are requested to inform the Commission whether or not Robert Kemp is a Freedman, and if so, to what Nation he belongs; also if Elijah Gardner, the father of Garfield Gardner, and Margaret Kemp, his mother, were ever lawfully married. You are further requested to state the name of the father of Margaret Kemp and his owner.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

An envelope is enclosed herewith for your reply, which requires no postage.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 12, 1901.

Mrs. Viney McDonald,

Hugoemaha, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, giving information relative to Robert Kemp, Elias Gardner and Margaret Kemp.

You are informed that your letter has been duly filed with the records of the Commission.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 18, 1903.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

On March 28, 1903, the Commission transmitted for departmental approval schedule number four of the partial roll of Chickasaw freedmen, numbers 3028 to 4211 inclusive, copies of which were returned to the Commission approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 10, 1903.

Referring to the name of Margaret Jackson, which appears thereon, opposite No. 3429, the Commission has to advise that on May 11, 1903, Margaret Jackson appeared at the Chester Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory for the purpose of selecting allotments for herself and her minor child, Garfield Gardner.

From an examination of the applicant it developed that she is identical with Margaret Hump, whose name appears upon the partial roll of Chickasaw Freedmen,

approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 10, 1903, opposite No. 4209.

As allotment of land has been made to Margaret Jackson, whose name appears opposite No. 3429, the Commission has to recommend that the enrollment of Margaret Kemp, No. 4209, on the approved roll of Chickasaw Freedmen, be canceled upon the schedules of freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation in the possession of the Department, and that the Commission be authorized to cancel her enrollment upon the approved schedules of freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation in its possession.

There is inclosed herewith a copy of the testimony of Margaret Jackson, which was taken at the time of her application for allotment at the Choctaw Land Office May 11, 1903.

Respectfully,

Chairman,

Commissioner,

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

W A S H I N G T O N.

L.R.S. September 15, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:

August 15, 1903, you recommended that the enrollment of Margaret Kemp, whose name appears opposite No. 4209 on the approved schedule of Chickasaw Freedmen, be canceled for the reason that this persons has been enrolled as Margaret Jackson on schedule No. 4 of Chickasaw Freedmen, at No. 3439, which was approved April 10, 1903. It appars that Margaret Jackson, No. 3439, has selected allotments for herself and her minor child.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs concurs in your recommendation; a copy of his letter of September 1 is inclosed.

The Department also concurs therein, and that name of Margaret Kemp, No. 4209, has been canceled upon the copy of the schedule in this office, and you are directed to cancel said name from the copies returned to you. The Commissioner has also been directed to correct the copy of said schedule in his office, in the same particular.

Respectfully,

Thos. Ryan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Office of Indian Affairs,

Washington, Sept. 1, 1903.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith letter of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of the 15th ultimo inviting attention to the fact that on March 28, 1903, the Commission transmitted for Departmental action schedule No. 4 of the partial roll of Chickasaw Freedmen, Nos. 3028 to 4211 inclusive, which was returned with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior April 10, 1903.

Referring to the name of Margaret Jackson, which appears opposite No. 3439, the Commission states that on May 11, 1903, Margaret Jackson appeared at the Choctaw land office at Atoka for the purpose of selecting allotments for herself and her minor child Garfield Gardner. From an examination of the applicant it developed that she is identical with Margaret Kemp, whose name appears upon the partial roll of Chickasaw Freedmen opposite No. 4209, approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 10, 1903.

As Allotment of land has been made to Margaret Jackson, whose name appears opposite No. 3439, the Commission recommends that the enrollment of Margaret Kemp, No. 4209 on the approved roll of Chickasaw Freedmen be cancelled upon the schedule of freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation in the possession of the Department, and that the Commission be authorized to cancel her enrollment upon the approved schedule of freedmen in its possession.

There is enclosed herewith copy of the testimony of Margaret Jackson relative to this matter which was taken at the time of her application for allotment, May 11, 1903 .

I concur in the recommendation of the Commission.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Jones,
Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 24, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notation in red ink has been made upon original Chickasaw Freedmen enrollment card number 1447:

"No. 1 cancelled Sept. 15, 1903. See Departmental letter of that date, D. C. No. 25851-1903."

Also the following notation in black ink:

"No. 1 is a duplicate of No. 2 on Chickasaw Freedmen card No. 626."

You are, therefore, directed to cancel the name of Margaret Kemp, by drawing a red ink line the entire length of line one on said duplicate card 1447.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 24, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the following notation in red ink has been made upon original Chickasaw Freedmen enrollment card number 1447:

"No. 1 cancelled Sept. 15, 1903. See Departmental letter of that date, D. C. No. 36351-1903."

Also the following notation in black ink:

"No. 1 is a duplicate of No. 2 on Chickasaw Freedmen card No. 826."

You are, therefore, directed to cancel the name of Margaret Kemp, by drawing a red ink line the entire length of line one on said duplicate card 1447.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

December 17, 1902.

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In the matter of the application of Emma Stevenson for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Applicant is not represented by attorney.

EMMA STEVENSON, being first duly sworn, on oath, testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

Q. What is your name ? A. Emma Stevenson.
Q. How old are you ? A. twenty-four years.
Q. What is your post office address ? A. Milo, I. T.
Q. How long have you lived at Milo, I. T. ? A. About two years.
Q. Where were you born -- in Indian Territory ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Have you always lived in Indian Territory ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Have you lived all your life in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. What is the name of your father ? A. Joe Murray.
Q. Is he living ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. What is the name of your mother ? A. Jane Elliott.
Q. Is she living ? A. No, sir, she is dead.
Q. Is your father a Chickasaw Freedman ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Has he been before the Commission and made application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. About how old a man is your father ? A. He is about 57 or 59 I reckon -- I can hardly tell just right.
Q. Was your mother a Chickasaw freedman ? A. No, sir.
Q. What was the name of your father's master ? A. Koohubby.
Q. K-o-o-h-u-b-b-y ? A. Yes, sir, I think so.
Q. Was Koohubby a woman or a man ? A. A man I think.
Q. Do you know the name of his wife ? A. No, sir.
Q. The wife of your father's owner ? A. No, sir, I do not know her name.
Q. Where is you father living ? A. At Woodford, I. T.
Q. Where was your father freed ? A. In the Choctaw Nation I think. I do not know exactly -- either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.
Q. Has your father always lived in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country ?
A. Yes, sir.

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Q. What tribe of Indians did Kochubby belong to ? A. Chickasaw Indians.
Q. Chickasaw Indian ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Do you know whether your father was ever enrolled by the Chickasaw tribal authorities as a Chickasaw freedman ? A. Yes, sir, he is enrolled as a freedman.
Q. By the Commission or by the Chickasaw tribe authorities ?
A. By the Commission.
Q. Is he on any of the rolls made by the tribal authorities ?
A. I could not tell you that.
Q. This is the first time you have ever been before the Commission ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Have you any brothers or sisters listed for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen ? A. Yes, sir. Loverd Murray, Lena Murray, Jodie Murray, Willie Murray, Dudley Murray and Hattie Murray.

Reference is here made to Chickasaw freedman, field card, No. 124, whereon Joe Murray and his minor children, the father, brothers and sisters of this applicant are listed for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

Q. Are you married ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. What is your husband's name ? A. Israel Stevenson.
Q. Is he a Chickasaw freedman ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. How old is Israel Stevenson ? A. He is 23.
Q. Have you any children ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. What are their names ? A. George and Manly Stevenson.

Reference is here made to Chickasaw freedman card No. 593. Thereon is listed for enrollment, Israel Stevenson, the husband of this applicant and their two minor children, George and Manly Stevenson, as Chickasaw freedmen.

Q. When and where were you married to Israel Stevenson ?
A. I was married in Ardmore, in 1897, I think.

There is on file with the record in Chickasaw freedman case, No. 593, a certified copy of the marriage license and certificate between Israel Stevenson and Emma Murray, issued December 30, 1897, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Southern District, Indian Territory, at Ardmore, in book "C" of Marriage Records, page 271, on the 21st day of January, 1898.

Q. Is the Israel Stephenson named in that marriage license your husband ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. His name is sometimes spelled S-t-e-p-h-e-n-s-o-n and sometimes S-t-e-v-e-n-s-o-n ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. You generally spell your name S-t-e-v-e-n-s-o-n ? A. Yes, sir.

Witness excused:

Israel Stevenson, being first duly sworn as a witness in this case testifies as follows:

Q. What is your name ? A. Israel Stevenson.
Q. How old are you ? A. 24 if I have made no mistake.
Q. Are you listed for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. When and where did you make application for such enrollment ?
A. At Ardmore, Indian Territory.
Q. When -- what year ? A. 1897 I think -- let me study a minute - no, sir, it was in 1898.
Q. What was the name of your Chickasaw owner ? A. Tennessee Byhum
Q. You are too young to have had a Chickasaw owner ? A. Yes, sir. I take my blood from my father. That was my father's owner.
Q. What was your father's name ? A. George Stevenson.
Q. Are you married ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. What is the name of your wife ? A. Emma Murray.
Q. That was her maiden name ? A. Yes, sir. Before I married her.
Q. Has she just made application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. You were married at the time you made this application for yourself ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. To this same woman ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. At that time you testified that she was a citizen of the United States ? A. Yes, sir, but I will tell you how that come -- old man Mack told me that Joe Murray was not on, and that my wife was a non-citizen. After that I wrote to the Commission and they said Joe Murray was on -- that is the way that come up.

Reference is here made to the testimony of Joe Murray in Chickasaw freedman case No. 124, wherein it is stated that he is the father of a married daughter by the name of Emma Murray.

Q. The record shows that you filed a certified copy of your marriage license and certificate, at the time you made application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, in which that marriage license and certificate, your name is spelled S-t-e-p-h-e-n-s-o-n- A. Yes, sir, that is the Notary Public spelled it that way.

Q. But, the correct way is S-t-e-v-e-n-s-o-n ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Are you the identical person named in that license ? A. Yes, sir.
Q. How many children have been born to you and your wife ?
A. Two.
Q. What are their names ? A. George and Manly.
Q. You made application for the enrollment of both of these children ? A. Yes, sir.

Israel Stevenson, the husband of this applicant, and her two minor children, George and Manly Stevenson, are listed for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, on Chickasaw freedman card, field No. 593.

Witness excused.

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 above entitled cause at Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 17, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a true, correct and full translation of his stenographic notes as taken therein.

Fred V Kinkade

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of December, 1902.

Charles H. Herrington

Notary Public.

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Trans from chic FR #D3

Chic FR 1449

Department of the Interior
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes
Ada, I.T. November 12,1902.

Chickasaw Freedman D-3.

In the matter of the application for enrollment as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation of Nicey Frazier, et al.

Nicey Frazier being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission

Q What is your name? A Nicey Frazier.
Q How old are you? A I don't know sir how old I am--about forty-five years old, as near as I can get at it.
Q How old were you during the Civil War ? A I guess about four or five years old.
Q You remember it at all? A No,sir.
Q You were born before the War? A Yes,sir.
Q What is your post office address? A Stonewall.
Q How long have you lived in the Chickasaw Nation? A All my days; I was right here--I was born right here.
Q You have never been outside of the Nation? A No,sir.
Q What is the name of your father? A Bart Franklin.
Q Is he a Chickasaw Freedman? A Yes,sir.
Q Is he living? A Yes,sir.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Her name was Violet.
Q She a Chickasaw Freedman? A Yes,sir.
Q Is she living? A No,sir.
Q You got any children? A Yes,sir.
Q How many? A Ten.
Q Ten living? A Yes,sir.
Q Give their names? A Laura, Sallie.
Q You know their ages? A No,sir; not exactly.
Q Give the rest? A Chirp, Victoria, Frank, Julia, Hilliard, Jesse.
Q Girl or boy? A Boy
Q Next one? A Luella.
Q Next one? A Robert.
Q Next one? A I believe that is all.
Q Were you ever a slave Nicey? A Yes,sir; but I was not big enough to do anything.
Q You were owned though by an Indian? A Yes,sir.
Q What was his name? A I was owned by his mother.
Q What was her name? A Easter.
Q Easter what? A Easter Colbert.
Q Was your mother owned by the same woman? A Yes,sir.
Q Were you never outside of the Chickasaw Nation? A No,sir.
Q Was this Easter Colbert a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes,sir.
Q There is no doubt as to her right as a Chickasaw Indian? A No, sir I don't guess there was,--he knows all about it(Billy Perry)
Q You were living in the Chickasaw Nation during the War and at the time slaves were freed? A Yes,sir.
Q And have lived here ever since? A Yes,sir.

Witness excused.....

Billy Perry called as a witness after being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission

Q What is your name? A William Perry.

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Q Your age? A Fifty-five.
Q Your post office address? A Ada.
Q Are you a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes, sir
Q Are you acquainted with this woman Nicey Frazier? A Yes; she was owned by my mother; she was a slave of my mother.
Q Slave of your mother's? A Yes, sir.
Q Was your mother living in the Chickasaw Nation during and at the close of the War? A Yes, sir.
Q This woman was living in the Chickasaw Nation at that time? A Yes, sir.
Q Owned by your mother? A Yes, sir.
Q At the time of the freeing of the slaves s he was owned by your mother? A Yes, sir.
Q So far as you know she has lived here ever since? A Yes, sir.

G. Rosenwinkel being duly sworn on his oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on November 12, 1902 and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes in said cause on said date.

G Rosenwinkel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of January 1903.

Charles H. Sawyer
Notary Public.

Exx

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COMMISSIONERS
HENRY L. DAWES,
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY

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

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Creek F 1583.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 13, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that Mary Grayson, aged 21, and her son, Wallace Frazier, aged 2, are regularly listed for enrollment on Creek Freedman Card Field No. 1583, and that selections of land have been made for them in the Creek Nation.

It appears from the records of the Creek Enrollment Division that said Mary Grayson is the daughter of Daniel Grayson, a Creek freedman, and Sallie Grayson, deceased, a Chickasaw freedman, and that Chub Frazier, a Chickasaw freedman, is the father of her said child.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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FREEDMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION T THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

SOUTH McALESTER? I. T., SEPT. 4", 1899.

EMMA BUTLER, being sworn, testified as follows.

Q. What is your name?

A. Emma Butler.

Q. How old are you?

A. Twenty-two years old.

Q. What is your mothers name?

A. Ella Vincent.

Q. Who did she belong to?

A. Nokarche.

Q. Where have you lived since you were turned free?

A. In the Territory.

Q. Have you always lived in the Territory?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Choctaw or Chickasaw?

A. Chickasaw, I think.

Q. How long since you lived in the States?

A. Over three (3) years.

Q. How long have you been married?

A. I am not married.

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 Cravens

Chic FR 1450

Trans from chic FR #D38

Chic FR 1450

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Mary Brown to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Hartshorne, I. T. August 2nd, 1899, for enrollment as a Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Mary Brown.

Q. What is your age? A. I can't tell you that, I am pretty old though.

Q. Who did you belong to? A. Jim Preedie

Q. What was he a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. He was a white man, my mistress wasa Citizen.

Q. Who was your mistress? A. Betsy.

Q. Was she a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Q. Where have you been living since you were freed? A. Here in the Choctaw Nation.

Q. Is there any one here that knows you belonged to Mrs. Preedie? Ans. I don't know whether there is any one in this town or not.

Edmond Lewis being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Edmond Lewis.

Q. How old are you? A. I am about 51.

Q. Do you know Mary Brown? A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know that she lived at Preedie's? A. Yes sir, I think she belonged to them, she lived at Vaughan Brashears.

Q. Where were you when Bill Johnson lived there? A. I was living at Limestone Gap. We moved down there the first year of the war.

Q. Did you know this old lady when she was a slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Louis Preedie.

Q. Do you know that she was Preedie's slave? A. Yes sir, I know that she never was outside of the territory.

Q. How big were you during the war? A. I was about 12 or 13 years o old I guess.

Q. Did you know this woman then? A. Yes sir.

Mary Brown #2

Mary Brown ~~#2~~ examined.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir I have one boy in the Pen and this girl here.

Q. What is the name of the one in the Pen? A. Silas Brown.

Q. Is he married? A. No sir.

Q. How old is he? A. 21.

Q. Has he always lived here in the Territory? A. Yes sir, born right here and never was out until he was taken out.

Q. What is this girl's name? A. Alice Brown

Q. Does she live with you? A. Yes sir.

Q. Has she always lived here in the Territory? A. Yes sir always.

Applicant: I have one boy named Otis Brown, he is out working hired out.

Q. Does he make your house his home? A. Yes sir.

Q. Has he always lived here in the Territory? A. yes sir.

Q. Never was out of it? A. No sir.

Jack Robinson being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Jack Robinson.

Q. How old are you? A. 52

Q. Do you know Mary Brown? A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know who she belonged to? A. Louis Preedie's father.

Q. Do you know that she was his slave? A. Yes sir.

Q. Are you satisfied that she was the slave of Mr. Preedie? A. I think she was, well I know she was.

Q. Where did you know the Preedie's at? A. In Blue County, and Red River County, Choctaw Nation.

Q. Where did Preedie live when you knew him? A. Near the mouth of Blue River.

Q. What year was that? A. That was during the war.

(This testimony to go with Chickasaw Card D-36)

Chickasaw Freedmen Cards D 38; and D. 39.

IN RE application of Mary Brown and others.

Sworn by Commissioner McKennon,

Samuel Brown says:

I am a U.S. citizen. My wife Mary, 60 belonged to Mrs. Predy. Mrs. Elizabeth Predie. She has lived here ever since she was 13 years old, in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. She now lives in the Choctaw Nation.

I have been married to her 28 years. I have lived in the Nation all the while.

Our children are: Silas, 20; Otis, 18; and Alice, 20.

I was married to her according to law.

Charles Cohee says:

I know that Mary Brown lived with the Predys before the war. She was counted his slave The wife of Predy was a Chickasaw.

Samuel Brown further says:

I havea a married daughter, the daughter of my wife: Addie, 30, wife of Henry Williams. Her children are: John, 14; and Ed 12. (These parties will meet the Commission in the Choctaw Nation).

Sam McCoy says:

I am a Choctaw Freedman. My wife, Jane, 28 is daughter of Mary Brown. We have 4 children: Willie, 11; Wesley, 9 Henry, 7 and Sam, 1.

Mary Brown
Silas Brown
Alice Brown
Otis Brown

Jane McCoy
Willie McCoy
Wesley McCoy
Henry McCoy
Sam McCoy enrolled "W C"

Chic FR 1451

Trans from chic FR D39

Chic FR 1451

Chickasaw Freedman
D 39

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 30, 1904.

H. B. Milner,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 19, relating to the cases of Mary Brown and her daughter, Jane McCoy, as Choctaw freedmen, in which you ask to be informed if further evidence is lacking therein.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the final right to enrollment of Mary Brown and her children was dependent upon the right to enrollment of Sallie Cox, to whom they formerly belonged. Mrs. Cox having now been enrolled as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation the Commission will take up the application for the enrollment of Mary Brown and Jane McCoy and their families as Chickasaw freedmen and it is probable that their names will be placed upon the next schedule of Chickasaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation of--

Paris Dailey,
Laura White,
Malinda Rody,

19-1452.

MEMORANDUM.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER., MARCH 14, 1905.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Paris Dailey as a Chickasaw freedman.

PARIS DAILEY being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THECOMMISSION:

Q What is your name? A Paris Dailey, but I sign it P. A.
Q How old are you? A I am about thirty-four.
Q What is your post office address? A Ran.
Q You claim to be entitled to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you ever make application for enrollment prior to this time? A No, sir.
Q This is the first time you ever tried to be enrolled? A Yes, sir.
Q Did anybody ever make application for your enrollment? A Not that I know of, except my father.
Q Well did your father make application for you? A He said he did.
Q When did he tell you that? A When he made application for himself.
Q How long ago was it that he made application do you know? A No, sir, I don't know exactly, two or three years ago.
Q At the time he said that he made application for you you were quite a little over twenty-one years of age weren't you? A I don't know exactly how old I was.
Q You say you are thirty-four now and it was two or three years ago that your father applied? A Yes, sir.
Q And he applied for you at the time he applied for himself? A Yes, sir.
Q Why didn't you make application for yourself? A Well I couldn't come down here then.
Q You knew that this Commission has sent parties out all through the Indian Territory to get parties to apply. You knew those parties were out? A Yes, sir.
Q Well why didn't you go before those parties and make application? A I was long way from them.
Q You just passed it up? A I don't know.
Q Just didn't pay any attention to it? A I guess not.
Q When was it that your father told you that he had made application for you? A Same time he made for himself. I was at home at that time.
Q Where were you living at the time? A At Ran in the Territory.
Q Was he living there too? A Yes, sir, I think I was living in the house with him at the time.

Q How did he come to make application for you when you were old enough to make application for yourself? A I don't know he said he made it for me.
Q You didn't ask him to make application? A Yes, sir, if he could.
Q Why didn't you make application for yourself? A It was just so far and I didn't have any money to come on and I didn't know much about the date.
Q Does anybody know that your father made application for you? A Yes, sir.
Q Who knows it? A These ladies.
Q How do they know it were they here? A No, sir, Binks was here, I reckon he knows he was with him.

WITNESS EXCUSED.

WILLIAM BINKS being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION:

Q Your name is William Binks? A Yes, sir.
Q You are a Chickasaw freedman are you? A Choctaw
Q Howold are you? A About sixty years old.
Q Where do you live? A Ardmore.
Q Do you know Paris Dailey who has just testified? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know his father, Hannibal Dailey? A Yes, sir.
Q Paris Dailey testified that his father made application for him at the same time he made application for his own enrollment, do you know anything about it? A Yes, sir, he said he stated all his children, called all their named, had them on a paper, I think in this office here.
Q Were you there at that time? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you hear him call the names of his children? A Yes, sir.
Q Did he mention the name of this Paris Dailey? A Yes, sir.
Q You swear that you heard him mention Paris Dailey and ask to have him enrolled? A I heard him mention his name.
Q You heard him mention his name to this Commission? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know when that was? A Well if my recollection serves me I think it was in December year beforelast.
Q Do you mean December 1903? A Yes, sir, I think.
Q You are sure it wasn't earlier than that? A Well it might have been I won't be certain but I - I am not certain about it but I think it was three years ago.
Q How did you come to be here at the time? A I was a witness here.
Q For whom? A For his father.
Q Did you testify at the time his father made application? A No, sir.
Q In what way were you a witness? A That was what I was brought for and they didn't call me to the stand.
Q You came here for the purpose of testifying at the time his father made application if you were called upon? A Yes, sir.

Q But you were not called upon? A No, sir.
Q What did they tell him at the time he mentioned this boy's name? A They told him he would have to send in his marriage license or a certified copy of it.
Q What did they say about this boy? Anything? A I didn't hear them say anything. About all I heard them say told him he would have to send in his marriage license.
Q But you swear do you that he did mention this boy's name at the time he mentioned all his children? A Yes, sir, I heard him mention all his children.
Q This boy in particular? A Yes, sir.
Q What did Hannibal Dailey state to the Commission about his children? A He called their names all over; and the day that we started up here this boy was to come and the old man said he could answer for all of his children.
Q Were you present when Hannibal Dailey told that, that he could answer for his own children? A Yes, sir, in Ardmore at the station.

WITNESS EXCUSED.

PARIS DAILEY recalled testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION:

Q Have you got any children? A Yes, sir.
Q What are the names of your children? A Myx Maybell Dailey.
Q Howold is she? A She is eight years, sir.
Q What is the next? A Dessie.
Q What is her age? A She is about six.
Q What is the next one? A Littlebit, didn't have anyother name - little baby.
Q How old is she? A About six months old.
Q Was any application ever made to this Commission for the enrollment of those children or any of them? A No, sir, I ain't made any.
Q Did anybody ever make application for them? A Not as I know of.
Q You don't claim that your father made application for those children? A I could^n't say.
Q Did you ask him at any time? A He told me that he made it for his children and grandchildren.
Q You said awhile ago he mxxx gave in his children and now you are bringing in the grandchildren? A That is what he told me, that he xxx gave in his children and grandchildren.
Q You have never sought to have these children enrolled? A No, sir, I never have.

WITNESS EXCUSED.

WILLIAM BINKS recalled testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION:

Q You have testified that when Hannibal Dailey was before

this Commission he mentioned the names of all his children and ~~ok~~ called them all? A Yes, sir.
Q Now that is all he did? A Yes, sir.
Q You heard all that happened did you? A Yes, sir.
Q And all he did was to mention the names of his own children? A Yes, sir.
Q Didn't mention the names of anyone else but his own children? A That was all I heard him mention.
Q That was all you heard him mention and you heard all that went on? A Yes, sir.

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 16th day of March 1905.

Maynow H. White
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

In the matter of an alleged application for the enrollment of Laura White and her minor child, Lutie White, as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Laura White, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q. What is your name? A. Laura White.
Q. How old are you? A. I am twenty-four years old.
Q. What is your post office address? A. Ran.
Q. You live in the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q. How long have you lived there? A. Ever since I have been in the world.
Q. You claim to be a Chickasaw Freedman? A. Yes sir.
Q. Have you ever personally appeared before this Commission and made application for enrollment? A. No sir.
Q. Is this the first application you yourself have made? A. Yes sir.
Q. Has any person on your behalf ever made application for your enrollment as a Chickasaw Freed an? A. Yes sir.
Q. Who did? A. My father.
Q. What is the name of your father? A. Some people call him Han Dailey and others call him Hannibal Dailey.

It appears from the records of the Commission that, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on November 21, 1902, Hannibal Dailey personally appeared before the Commission and made application for the enrollment of himself and his two minor children, Obie and Dorcas Dailey as Chickasaw Freedmen. It does not appear from the records of the Commission that any application has heretofore been made either by or on behalf of Laura White for the enrollment of herself and minor child, Lutie White, as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Q. How long have you been ~~xxxx~~ married? A. Here is my license.

The witness exhibits a certified copy of marriage license and certificate, for Charles White and Laura Dailey, dated December 27, 1900.

Q. You have been married since that date? A. Yes sir.
Q. Where have you been living since that time? A. Right at home at Ran.
Q. Been living with your husband? A. Yes sir.
Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir.
Q. How many? A. One living, one is dead.
Q. What is the name of your child? A. Lutie White.
Q. When was the child born? A. I can't tell you, because I was so young I have forgotten.
Q. How old is the child? A. Seven years, will soon be eight.
Q. The only rights you claim as a Chickasaw Freedman are based on

the fact of an application that you allege your father, Hannibal Dailey, made for you? A. Yes sir.
Q. Where is your father? A. He is at home at Ada, he is sick.
Q. Are there any other witnesses by whom you can prove that the application was made? A. William Binks was with him.
Q. You will be allowed twenty days within which to introduce the testimony of your father and William Binks to the effect that an application was made on your behalf as a Chickasaw Freedman.
A. Yes sir, I will.

W. C. Sabourin, being duly sworn, states that the above is a true transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on the above named date.

W C Sabourin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of March, 1906.

Earle Olmsted
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

In the matter of an alleged application for the enrollment of Malinda Rody as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Malinda Rody, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q. What is your name? A. Malinda Rody.
Q. How old are you? A. I am thirty.
Q. What is your post office? A. Ada, Indian Territory.
Q. You claim to be a Chickasaw Freedwoman? A. Yes sir.
Q. Have you ever personally appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application to be enrolled as a Chickasaw Freedwoman? A. My Father has.
Q. I asked you if you had yourself? A. No sir.
Q. This is the first time you have ever been before this Commission and testified? A. Yes sir, the first time.
Q. Has anybody ever made any application for you? A. Nobody but my father; he said he had.
Q. What is your Father's name? A. Hannibal Dailey.
Q. When did he make his application for you? A. Year before last.
Q. Where did he make it? A. He said he came here; I disremember the year, but it seems to me it was year before last, but I wont be sure.

It appears from the records of the Commission that, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on November 21, 1902, Hannibal Dailey personally appeared before the Commission and made application for the enrollment of himself and his two minor children, Obie and Dorcas Dailey as Chickasaw Freedmen. It does not appear from the records of the Commission that any application has heretofore been made either by or on behalf of Malinda Rody for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Q. You say your name is Malinda Rody? A. Yes sir.
Q. How long have you been named Malinda Rody? A. I was married last year.
Q. Were you ever married prior to that time? A. Yes sir.
Q. How old were you when you were first married? A. About sixteen.
Q. You were first married about fourteen years ago? A. Yes sir.
Q. What was the name of your first husband? A. Clay Saling.
Q. How long did you live with him? A. A year.
Q. Then who did you live with after that? A. I lived with my father only when I worked out like poor people have to do.
Q. How long have you been living in the Chickasaw Nation? A. I was raised here; lived here all my life.
Q. Didn't you know the Commission was in the Chickasaw Nation in 1898, 1900 and 1902, hearing applications for enrollment? A. Yes sir, I knew it was here, but I was waiting on my father to go first. I knew they were in Ardmore, but I was waiting for my father to go, and then we would put in for ours.
Q. You never made any application for yourself, nor attempted to do anything? A. No sir, this is the first time I have been in this town.

Q. Have you any children? A. No sir.
Q. Where is your father? A. He is living near Ran, about a quarter of a mile from Ran.
Q. Have you any witnesses here that know anything about the application that you say your Father made? A. My sister is here.
Q. What does she know about it? A. We went there with him to draw it up, we helped him in the wagon and went with him. My Brother said we had to go within ten days, and he wasn't able to go and we helped him in the wagon to go and have the papers drawn up.
Q. When was that? A. Monday.
Q. Of this week? A. Yes sir, Monday or Tuesday. We started day before yesterday, but the train left us, and we came on yesterday. I didn't know whether I was too late or not, as my brother said we only had ten days.
Q. Your only claim then is that your father made an application for you when he was here? A. Yes sir.
Q. Where is your father now? A. Down there, he lives within a quarter of a mile of Ran, I guess you know where it is.
Q. You will be permitted twenty days from this within which to produce your father here and submit his testimony as to the alleged application you claim he made for you in 1902. A. All right, sir.

F. C. Sabourin, being duly sworn, states that the above is a true transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on the above named date.

F. C. Sabourin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of March, 1905.

Edw. C. Guess
Notary Public.

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

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Paris Dailey and his three minor children, Laura White and her minor child, and Malinda Rody, as Chickasaw Freedmen.

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It appears from the record herein that on March 14, 1905, Paris Dailey appeared in person before the Commission, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and presented testimony in support of his claim that application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of himself and his two minor children, Maybell and Dessie Dailey, as Chickasaw Freedmen, within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, (32 Stats., 641); that on March 23, 1905, Laura White appeared in person before the Commission and sought to establish that application was made for the enrollment of herself and her minor child, Lutie White, as Chickasaw Freedmen, within the time limited by the provisions of said Act; and that on the same day Malinda Rody appeared in person before the Commission, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and sought to establish that application was made for her enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman within the time limited by the provisions of said Act.

Further proceedings were had in the matter of said alleged applications, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 11, 1905.

It appears from the record herein that the applicants are children of Hannibal Dailey, a recognized and enrolled Chickasaw Freedman, whose name appears as Number 4606 upon the lists prepared by this Commission under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, (32 Stats., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, November 16, 1904.

None of the applicants claim to have made personal application for enrollment, but all claim that application was made for them by their father, said Hannibal Dailey.

Hannibal Dailey testifies that he made application for their enrollment at the same time that he made application for his own enrollment, which, as the records of the Commission show, was on November 21, 1902. The records of the Commission also show that at that time the said Hannibal Dailey made application for the enrollment of three minor children, Ananias, Obie and Doreas Dailey, but that none of his other children were mentioned, except that he was asked whether he had any children who were over twenty-one years of age, and replied that he had two. All of the present applicants were at that time over the age of twenty-one years. The witness now states that when he made application for his own enrollment, and for the enrollment of his minor children above named, he mentioned the names of all his children, but was told that he could apply only for those who were under twenty-one.

William Binks was called as a witness, and testifies that he was present at the time said Hannibal Dailey made application for enrollment, and that he heard said Hannibal Dailey mention the names of all his children at that time.

The applicant, Paris Dailey, claims that his father also made application for the enrollment of Paris Dailey's minor children, Maybell Dailey and Dessie Dailey, but Hannibal Dailey testifies that he made no mention of anyone other than his own children at the time he made application. The applicant, Laura White, has a child, Lutie White, eight years of age, but it is clear, also, that no application was made for the enrollment of this child by said Hannibal Dailey, and it is not claimed that application was made for said child's enrollment by anyone else.

The Commission is of the opinion that the evidence establishes that application was made for the enrollment of Paris Dailey, Laura White, and Malinda Body, within the time limited by the provisions of said Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, (32 Stats., 641), and that said application should now be heard and determined on its merits, and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Chairman.

Commissioner.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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Commissioner.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
THE INDIAN TERRRITORY, } SS
CENTRAL DISTRICT.)

Personally appeared before me Paris Daily who being first duly sworn makes answer to the following interrogatories as follows:

What is your name? Paris Daily

What is your age? 34 years

What is your postoffice address? Ravia, I T

Are you an applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman?

Yes

Give dates and places of residence from the date of your birth up to and including September 25, 1905? Born and lived at Ravia I.T. until January 1st 1901. Then moved to Ardmore, I.T. and lived there until January 1902, since then have lived at Ravia, I.T.

Witnesses:

Paris Daily

H. Pinkston

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of September 1905.

T. C. Wright
Notary Public.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Paris Dailey, Laura White and Malinda Rody as Chickasaw Freedmen.

DECISION.

It appears from the record herein that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision on May 24, 1905, adjudging that application was made for the enrollment of Paris Dailey, Laura White and Malinda Rody within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and ordered that the application for their enrollment should be heard and determined on its merits.

The evidence in this case shows that Paris Dailey, Laura White and Malinda Rody are the children of Hannibal Dailey, a Chickasaw Freedman, whose name appears as No. 4606 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 Chickasaw Freedmen, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904; that the applicants herein were born in the Choctaw Nation subsequent to the War of the Rebellion, and that they have continuously resided in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country from the date of their birth up to and including September 25, 1902.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that Paris Dailey, Laura White and Malinda Rody should be enrolled as Chickasaw 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, January 19, 1906.

COPY.

Paris Dailey,

Ada, 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 yourself and two sisters, Laura White and Malinda Rody, as Chickasaw 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 your enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your names will be placed upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Registered. Commissioner.

Incl. 19-1482.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1906.

COPY.

Laura White,

Ada, 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, Paris Dailey and Malinda Rody, as Chickasaw 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 your enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your names will be placed upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Registered. Commissioner.

Incl. 19-1452.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1906.

Malinda Rody,

Ran, 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, Paris Dailey and Laura White as Chickasaw 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 your enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, the names of Malinda Rody, Paris Dailey and Laura White will be placed upon the final roll of Chickasaw 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 Paris Dailey, Laura White and Malinda Rody as Chickasaw 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 persons. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Registered. Commissioner.

Incl. 19-1482

IN RE, Enrollment of

Maybell, Dessie and Littlebit Dailey,

as Chickasaw Freedmen.

To the Honorable Secretary of the Interior:

Your petitioner, Paris Dailey, would most respectfully represent and show; that he is a duly enrolled and recognized Chickasaw freedman, residing near Ada, in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory; that he was born and raised in the Chickasaw Nation and has lived continuously there all his life; that he is lawfully married, and has the following children, for whom application is now made, to-wit; Mabell Dailey, Dessie Dailey and Little Bit Dailey; that all of his children are the legitimate issue of his marriage and are now living with petitioner at his home; that said children are all minors and were born and lived all their lives in the Chickasaw Nation; that the eldest of said children is now about ten years of age; that on March 14, 1905, this petitioner appeared in person at Muskogee, Indian Territory, before the Honorable Commissions to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment of his said children, as Chickasaw Freedmen; that said Commission has since denied their enrollment because no application had been made for their enrollment within the time prescribed by law; that this was the sole and only reason why said children were not so enrolled; that the father of this petitioner, Hannibal Dailey appeared before the said Commission in 1902 and prior to December 24th, and made application for the enrollment of himself, this petitioner and his other children, and that this petitioner thought all the time that his father Hannibal Dailey had had petitioner's children, for whom this application is made, enrolled as such Freedmen until he appeared before the said Co ission on March 14th, 1905, when he was informed his father did not, and that this petitioner on that day immediately made application for the enrollment of his said children, and the same has been denied solely because not made in time.

Therefore, this petitioner prays that this Honorable Secretary enroll said children herein named as Chickasaw Freedmen under the Act Approved April 26, 1906.

Paris Dailey

By James Mooney

Atty

Southern District.

I, Paris A. Bailey, upon my oath state, that the foregoing statements made in said petition are true and correct.

Paris A. Bailey

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 6th, day of August, A.D., 1906.

Guy S. Sigler

Notary Public, Southern District,
Indian Territory.

Southern District.

I, Stanley R. Sigler, upon my oath state, that on the 8th day of August, 1906, I sent by registered mail a copy of the petition herewith inclosed, of Mabell, Dessie and Little Bit Dailey for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen, to Mansfiled, McMurray and Cornish, attorneys for the Choctaw-Chickasaw Nations to them at South McAlester, Indian Territory from Ardmore, I.T., and that the registry receipt therefor is hereto attached, and made a part of this affidavit.

Stanley R. Sigler

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 8 th day of August, 1906.

Guy H. Sigler
Notary Public.

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August 6, 1906.

Honorable Secretary of Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith beg to hand you application for the enrollment of three little Chickasaw Freedmen girls , to-wit, Mabell, Dessie and Little Bit Dailey, which you have a right to do under Act Approved April 26, 1906.

The grand-father of these children appeared before the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes prior to December 24, 1902, and made application for all his own children, among whom was the father of these children, Paris Dailey. Hannibal Dailey, the grand-father thought and so told Paris Dailey that he had also made application for the enrollment of these three children, and Paris Dailey thought said application had been made until March 14th, 1905, when he appeared before said Commission and made application for said children. They were refused because the application had not been made in time, according to the law then in force.

Paris Dailey, their father is duly enrolled, these children were a all born and are now living and have lived all their lives in the Chickasaw Nation; they have nice places well improved, and are each entitled to enrollment. The eldest of the children is a little girl about 10 or 12 years old.

I have this day mailed a copy of said petition to the Attorneys for the Nations, and also a Copy to the Honorable Commission, attaching to their copy a register receipt showing service on the Nation's Attorneys.

We will be glad to furnish any testimony you desire, and respectfully ask that you enroll these children as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Respectfully,

James H. Mathers

In Re
Application of
Mobley, Jessie and
Little Bird Daily
Chickasaw Freedmen

Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C., August 13, 1906.

Indian Inspector,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant, in the case of Jessie Mobley, Little Bird Daily, and Chickasaw Freedman, enclosed herewith, you are advised that the proceedings in the matter of the application of the above named minors to enroll as Chickasaw Freedmen are approved.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby,
Commissioner.

IN RE, Enrollment of

Maybell, Bessie and Littlebit Bailey,

as Chickasaw Freedmen

To the Honorable Secretary of the Interior:

Your petitioner, Paris Bailey, would most respectfully represent and show; that he is a duly enrolled and recognized Chickasaw freedman, residing near Ada, in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory; that he was born and raised in the Chickasaw Nation and has lived continuously there all his life; that he is lawfully married, and has the following children, for whom application is now made, to-wit; Maboll Bailey, Bessie Bailey and Little Bit Bailey; that all of his children are the legitimate issue of his marriage and are now living with petitioner at his home; that said children are all minors and were born and lived all their lives in the Chickasaw Nation; that the eldest of said children is now about ten years of age; that on March 14, 1905, this petitioner appeared in person at Muskogee, Indian Territory, before the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment of his said children, as Chickasaw Freedmen; that said Commission has since denied their enrollment because no application had been made for their enrollment within the time prescribed by law; that this was the sole and only reason why said children were not so enrolled; that the father of this petitioner, Hannibal Bailey appeared before the said Commission in 1902 and prior to December 24th, and made application for the enrollment of himself, this petitioner and his other children, and that this petitioner thought all the time that his father Hannibal Bailey had had petitioner's children, for whom this application is made, enrolled as such Freedmen until he appeared before the said Commission on March 14th, 1905, when he was informed his father did not, and that this petitioner on that day immediately made application for the enrollment of his said children, and the same has been denied solely because [illegible] time.

Wherefore, this petitioner prays that this Honorable Secretary [illegible] children herein named as Chickasaw Freedmen [illegible] 20, 1906.

Paris Bailey

By James [illegible]

Attorney

I, Paris L. Bailey, upon my oath state; that the foregoing statements made in said petition are true and correct.

Paris L. Bailey

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 6th. day of August, A.D., 1906.

Guy H. Sigler

Notary Public, Southern District,
Indian Territory.

19-NB-400.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Mabell Dailey, et al. as Chickasaw freedmen.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on August 8, 1906, a petition was filed with the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes praying for the enrollment of Mabell, Dessie and Little Bit Dailey as Chickasaw freedmen.

The petition for the enrollment of Little Bit Dailey, being differently classified, is not passed upon in this decision.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any formal applications had been made for the enrollment of the petitioners, Mabell and Dessie Dailey, prior to December 1, 1905.

It appears, however, from the records of this office that on March 14, 1905, Paris Dailey, the father of the petitioners, Mabell and Dessie Dailey, gave testimony relative to the application for the enrollment of himself as a Chickasaw freedman and at the same time gave testimony relative to his minor children, Mabell and Dessie Dailey, which in part is as follows:

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir.
Q. What are the names of your children? A. Mabell Dailey.
Q. How old is she? A. She is eight years old, sir.
Q. What is the next? A. Dessie.
Q. What is her age? A. She is about six.

I am of the opinion that the records of this office establish that applications were made for the enrollment of Mabell Dailey and Dessie Dailey as Chickasaw freedmen under the provisions of Section 1 of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137); that the same should now be determined upon its merits, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
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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 Mabell Dailey, et al. as Chickasaw freedmen.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that applications were duly made for the enrollment of Mabell Dailey and Dessie Dailey as Chickasaw freedmen within the time limited by law.

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that Mabell Dailey and Dessie Dailey were born in 1898 and 1899, respectively and are the children of Paris Dailey, whose name appears opposite No. 4721 upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior May 28, 1906 and that the applicants were living September 25, 1902.

I am of the opinion that Mabell Dailey and Dessie Dailey should be enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen under 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,

FEB 20 1907.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 23, 1907.

Paris Bailey,

Ada, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 20, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Lebedi Bailey and Deggie Bailey as Chickasaw freedmen.

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 Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 19-NB-400

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 28, 1907.

James H. Mathers,
Attorney at Law,
Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby notified that the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes on February 20, 1907, rendered his decision granting the application for the enrollment of Mabell Bailey and Dessie Bailey as Chickasaw freedmen.

You are further advised that the names of the persons granted in said decision have been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of [illegible] action thereon.

Respectfully,

[illegible] Bie[illegible]

Commissioner.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 28, 1907.

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 the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 20, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Mabell Dailey and Dessie Dailey as Chickasaw freedmen.

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 Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ludie White as a Chickasaw freedman.

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Ludie White

CHICKASAW ENROLLMENT.

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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 a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation,
of Eudie White, born on the 5 day of April 1898
Here insert name of child.

Name of Father: Charlie White a citizen of the — Nation
Name of Mother: Laura White a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation
Tribal enrollment of father — Tribal enrollment of mother Chick. Freed.
Postoffice Ada, I. T.

Affidavit of Mother.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Sy District.

I, Laura White on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedwoman of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Charlie White who is a citizen, by — of the — Nation; that a ~~female~~ child was born to me on 5 day of April, 1898; that said child has been named Eudie White and was living March 4, 1906.

Male or Female.

Laura White

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be two Witnesses.]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of July 1906.

John Carp
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Attending Physician or MID-WIFE

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Indian Territory,
District

I, , a on oath state that I attended on wife of on the day of 1; that there was born to her on said date a child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named

Male or Female.

WITNESSES MARK:

Must be two Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 1906.

Notary Public.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ludie White as a Chickasaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on August 8, 1906, written application was made to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Ludie White (born April 5, 1898) as a Chickasaw freedman.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any formal application has been made for the enrollment of the applicant prior to December 1, 1905.

It appears, however, from the records of this office that on March 14, 1905, Laura White, the mother of the applicant, gave testimony relative to the application for the enrollment of herself as a Chickasaw freedman and at the same time gave testimony relative to her minor child, Ludie White, which in part is as follows:

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir.
Q. How many? A. One living and one is dead.
Q. What is the name of your child? A. Lutie White.
Q. When was this child born? A. I can't tell you because I was so young I have forgotten.
Q. How old is the child? A. Seven years, will soon be eight.

I am of the opinion that the records of this office establish that application was made for the enrollment of the applicant, Ludie White, as a Chickasaw freedman under the provisions of Section 1 of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), and that the same should now be determined upon its merits, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ludie White as a Chickasaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that application was duly made to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Ludie White as a Chickasaw freedman.

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that Ludie White was born April 5, 1898, and is the daughter of Laura White, whose name appears opposite No.4722 upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior May 28, 1906 and Charlie White, a non citizen and that the applicant was living September 25, 1902.

I am of the opinion that Ludie White should be enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman under 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,

FEB 20 1907

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 26, 1907.

Charlie White,

Ban, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 20, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Indie White as a Chickasaw freedman.

You are further advised that the name of Indie White, granted in said decision has been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 19-NB-497.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 26, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw & 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 20, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Ludie White as a Chickasaw freedman.

You are further advised that the name of Ludie White, granted in said decision has been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 19-NB-497.

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

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 11, 1908.

In the matter of the alleged applications of Paris Dailey, Malinda Rody and Laura White and her minor child, Lutie White, as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Hannibal Dailey being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Hannibal Dailey.
Q How old are you? A Sixty-seven odd years old.
Q Where do you live? A Ban, Indian Territory.
Q That is in the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Are you a Chickasaw Freedman? A Yes sir.
Q On the final roll? A Yes sir.
Q Have you taken your allotment yet? A No sir.
Q Are you the father of Paris Dailey, Malinda Rody and Laura White? A Yes sir.
Q How old are those children? A Malinda is the oldest; I disremember how old.
Q About how old is she? A About thirty.
Q Is she older than Paris Dailey? A Yes sir.
Q When was it that you made application for your own enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman? A I disremember what year it was.
Q Well, as near as you can remember what year was it? A I donn know exactly what year it was.
Q As near as you can remember--was it five years or six years ago, or what? A No, I don't think it was that long; a couple of years ago I think.
Q About two years ago? A Yes, I think so.
Q At the time you applied for your own enrollment did you apply for the enrollment of anyone else? A I spoke about all the children.
Q Just answer the question. Did you apply for the enrollment of anyone else? A I told them I had other children.
Q Isn't it a fact that you first applied for enrollment for yourself in November, [illegible] I guess so.
Q Now, that was your [illegible] appearance [illegible] to apply for the enrollment of [illegible]
A Yes sir.
Q At that time [illegible]

Q What did you say when you gave in the names of these children? What did you ask should be done, if anything, with reference to them? A I never asked anything. I told them I had other children; asked me who was grown; I didn't have but three that was grown not grown; he said, "you can't have them enrolled; they will have to come themselves".
Q Where was it you made this application A Where?
Q Here in Muskogee? A Yes sir.
Q Your children, Paris Dailey, Malinda Rody and Laura White were of full age at that time were they not? A Yes, they was grown.
Q You say the Commission told you at that time that they would have to come and make application themselves?
A Yes sir.
Q What did you do about it? After the Commissioner had told you that? A Not anything.
Q Didn't you tell the children that the Commissioner had told you? A Yes.
Q What did they say about it? Anything? What did they do about it? A I don't know what they did.
Q Are they living with you? A No sir.
Q Were they living with you at that time? A No, only the three little ones.
Q How was it that you came to make application in 1902 for three married children? A I told them the number of children and they said who was grown, and I said all was grown but three.
Q You didn't think of mentioning these grown children until you were asked by the Commission how many children you had?
A If they let me tell them I would tell them how many I had.
Q Did you think anything about enrolling these grown children untill the Commission asked you how many you had? A Of course I didn't want to leave any out.
Q Didn't you suppose that they were old enough to take care of themselves - to take care of their own interests? A I don't know.
Q You say he asked you how many children you had? A Yes sir.
Q And until then you didn't think of these grown ones? A Yes, I thought of them right away.
Q What was your intention when you came up here? A To tell about all my children as near as I could, whatever they asked me about them.
Q You just came up here--you thought they were old enough to look out for their own interests. Is that a fact?
A I didn't know anything about it in the right way at all; I just come up to see.
Q [illegible] when you came up here, that [illegible]

Q Didn't you say anything to any of your children as to who you you were going to apply for? A No, I told them that I was coming.
Q Who did you tell that to? Which of your children?
A To Paris. I told him I was coming.
Q You said a little while ago that these children were not living with you at that time. A They aint but three living with me.
Q And the grown children did not live with you? A No sir.
Q They were married and living away from you altogether?
A Some of them lived about half a mile and some of them a little further. I have got three living close around.
Q Which three? A Mary, Laura and Lindy live close to me. Maria Mitchell and Emily live on the bayou.
Q Where did Paris Dailey live at that time? A Right there close to me. William Dailey lives on the bayou.
Q When you were here in 1902, did you mention the names of anyone else except your own family--your own children?
A No one except my own children.
Q That's all you mentioned? Just your own children?
A Yes sir.
Q Did your children have any children of their own at that time? A Yes sir.
Q Did you know that at that time? A Yes sir.
Q Why was it that when you were mentioning the names of your children you didn't mention the names of their children too? A He said just the names of my children.
Q When you got back to your home did you tell any of your children anything as to what you had done? A Yes, I told them that the big children would have to come for themselves.
Q Did you tell Paris Dailey that? A Yes sir.
Q Is that all that you told him? A Yes, that they would have to come.
Q Did you tell him that you had tried to get him enrolled?
A I told him they said he would have to come.
Q Answer the question, did you tell him that you had tried to get him enrolled? A I didn't. I told him they said that he would have to come himself.
Q Did you tell him that you had tried to get him enrolled?
A No sir.
Q Did you tell him that you had tried to get his children enrolled? A No sir.
Q Did you tell him that you had handed in the names of his children? A No, I spoke of my [illegible]
Q You didn't day anything to him [illegible] handed in the names of his children at all? A [illegible]
Q You only made that one appearance before the commission, did you? A [illegible]
[illegible]

Q So he didn't hear what was said by you or the Commissioner at the time? A Not that I know of.
Q He couldn't have heard, could he. A I don't know whether he heard or not.
Q You say that he was not in the room with you when you made that application? A No, I think they only had one of them in the room at a time.
Q Two of you were not in the same room any part of the time?
A I don't think they was--yes, I think he was in the room, but--
Q I mean, when you were trying to get the children enrolled?
A When they was asking me about my children there wasn't anyone but me and him and the lady in the room that I remember.
Q He wasn't in the room with you when you were applying for the enrollment of these children, was he? A I don't think he was in the room.
Q You know whether he was or not? A I think there was no one but me and the man in the room, and the lady.
Q Just yourself and the Commissioner and the lady? A Yes.
Q And he could not hear what was said between you and the Commissioner? A I don't know.
Q If he was not in the same room he couldn't hear, could he?
A If he was outside the door he might. I don't know.
Q And you swear positively, do you, that you mentioned the names of these children and asked to have them enrolled and were told that they would have to appear for themselves?
A He asked me how many children I got. I told him exactly, and he said, what ages, and I told him what ages as near as I could remember. After hearing the names of the big children, he said "You can't enroll them. You will have to tell them to come themselves".
Q And you say you told them that when you got back home?
A Yes sir.
Q Did you pay any further attention to see whether they did come or not? A No, I told them to come and thought that they knew enough to tend to it. I thought they would sure come. I said "you ought to go yourselves".
Q And you thought they were big enough to look out for themselves? A Yes sir.
Q Didn't you think that when you came down here? You was not thinking anything about these other children? Didn't you just come to make application for those that were living with you? A No, [illegible] I come to look out for all of them. I [illegible] for one as I do another, if they allowed [illegible]
Q Did you [illegible] at home that you were [illegible] for your children?
A [illegible] the children.
Q [illegible]

What did you want with a witness when you came in here to give in the names of yourself and children? Did you want him to testify that you were yourself? A He knew my children. To know these were my children.

Q Did he testify at that time? A I reckon so.

Q Was he put on the stand and sworn? A I don't remember now whether he was.

Q Didn't you tell me a little while ago that what occurred between you and the Commissioner was when you and this Commissioner and the lady were in the room together, and Binks was not in the room at that time? A I think later on he was there in the room. I don't think when they was asking the questions--when they asked me the names of my children, he was there.

Q That was after everything was done, just when you were talking among yourselves? A I think so.

Q So he didn't appear until you had transacted all the business you could at that time? A No, I remember he was, maybe, in the room---I disremember exactly how he was in that room.

Q Was Binks put on the stand and sworn? Was his testimony taken? A I wouldn't be too positive about that.

Q You can remember other things pretty positively. I should think you could remember whether Binks was sworn and testified of not? A I am just trying to remember now. I don't believe I can remember.

Witness excused.

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William Binks being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A William Binks.

Q You are about sixty years old and your postoffice is Ardmore? Is that correct? A Yes sir.

Q You know Hannibal Dailey who has just testified? A Yes sir.

Q What do you know with reference to the application which he claims to have tried to make for the enrollment of his children, Paris Dailey, Laura White and Malinda Rudy?

A Well, I don't know anything about that. I was testifying in his behalf and he presented his children's names himself.

Q Do you know [illegible] at all [illegible] his [illegible] children's [illegible] and [illegible] think he [illegible] what [illegible] he presented them [illegible]

Q [illegible]

application for these children, if he did make one?
A I think I was standing in the doorway.
Q And you still didn't hear him mention the names of any of his children? A I didn't hear him call anyone's name in particular; heard him speak about his children.
Q Did you hear him mention their names? A No, I didn't; I think he handed in the paper when he got about the names.
Q You testified here about a month ago when Paris Dailey was up here, didn't you? A Yes sir.
Q Didn't you swear at that time that you heard Hannibal Dailey mention the name of Paris Dailey to this Commission at the time he made application before? A I said that I heard him make mention of his children.
Q Didn't you swear that you heard him mention Paris Dailey?
A In person?
Q Yes. A No, I don't remember.
Q You swear now, do you that you didn't hear him mention the name of Paris Dailey.
A I don't think that I heard him mention any one name, particularly.
Q But about a month ago you swore that you did. A I swore that I heard him mention the names of his children but not any particular one.
Q Didn't you swear a month ago that you heard him mention the name of Paris Dailey? A I don't know, sir. As near as my memory serves me I heard him make mention of his children, but as to any one certain name, if my memory serves me right, I said I heard him mention his children, but not Paris in particular.
Q You swear now that you didn't hear him mention Paris Dailey then? A I heard him call his children's names.
Q Answer the question. You swear now that you didn't hear him mention Paris Dailey's name at that time? A No, I don't think I did, if my memory serves me right.
Q Were you at Ardmore at the time that Hannibal Daileylleft there for the purpose of coming here to apply for the enrollment of himself? A Yes sir.
Q Did you hear him at that time, say anything in the station at Ardmore, or any place else, as to who he was going to apply for when he got here? A He said all of his children.
Q Did he mention the names of his children? A Yes, Paris, Melinda, Maria and Mary.
Q That was at Ardmore when he startedto come here that he mentioned these names? A Yes sir. He was speaking just now about the boy Paris. If I mentioned about Paris it was in that very instance at the depot. I heard him mention the name there, and Malinda.
Q And the only time that you heard him mention the name of Paris Dailey was at the Depot at Ardmore? A Yes sir.
Q You didn't hear him mention it here before this Commission at all? A No, I only heard him say children.
Q Do you remember when that was he came here? A About two years ago.
Q How did you happen to come with him? A He had me come as a witness to swear who he belonged to.
Q Were you sworn at that time? A Yes sir.
Q You were? A Yes sir.
Q Here about a month ago didn't you swear that when you came with him you were not called as a witness and that you did not testify and that you were not called on the stand?
A They didn't swear me at all.

Q Then they didn't swear you when you were here with him?
A No sir.
Q And you didn't testify? A I testified--they asked me who he belongedto and I told them.
Q But you didn't testify? A No sir.
Q You swear here now that you didn't testify? A I told them that I was called in and asked who he belonged to and I told them.
Q Wasn't you asked this question: "Did you testify at the time his father made application", and didn't you answer "No"?
A You say, was I sworn?
Q When you were here a month ago, didn't I ask you this question: "Did you testify at the time his father made application" I asked you that a month ago? A Yes.
Q And didn't you answer "No"? A No sir.
Q Now you swear that you did testify when his father made application? A I understood you to say was I sworn in the Dailey case when I was here before, and I told you no, and that they called me up and asked me who he belonged to and I told them.
Q A month ago you swore on your oath that when you came here with Paris Dailey you did not testify. That is what you stated a month ago? A Yes, they called me and asked me did I know--
Q Wasn't you asked at that time this question: "You came here for the purpose of testifying at the time his father made application if you were calledupon?" A Yes.
Q And you answered that "Yes"? A Yes sir.
Q Then I asked you, "But you wasn't called upon" A Yes.
Q And you answered "NO"? A Yes sir.
Q And now you say you were called upon? A They called me to the door and asked me did I know Hannibal Dailey.
Q Was that and the question as to who he belonged to the only two questions you were asked? A And who he belonged to.
Q You swear positively those were the only two questions you were asked when you came here at that time? A That's all I recollect now. He wanted to know if I knew Lew Cherry.
Q But as far as Hannibal Dailey was concerned, they were the only two questions--do you know him and as to who he belonged to? A That's all I have any recollection of.
Q You wasn't asked how long you had known him, for instance, were you? A They may have asked me that question, but its been so long. I believe they did ask me that question.
Q So we have got three questions that you were asked now?
A I think they asked me that.
Q Did they ask you anything about the names of his children?
A I don't recollect of their asking anything about the names of his children.
Q But you swore a minute ago that they only asked you two questions; now you say you don't remember. Your recollection was positive as to how many questions were asked you; can't you be equally positive as to what they asked you about the children? A I wouldn't say positively--they might have askedme that.
Q But you don't recollect whether they did or not? A No sir.
Q Were you asked whether you knew these children? A I [illegible] be positive; they might have asked me that.
Q But you don't recollect whether they did or not? A No [illegible]
Q Were you asked whether you knew these children? A I [illegible] couldn't be positive; they might have asked me that.
Q Were you asked how long he had lived in the Chickasaw [illegible]
A No. I don't know; I am not positive about that.
Q [illegible] as not as positive as it was a [illegible] or two [illegible]
[illegible] that you were absolutely

certain that they asked you only two questions; now you don't know what they did ask you? A They might have asked me several questions; I am not positive now; they asked me how old he was.

Q Your memory was pretty good a month ago wasn't it? A I don't know as it was any better than it is now.

Q It was good enough so that you didn't hesitate to answer the questions. A Those I can't recollect I can't answer.

Q When you were asked whether you testified or not at the time Hannibal Dailey made application, you answered that question positively that you did not. A I said they didn't swear me.

Q Didn't you say that you did not testify? A Perhaps I might have said that, but they didn't swear me.

Q I am not asking whether they swore you or not. I am asking you if a month ago you did not testify when you came here with Hannibal Dailey when he first came here to make his application? A I wouldn't be positive.

Q And didn't you swear positively that you were not called upon to testify? A I said that they didn't swear me.

Q I wish you would answer the question yes or no. Didn't you swear positively that you were not called upon to testify at the time you came here with Hannibal Dailey when he came to make his application. That is only a month ago, that you testified to this effect. A I wouldn't be positive; they called me in and asked me if I knew anything.

Q I am asking you what you swore to a month ago. Didn't you swear a month ago that you was not called upon to testify when Hannibal Dailey came here to make application for his enrollment? A Well, if my memory serves me, its just like I told you before; they didn't swear me; they called me and asked me if I knew the man.

Q What did you swear to a month ago when you were here;-less than thirty days. Didn't you at that time swear that you were not called upon to testify when Hannibal Dailey first came here to make application? A I may have said it, but as to the swearing part I don't know.

Q You were under oath when you were here a month ago, just as you are now? A Yes sir.

Q Anything you stated a month ago you stated under oath?

A Yes sir.

Q And you stated under oath that you were not called upon to testify when you came here with Hannibal Dailey the first time; did you not. A It may be.

Q Is it, or isn't it? A I don't know; I know I wasn't under oath.

Q A month ago you were under oath? A Yes sir.

Q And a month ago you stated under oath that you were not called upon to testify when Hannibal Dailey first came here, didn't you? A I wouldn't be positive about it, boss.

Q You are positive about things that happened two years ago?

A Some I am and some I aint. Of course, my recollection--

Q Your recollection isn't much good just now is it? A Its not like it used to be.

Q You now swear positively that when you were here with Hannibal Dailey when he sought to make his application, you were not put under oath? A I don't think I was put under oath.

Q You said several times that you were [illegible] put under [illegible] Were youp or were you not? A No, I don't think I was.

Q You don't think you were, but do you remember? A My memory serves me that I was not put under oath when Hannibal Dailey came the first time.
Q Do you remember whether you were or not? A No, I don't remember.
Q And you have sworn here at least half a dozen times that you were not under oath. A I don't think I was sworn at all.
Q Will you swear that you were not sworn at that time? A I can't do it.
Q But you have been doing it for the last fifteen minutes.
A I couldn't be positive. They called me in and asked me if I knew anything about the man.
Q And you said at least half a dozen times that you were not sworn; that you were not under oath? A I don't think I was.
Q Havn't you stated positively at least six or seven times that you were not under oath when Hannibal Dailey was here?
A I was just saying I didn't think so.
Q Havn't you stated that you was not under oath? A I wouldn't state that way.
Q Well, have you stated that way? A I don't think I have stated that way, even here today.
Q Your memory is working again isn't it? A Might be.
Q When Hannibal Dailey was here in 1902, did you hear him mention the name of Paris Dailey? A I didn't hear him call no name in particular--only his children.
Q Did you hear him mention the name of Paris Dailey? A No, not here I didn't.
Q Did you hear what the Commissioner said to him with reference to Paris Dailey at all? A No, I didn't hear.
Q Did they ask Hannibal Dailey anything about whether he was married to the mother of these children? A I don't know.
Q Did they say anything to him with reference to proving his marriage? A I think just before he went out they told him that he would have to send his marriage license. I think that is what they told him.

Witness excused.

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 12, 1905.

J Campbell
Notary Public.

19-NB-497

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

.....Ludie White.....

as a citizen of

.....Chickasaw Freedmen Nation.

Approved..... 190...

.....

Commissioner.

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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 a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation,

of Ludie White (Here insert name of child), born on the 5 day of April 1898.

Name of Father: Charlie White a citizen of the ..... Nation.

Name of Mother: Laura White a freedman citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother Chick. Freed

Postoffice Ran. I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
So District.

I, Laura White on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a citizen by Freedwoman of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Charlie White, who is a citizen, by ....., of the ..... Nation; that a female (Male or Female) child was born to me on 5 day of April 1898; that said child has been named Ludie White and was living March 4, 1906.

(SEAL) Laura White

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of July 1906.

John Crisp
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
..... District.

I, ..., a ....., on oath state that I attended on ....., wife of ..... on the ..... day of ..... 1 ....., that there was born to her on said date a ..... (Male or Female) child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named .....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

Notary Public.

Chickasaw Freedmen
1452

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 25, 1905.

Paris Dailey,
Ran, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your sisters, Laura White and Malinda Rody, as Chickasaw freedmen, you are requested to state the name of your mother and the mother of your two sisters above named.

Please give this matter immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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(COPY)

Ham, I. T.

May 30, 1906.

to Commission to the five Civilized Tribes

I received your letter concerning the name of my Mother the Name of my Mother is Luie Dailey & also Laura White & Malinda Reddy, we all have the same mother, my mother is there mother, luie Daily,

Your

Paris Dailey

Ham, I.T.

19- 1452.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 3, 1905.

Laura White,

Ada, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 23, in which you state that persons have filed on your place and you wanted to contest the same but were not permitted to do so by the Chickasaw Land Office. You also ask a statement showing that you are entitled to file a contest.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on May 26, 1905 the Chickasaw Land Office was notified to add your name to the list of undetermined applicants for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen in the possession of that office, and you will now be permitted to institute contest proceedings upon your personal appearance before that office.

Respectfully,

19-1452.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 5, 1905.

Paris Daily,

Ran, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 22, stating that you desire to file a contest on certain land, but that you were not permitted to do so by the Chickasaw Land Office, and you ask a statement showing that you are entitled to file a contest.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on May 26, 1905, the Chickasaw Land Office was notified to add your name to the list of undetermined applicants for enrollment as Chickasaw freedman in the possession of that office, and you will now be permitted to institute contest proceedings upon your personal appearance before that office.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

19-1452

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 6, 1906.

Paris Dailey,

Ada, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 30, 1906, stating that you and your sisters Laura White and Malinda Rody have the same mother and that her name is Lee Dailey.

This information has been made a matter of record.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1452

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 19, 1906.

Paris Daily,

Ran, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that before any further action can be taken in the matter of your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with a sworn statement showing your residence from the date of your birth up to and including September 25, 1902. For this purpose there is inclosed you herewith a blank affidavit which you are requested to take before some Notary Public and answer under oath the questions therein propounded, returning the same in the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

This matter should recieve your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

LM 2/19.

Acting Commissioner.

Env.

19-1452

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 26, 1906.

James H. Mathers,
Attorney at Law,
Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 12, 1906, in which you state that at the time Paris Dailey appeared at this office he made application for the enrollment of himself and his children Mabell, Dessie and Littlebit Dailey; that he himself has been enrolled, but has heard nothing about the enrollment of his children.

In reply you are advised that on March 14, 1905, Paris Dailey appeared at this office for the purpose of establishing that an application had been made for his enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman within the time provided by the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902. At that time he claimed that his father, Hannibal Dailey, had made application for the enrollment of Paris Dailey and his children, but Hannibal Dailey testified that, on his personal appearance, he only applied for the enrollment of himself and his own children.

The order of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of May 24, 1905, entered in this case, held that application had been made in behalf of Paris Dailey for enrollment as a

Chickasaw freedman within the time provided by the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, but that no application had been made for the enrollment of his children.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

19-1482

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 22, 1906.

Cruce, Cruce & Bleakmore,
Attorneys at Law,
Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sirs:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 11, 1906, in which you ask the status of the application of Ida, Lena and Coony Rody, children of Malinda Rody, for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

In reply you are advised that on May 24, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision holding that application was made within the time provided by the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, for the enrollment of Paris Dailey, Laura White and Malinda Rody, and that no application was made for the enrollment of Mabell and Dessie Dailey and Lutie White.

It does not appear that Malinda Rody, at the time of her personal appearance, March 23, 1905, for the purpose of establishing that application had been made for her enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, made mention of any children. If affidavits have been forwarded to the birth of these children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, and you will state when the same

were forwarded the matter will receive further consideration. You are advised, however, that the ninety days provided by said Act for the reception of applications for the enrollment of minor children expired July 25, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

G. R.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, S.P.

WASHINGTON.

I. T. D. 10129-1906. August 18, 1906.

J.M.D.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

For appropriate action in accordance with departmental instructions of July 19, 1906 (I.T.D. 1442,12568-06), relative to the Choctaw freedman case of Ethel Pierson, and for report and recommendation thereon, there is referred to you the application of Paris Dailey, an alleged duly enrolled Chickasaw freedman, for the enrollment of his minor children, Mabell, Dessie and Little Bit Dailey, as Chickasaw freedmen. Your attention is invited to the fact that it is alleged in the petition that a former application was made by Paris Dailey on March 14, 1905, before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of the above named minor children, which application, made prior to December 1, 1905, was denied solely for the reason that said application had not been made within the time prescribed by law.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, &c.

Applicants invoke the benefits of the act of April 26, 1906 (Public No. 129).

Respectfully,

(Signed) Jesse E. Wilson,

Assistant Secretary.

1 enclosure.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

J.J.Jr.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FHE.

WASHINGTON.

I.T.D. 10547-1906.
D. C. 45594

JP.

October 12, 1906.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,/

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Referring to departmental letter of August 18, 1906, returning the application of Paris Dailey, an alleged enrolled Chickasaw freedman, for the enrollment of his minor children Mabell, Dessie and Littlebil Dailey as Chickasaw freedmen, there is inclosed for appropriate action a communication from the attorneys for said applicants, requesting that the application be dismissed and stating that they desire to withdraw as attorneys in said case.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,

Assistant Secretary.

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Through the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

Secretary of Interior, August 18, 1906.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to the petition, sent you a short time ago, to re-open and reconsider the application of Waybell, Dessie and Littlebill Bailey, as Chickasaw Freedmen, we beg to say, that we desire this application dismissed and that we be permitted to withdraw as attorneys therein.

After a thorough investigation into the facts and law, we are convinced that we do not care to spend any more time and energy or money on the matter.

Respectfully,

James H. Mathers.

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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 Chickasaw freedman of:

WILSON HARRIS 19-D-5.

Wilson Harris,

IN RE

Application for enrollment as

Chickasaw Freedman.

In the matter of the application of Wilson Harris for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Wilson Harris being sworn says: (Stonewall, September 6th 1898)

I am about 56 years old.

I belonged to Elsie the wife of Daniel Harris.

I went to Fort Smith in June 1865, and remained there until January 1866. I just worked around while there.

Hon. R.M.Harris being sworn says: (Tishomingo, September 30th 1895)

I know Wilson Harris. He belonged to Elsie Harris.

He ran off in the fall of 1864 or 1865 and went to Fort Smith.

When my father went down at the time the treaty of Fort Smith was made, I went with him, and I saw Wilson Harris in Fort Smith. When we returned we left him there. He came out to the Chickasaw Nation once in about 1867, and returned. I have never seen him since.

I was Governor of the Chickasaw Nation for the last two years.

When the Federals were coming to Fort Gibson, these negroes ran away and went to them there. I think it was in the winter of 1864. Some of them were run into by some Southern men near Stonewall, and they turned and went to Fort Smith.

FREEDMAN

Spiro, I. T., June 14th,1899.

In re application of Wilson Harris for enrollment as a Freedman)

Mary Mabry being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A Mary Mabry.

Q. Do you know Wilson Harris? A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you known him? A. About 25 years.

Q. Where was he when you first knew him? A. I was living on Poteau

Q. Has he been living in the Territory all the time? A. Yes sir

Dick Brashears being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. Do you know where Wilson Harris was living in 1865, A. He was living on Poteau between the Arkansas line and Poteau stream in 1865, that is where I got acquainted with him.

Q. What makes you think it was in 1865? A. I had lost some cattle and was down there hunting them, and he was there, and that was about the time they were up at Ft. Smith making the treaty.

Q. Has he been living in the Nation ever since? A. Yes sir.

Wilson Harris being duly sworn testified as follows:-

You have always lived in the Territory have you? A. Yes sir.

Q Never lived in Arkansas? A. No sir.

(This testimony to go with Chickasaw Freedman Card D-5)

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 A Smiley

19-D-5.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Muskogee, Indian Territory August 11, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Wilson Harris as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Wilson Harris being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A My name is Wilson Harris.
Q How old are you? A I don't know just exactly just suppose I am about sixty-one years of age.
Q What is your post office address? A Spiro.
Q You claim as a freedman don't you? A Yes, sir, I guess as a Chickasaw freedman.
Q Have you got any children? A No, sir.
Q Any grand-children? A No, sir.
Q You are just for yourself? A Yes, sir, just for myself, had some children had one die in the Chickasaw Nation and that leaves me alone.
Q When did she die? A Well I don't know sir, been quite awhile.
Q Good many years? A Yes, sir, about twelve or thirteen years.
Q Were you a slave? A Yes, sir.
Q Who was your master? A Daniel Harris was my master.
Q Whose slave were you at the beginning of the war? A Daniel Harris was the husband of Elsie Harris.
Q And you belonged to Elsie Harris did you? A Yes, sir.
Q Who was Elsie Harris? A They claimed Chickasaw.
Q Was it Daniel Harris or his wife that was a Chickasaw? A It was his wife, she was supposed to be a Chickasaw, they claimed Daniel Harris was a white man.
Q Do you know Governor Harris, use to be governor of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q What relation was he to Daniel Harris? A There was two governor Harrises in my time, since the war Governor Harris was Daniel Harris grandson .
Q Is his name R. M. Harris? A I just don't know, Mister, his name is Bob.
Q He is a grandson of Daniel Harris that owned you? A Yes, sir.
Q Now where were you during the war? A All during the war I was with the Confederate soldiers, the Chickasaw soldiers until peace was declared.
Q Where were the soldiers during the war? A Up at Fort Arbuckle
Q Chickasaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you go outside of the Chickasaw Nation during the war? A No, sir.
Q When peace was declared where were you? A I was between Fort Arbuckle and Governor Harri's place.
Q Where were you when you were freed? A That is where I was, they run me in home.

Q Where was that? A Down on Blue.
Q Choctaw Nation? A Chickasaw Nation.
Q Do you remember the treaty at Fort Smith? A Yes, sir.
Q Where were you at that time? A Well at that time I was at Fort Smith living right out x what we always called Fort No. 1.
Q Was that in the Choctaw Nation or was it in Arkansas? A I have learned since that was in the Choctaw Nation, that was where I was living at the time of the treaty.
Q You remember that distinctly do you, the treaty of Fort Smith? A Yes, sir, I remember it.
Q Now where were you living inside the town or outside? A Outside of the town but I was working in the town.
Q Were you married at that time? A No, sir.
Q You went to Fort Smith didn't you in 1865? A Yes, sir, it was xxxxx after peace was declared.
Q How soon after that was the treaty of Fort Smith if you know? A Seems like it was the fall following I went xx there in June I think it was in 1865, and in 1866 as nigh as I can recollect, my memory is not very good, it seems that it was in the fall, the fall following September or October I don't remember which I paid so little attention.
Q Did you ever live in the town of Fort Smith? A Yes, sir, I stayed there a week or two at a time and would go back home again.
Q What is your father's name? A Well his name was George is all I can tell you, he was sold when I was a little kid.
Q What is your mother's name? A Hannah.
Q Where was she during the war? A With her owner.
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.
Q When did she die? A About eleven years ago.
Q Where was she living after the war? A Out at Stonewall and I x came out and took her down there with me at Oaklodge.
Q I am talking about during the war? A She was right with Elsie Harris.
Q Isn't it a fact that you ran away from your owners before the war ended? A No, sir, I did run off but I was told I was a free man; the old man talked of giving me a good whipping and I just told him I wouldn't give him a chance.
Q Were you a free man at that time? A Yes, sir, according to what they said.
Q Do you remember when the Federal troops were at Fort Gibson? A Yes, sir.
Q Didn't you run to them before the war was over? A No, sir, peace was declared when I went off, when peace was declared I was right with the Confederate Soldiers.
Q Governor Harris says in this case that at the time of the treaty of Fort Smith he went with his father to Fort Smith and he found you there and that when he came away he left you there, is that right? A I didn't see him there but I saw his father and Tandy Walker, I came in every day, I was working in a livery stable.
Q You claim that you lived outside of Fort Smith in the Choctaw Nation? A That is what I have found out since.
Q Where have you been living since then? A In the Choctaw Nation.
Q You have never been outside since peace was declared? A No, sir, only at work and t[illegible]ing around, never did live outside of the Choctaw Nation.
Q Were you married at the time peace was declared? A No, sir, I had a woman but I wasn't married.

Q At the time of the treaty of Fort Smith did you have a wife then?
A No, sir.
Q Where was your home during all this time? A I was living out there.
Q Didn't you have a home to go to? A I was living with a family of people.
Q And they were living on the Choctaw side? A Yes, sir, they were Choctaw niggers.
Q Who were they? A Sealy Folsom, she is dead, she has several children living, Mary Mabry.
Q Anybody else that is living? A Caesar Brown.
Q Is he a Choctaw Indian? A Choctaw freedman.
Q This Mabry is a white woman isn't she? A No, sir, they are all colored people, I was living with them.
Q Where was your mother living at that time you were in Fort Smith? A At Stonewall.
Q You didn't live with her? A ~~Nem~~ No, sir, not until four or five years after the treaty I came and got her and settled a little home.
Q Were you any relation to Mary Mabry? A No, sir.
Q Do you know Dick Brashears? A Yes, sir.
Q How long did you know him? A Ever since I have been at Fort Smith, didn't know him before the war.
Q Are you related in any way to him? A No, sir.

Witness excused.

Thomas Blackwater being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Thomas Blackwater.
Q What is your post office address? A Brasil.
Q Choctaw Nation? A yes, sir.
Q How old are you? A Well about seventy-three.
Q Were you a slave? A Yes, sir, I have been a slave.
Q Who was your master? A Wadkin.
Q What was his first name? A Doran.
Q What was he? A He was a white man but his family was Chickasaw.
Q He was an intermarried Chickasaw? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know ~~MK~~ Wilson Harris? A Yes, sir.
Q How long have you known him? A I knowed him when he wasn't but a boy before the war.
Q Where did you first see him? A On Blue where old man Daniel Harris lived.
Q Have you known him ever since? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you meet him during the war? A No, sir.
Q Were you living in his neighborhood during the war where you could have seen him if he had been there? A No, sir.
Q How soon after peace did you see him? A It was in '66 I saw him.
Q Do you remember the treaty of Fort Smith? A Yes, sir.
Q Where was you at that time? A In the army at DeValls Bluff I wasn't mustered out yet.

Q How soon after that did you see him? A When I was mustered out and come to the Nation right on the line to Fort Smith, right there I met him.
Q How soon after peace was declared was it? A Well it was in 1866.
Q Was it the fall or spring of the year? A Spring.
Q Where did you say he was living at that time? A Right on the line of Fort Smith and Indian Territory in Skullyville County when I met him; when I come up the river and stopped at Fort Smith I saw him on the Choctaw side.
Q Wasn't it on the Arkansas side? A No, sir, it was in Skullyville in Poteau bottom, he lived up on the hill, I was in the bottom but he was up on that place.
Q Have you seen him ever since? A Ever since because we both live in the same county.
Q Where has he been living? A He still is in that county.
Q Has he got a house there? A Yes, sir, he has a plantation.
Q How long has he had that plantation there? A After he married he settled there.
Q Good many years? A Yes, sir, directly after the surrender.

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. T. Difendafer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of August 1904.

Charles H. Sawyer

Notary Public.

19-D-5.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Wilson Harris as a Chickasaw freedman.

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It appears from the record herein that on September 6, 1898 application was made to this Commission at Stonewall, Indian Territory for the enrollment of Wilson Harris as a Chickasaw freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of this application at Spiro, Indian Territory on June 14, 1899 and at Muskogee, Indian Territory on August 11, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that Wilson Harris was a slave of Elsie Harris, a Chickasaw citizen, at the beginning of the War of the Rebellion; that in June 1865 he went to Fort Smith, Arkansas and remained there until January 1866; and that with the exception of said temporary absence he had been a resident in good faith of the Choctaw-Chickasaw country from the beginning of said war up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Wilson Harris should be enrolled as a Chickasaw 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, C. R. Breathitt Jr.

Commissioner.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 17, 1905.

Wilson Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 17, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw 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 the action of the Commission in enrolling you as a Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation. If at the expiration of that time, no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED)

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Encl. 19-D-5.

19-D-5.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 17, 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 February 17, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Wilson Harris as a Chickasaw 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 freedman of the Chickasaw Nation. If at the expiration of that time, no protest has been filed, his name will be placed upon the final rolls of the freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,
SIGNED:

Tams Bixby
Chairman.

Registered.
Incl. 19-D-5.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1904.

Wilson Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 6, asking the status of your enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission has not yet passed upon your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. As soon as a decision is reached in your case you will be notified of the action taken therein. In the event further evidence is necessary to enable the Commission to determine whether or not you are entitled to enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, you will be duly notified. You are also advised that if you will forward a description of the land upon which you have improvements and which you desire to select as an allotment, proper notation will be made upon our records and you will be notified of any adverse filings and be allowed to institute a contest therefor.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

19-D-5

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 23, 1904.

Wilson Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 13, 1904, in which you ask the status of your enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman and state that you desire to file on the SW Quarter of the NE Quarter of Section 26, Township 2, Range 25 East.

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

You are further advised that you do not state whether the land on which you desire to file is situated in Township 2 north or south of the base line and it is therefore impracticable to make any notation upon our records of your claim to the land referred to.

You are informed that the Commission does not make reservations of the lands of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation for the citizens or freedmen of those two tribes, but if you will forward a correct description of the land which you desire to select in allotment, proper notation thereof will be made upon our records and in event any other persons make application for the same land

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you will be permitted to institute contempt proceedings therefor, if it is so desired.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 5, 1904.

Wilson Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 4, describing the land you desire to select in allotment, and asking if you will be required to furnish additional testimony in your case.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the Commission has not yet passed upon yourapplication for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman and it is suggested that it would be well 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 Chickasaw freedman. If you desire to introduce the testimony of any witnesses as to your being the slave of a Chickasaw Indian, their testimony will also be taken.

The matter of the land referred to in your letter will be made the subject of another communication.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in

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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 Chickasaw freedman of:

JIM GOODING 19-D-24.

Jim Geeding,

IN RE

Application for enrollment as

Chickasaw Freedman.

In the matter of the application of Jim Gooding for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Jim Gooding being sworn says: (Colbert, October 10th 1898)

I belonged to Mrs. Mounning Gooding. I have no wife.

I did not leave the country until after peace was made. I left in March 1866. I went to the Creek Nation. I have been there ever since. I was turned loose when the other slaves were free.

Old man Gooding had five slaves: Jim, Isom, Ann, Tom and Allen.

Peace was declared after Christmas in 1865, and I went on over to Sherman. I had not been set free by my owners, when I went to Sherman. The Freedmen rolls were read to me there and they said that I was free. I remained there in Sherman until March. I had been there from about two weeks after Christmas. I did not leave my mistress' place until after Christmas. I playdd the fiddle for them to dance, at Mr. Dillard's, on Christmas Eve night. This was in 1865. I then went over to Sherman and remained there until March, and went to the Creek Nation.

Frank Gooding being sworn says: (Colbert, October 10th 1898)

I do not remember Jim Gooding. I was not old enough to be able to make statements about events that occurred at the end of the war.

My father claimed that Jim Gooding left him, and that he followed him but could not catch him. I know that when the negroes were set free he had only four. They were. Isom, Ann, Tom and Allen.

I will be 40 years old in November.

(Colbert, October 11th 1898)

Mrs. Mourning T. Gooding (refusing to be sworn) states:

I know Jim Gooding. I do not know when he left me. He had a negro woman and he came down to see his wife. He followed the woman off to the Creek Nation. We had all turned our negroes loose I think in the winter. I think it was several months before Christmas. I was living above Marietta then. Jim went down to see his wife , whose mother lived here at Colbert. My husband, Mr. Gooding came down to hunt him, and said he was gone. He had been here some time before Mr. Gooding came down for him.

Q. by Gooding. I know it was in 1866 that I went out of here. The refugees were all going back.

Mrs. G. Yes that was the year. It was in 1866.

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Muskogee, I. T. July 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jim Gooding for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Cornelius Bacon being first duly sworn by Commissioner Needles testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Cornelius Bacon.
Q How old are you? A I am about 62 I guess.
Q Where do you live? A Nowata.
Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Was you ever a slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Who did you belong to? A Polly Bacon.
Q Where did you live during the civil war? A On Red river just below Colbert Station now; called it Red River at that time.
Q Were you living there when the war began? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know Jim Gooding? A Yes sir.
Q Was Jim Gooding living there when the war began? A I think he was living on the Washita but moved down there during that time and stayed there during the war.
Q Who did he belong to? A Gooding - Charlie Gooding I think was his name.
Q Did this man Jim Gooding live there in the Chickasaw Nation as a slave of Charlie Gooding during the war? A. Yes sir.
Q Do you remember when the slaves were freed? A Yes sir.
Q Do you remember when the Gooding slaves were freed? A Yes sir.
Q How many did he have when they were freed? A Five I think; I wont be positive he had that many; he had a man and a woman and two boys and this Jim Gooding; thats what he had.
Q Was this man living with Gooding when these other slaves were freed A I went be positive of that either but I know he was there just before they turned me loose; they told me I was free in the spring of 66, my young marster Tom Bacon - Bill Bacon's brother; I am correct about mine; I remember it. Well now if you ask the question was he there -- he was there; we was set free in the spring; that is I was and he was there in the latter part of the winter I know at Charlie Goodings.
Q Did you see this man in that neighborhood every day while you was a slave ? A O no.
Q How often? A Pretty near every week.
Q How far did you live from him? A About two miles.
Q Where were the Goodings living when the slaves were freed? A The Goodings was living-- the place was named- there was no public names but they was living right west of us on a little Creek called Turkey Branch; they was living right there and old man Bacon about half way to Isaac Loves.
Q Were you around Goodings place a number of times - enough to know who the slaves were there? A Yes sir.
Q How many slaves did Gooding have? A He had two men a woman and two boys if I mistake not.
Q Were Isaac and Ann there as man and wife? A. Yes sir.

Cornelius Bacon--2.

Q Had two boys Tom and Alvin? A I forget the names of the boys and really I forget the names of the people.
Q That was the family? A Yes sir.
Q Owned by Gooding? A Yes sir.
Q How about this man Jim Gooding? A Jim was there; he was one of the men; there was Jim, Isaac and this woman Ann and those two boyrs made the five.
Q How many slaves were freed by Charlie Gooding? A The whole entire five I suppose.
Q Are you sure Jim was there when the slaves were freed? A No because the people down there at the time when they set the slaves free - some set them free way before others - some of them set them free in 65; some of them white folks told them they was free before the others; my folks told me I was free in March 66.
Q Do you remember when the treaty was made between the Choctaws and Chickasaws? A. I do not; no sir.
Q That was in the spring of 66 along ~~March~~ in April; thats when the slaves were freed.
A Well I dont be positive but I thought my folks set me free in 66, in March; I think they did; I think they turned me loose in March.
Q Is that all you know about these people? A. Yes sir.

Clara Mitchell Wood being first duly sworn 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 16th day of July 1901 and that the above and foregoing is a full true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

Clara Mitchell Wood

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 19th day of July 1901.

John G. Fiebes
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

MUSKOGEE, I.T., JUNE 2, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Jim Gooding for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

THE COMMISSION:

What is your name? A. Jim Gooding.
Q. How old are you? A. About seventy-five.
Q. Where do you live? I live in Checotah. I used to live here in Muskogee about a year and a half ago.
Q. You used to live in Muskogee? A. Yes, sir, I lived here for 21 years. I moved a year ago to Checotah.
Q. You claim to be a Chickasaw freedman, do you? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Who were you the slave of? A. I was here before the war.
Q. Who was your master before the war? A. A man by the name of Howard.
Q. Was he a ChickasawIndian? A. No, sir; but Gooding bought me in Memphis.
Q. You were the slave of Howard in Memphis? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Did Gooding buy you in Memphis and bring you to the Chickasaw Nation? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Was Gooding a Chickasaw Indian? A. No, sir.He was a white man but I belonged to his wife.
Q. Who was his wife? A. Anna Mourning Allen.
Q. Was you ever the slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A. Yes, sir.
Q. What was his name? A. Charlie Gooding.
Q. Where did he live? A. In the Chickasaw Nation.
Q. Did you ever live in the Chickasaw Nation? A. That was where I lived before the war.
Q. How long did you live there? A. I lived there eight or nine years before the war and all during the war.
Q. Were you in the Chickasaw Nation during the war? A. Yes, sir, all during the war.
Q. Did you go out of the Chickasaw Nation during the war? A. No, sir.
Q. Never left the Indian Territory during the war? A. No, sir; never left it at all until 1866.
Q. Where did you go then? A. To Sherman, Texas.
Q. How long did you stay there? A. From Christmas until March, 1866.
Q. You went to Sherman in 1866? A. Yes, sir, after Christmas. I was at home all 1865. 1866 I went to Sherman.
Q. What time in the year? A. Just after Christmas.
Q. And you stayed until when? A. Until the Freedmen's Bureau called me in and told me that I was as free as the birds in the air.
Q. When was that? Shortly after Christmas in 1866.
Q. In 1867 wasn't it? A. No, sir, 1866.
Q. How many days were there left in the year 1866 after Christmas? A. Why, I went there about a week after Christmas; I went to Sherman.

Q. Yes; how long did you stay? A. Up until March.
Q. March what year? A. 1866.
Q. Then when did you get back to Indian Territory? A. I stayed in Dennison about a week after Christmas until March; and then after March I came out here.
Q. Do you mean Muskogee? A. Yes, sir; here and Fort Gibson. These are the only places I have been.
Q. After coming to Muskogee in March, following the Christmas in 1866, how long did you stay in Muskogee? A. I came to the Creek Nation in March.
Q. You didn't say you came to the Creek Nation, you said you came here. A. Isn't Muskogee in the Creek Nation? I stopped at the agency when I first came and I stayed over there nearly two months and then I went to Fort Gibson and stayed over there I suppose for 16 or 17 years and then I came from there here and I have been here ever since.
Q. Here in Muskogee? A. Yes, sir.
Q. But you do not live here now? A. No, sir, at Checotah now.
Q. How long ago did you leave Muskogee for Checotah? A. About a year and a half ago.
Q. Ever since you came back from Dennison to the old agency here -near here-- you have remained a resident of the Indian Territory, have you? A. Yes, sir, I have lived right here in Indian Territory ever since.
Q. Did you ever run away from Charlie Gooding? A. No, sir.
Q. Where were you when the slaves were set free? A. At Charlie Gooding's in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q. What was Charlie Gooding's post office? A. I do not know but it was in Pickens County.
Q. Near what place? A. Near Red River; our farm ran down to Red River.
Q. Who is Frank Gooding? Do you know him? A. That was-- I do not know but I think it was Charlie Gooding's brother. He has a son by the name of Frank Gooding.
Q. Frank Gooding is a son, then, of Charlie Gooding? A. Yes, sir I think Charlie had a brother named Frank Gooding too.
Q. Do you know where Marietta in the Chickasaw Nation is? A. No, sir, I do not.
Q. Was Mrs. Mourning T. Gooding the wife of Charlie Gooding?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And you belonged to her? A. Yes, sir.

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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 matter and the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mildred S. Cummings

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of June, 1904.

Chas. N. Haworth
Notary Public.

19-D-24

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 8, 1904.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Jim Gooding as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Said Jim Gooding, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q. What is your name? A. Jim Gooding.
Q. What is your age? A. 75.
Q. What is your post-office address? A. Checotah, Indian Territory.
Q. You are an applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman?
A. Yes sir.
Q. What was the name of your Chickasaw owner? A. Her name was Annie Monan Gooding.
Q. It appears from a notation upon your enrollment card that W. J. Sullivan, Muskogee, Indian Territory is to be notified when a decision is rendered in your case. Have you ever employed said W. J. Sullivan as an Attorney, and do you want notice of the decision sent to him? A. No sir.

Ella M. Bailey being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Five Civilized Tribes she reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause, heard at Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 8, 1904, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes taken in said proceedings on said date.

Ella M. Bailey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 9" day of September, 1904.

J B Campbell

Notary Public.

19-D-24.

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

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jim Gooding as a Chickasaw Freedman.

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The records show that on October 10, 1898, Jim Gooding appeared before the Commission at Colbert, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of himself as a Chickasaw freedman. Further proceedings in the matter of said application were had at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on July 17, 1901, and June 2, 1904.

The evidence shows that Jim Gooding was the slave of Mourning Gooding, a Chickasaw citizen, at the commencement of the war of Rebellion; that he was freed at the close of the war in the Chickasaw Nation; that soon after he moved to the Creek Nation, Indian Territory, and that since the close of said war of Rebellion he has continuously resided in Indian Territory up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Jim Gooding should be enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Chairman.

Commissioner.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

Jim Gooding,

Checotah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 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 23, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Jim Gooding as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, his name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

ENGNEER.

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

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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 Chickasaw Freedman of-

Lorenzo Lewis.

19-R-7.

Lorenza Lewis,

IN RE

Application for enrollment as

Chickasaw Freedman.

In the matter of the application of Lorenza Lewis for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman:

Lorenza Lewis being sworn says: (Stonewall, September 4th 1898)

I am about 57 years old. I belonged to Solomon A nolitubby. I went out of the Territory about 1863. I was back in the Territory in 1866. I went up to Cherokee town in March 1867. I had then been at home four or five months. I got home in the first of the fall of 1866. It was in cold weather that I got back. I left Fort Gibson the day after Christmas in 1866 and then came down to Stonewall in the Chickasaw Nation. That was the first time I came to the Chickasaw Nation after the war. I then went up to Cherokee town (Wynnewood) to run a shop. I met Jesse Kemp at Fort Gibson. He came down with me to the Chickasaw Nation. He knows when I came here.

Lorenza Lewis being recalled further says: (Stonewall, September 5th 1899)

I said in my former statement that I came back in the fall of 1866. I know that I came here just before Christmas in the year next before the year in which Judge Lewis saw me in the Choctaw Nation. If Judge Lewis's statement that he saw me in the Choctaw Nation in the summer of 1866 is true, then my former statement that I returned to the Choctaw Nation in the latter part of 1866 was an error. It must have been in the latter part of 1866 that I came here.

Judge S.E.Lewis being sworn says: (Honiwall, September 5th 1898)

I am about 57 years old. I am a Choctaw Indian by blood.

I know Lorenz a Lewis. I knew him only as Lorenza, however.

He belonged to Solomon Ano/etubby.

He left the country during the war. I saw him in the summer after the war was over . I think it was in 1866. It was in warm weather. I was not there in 1867 so it mu st have been in 1866, that I saw him. I am unable to say more definitely as to the time of year, except that it was in warm weather. This was in the Choctaw Nation and I do not know how long he had been there when I saw him.

Wm C.B.

COMMISSIONERS:
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

WM. O. BEALL,
Secretary.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
19-R-7.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 25, 1904.

Lorenzo Lewis,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself as a freedman of the Chickasaw 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 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,

Chairman.

FREEDMAN

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Lorenzo Lewis, said Lewis being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I am about 58. I belonged to Solomon Maturby. It is said that his mother was a Choctaw, but his father was a Chickasaw. I was not at home when I was freed. I was in Kansas. I came back in December '65. I went to Kansas just as soon as the war broke out or a little before. I stayed in Kansas three or four years. When I came back I came to the Chickasaw nation. I was not in the army when I was in Kansas. I came back with Jesse Kemp.

Judge Lewis:

I saw him sometime in the summer of '66. He claimed that he had come back the Christmas before that.

Redirect: I am married. My wife is a state woman. I am married to her. I was married by Ruben Connie. I have no certificate of marriage. Ruben Connie is at Stonewall. I was rejected at Stonewall.

(This man was rejected by Commissioner McKennon at Stonewall, and Commissioner Needles sends him to Commissioner McKennon for further action.)

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.

19-R-7.

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 29th., 1904.

In the matter of the application of Lorenzo Lewis for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Lorenzo Lewis.
Q How old are you? A About 60 years old.
Q What is your post office address? A Clarksville, Creek Nation.
Q Were you a slave? Yes-sir.
Q Were you born a slave? A Yes-sir I was born a slave.
Q Who was your master? A Solomon Nolatubby
Q What was he? A He was a Chickasaw
Q Where were you at the beginning of the war? A I was on Bushey Creek.
Q What Nation is that in? A It is in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q How long did you stay there on Bushey Creek? A I could not tell you exactly how long
Q You ran away didn't you ? A Yes-sir.
Q When did you run away? At the breaking out of the war or after the war? A It was after the war broke out.
Q How soon after the war broke out did you run away? A I couldn't tell you exactly but it was after the death of Ben McCullough; he was general in the Confederate Army.
Q When did you come back? A Well I come back sometime in the latter part of '65; about Christmas time it was.
Q Where did you run away to? A Ft Scott, Kansas.
Q How long did you stay there? A I can't say exactly how long I did stay there
Q You don't know how long you staid there? A Well I don't know really how long I staid
Q Did you stay there a year? A Yes- sir I staid there until the war ended.
Q After the war ended you came back? A Yes-sir.
Q Where did you come back to from Ft Scott,Kansas? A I came back to Ft Gibson and went on down to the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Then how long did you stay in the Chickasaw Nation? A I staid there more than one summer; I don't remember exactly how long I staid; I went back the next fall.
Q How long did yu stay that time? A I don't exactly know;

I have a coin here in my pocket; I went back the same date , or the year of the date that is on this coin; no I went back the year before the date that is on this coin.
Q You went back the same date as this coin you say? A No I went back the year before the date that is on that coin.

Applicant shows a medal supposed to have been struck in 1868.

Q How long did you stay in Kansas then? A I staid until '73
Q What did you then? A I went back to the Chickasaw Nation and have been there ever since up to within two years ago I moved to Clarksville.
Q Do you remember anything about the treaty of Ft Smith?
A No, sir, I don't remember anything about that.
Q Nothing at all? A No, sir,
Q Do you know whether you came here before or after the treaty of Ft. Smith? - A No sir I don't know.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q Are they applicants?A No they are United States people.
Q Is Solomon Nolatubby living? No sir he is dead.
Q Has he any relatives living? A Yes sir he has two daughters living; Lucy and Salina
Q Are they married? A Yes sir Salina is married to Humphrey Colbert.
Q Is he a chickasaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Who is Lucy married to? A She is married to Brown; I don't remember his first name; Gabriel, his name is Gabriel Brown.
Q Is Gabriel Brown living? A Yes sir.
Q How old are Salina and Lucy? I can't tell exactly their age. Lucy was a good sized girl when the war broke out.
Q Was Salina born before or after the war? She was born before the war.
Q Did you go back to your old master when you came from Kansas? A No sir.
Q You didn't see anything of them after the war? A Yes sir.
Q How soon after the war? a As soon as I came back down in the Nation I saw them.
Q Don't you think you can get a statement from one of these people? A I think I can get a statement from Lucy.
Q Do you know where she lives?A She lives near Stonewall.
Q You say her ame is Luch Brown? A Yes sir Lucy Brown.

Lucy Brown of whom the witness testifies or states is the daughter of his former master is identified on the Chickasaw field card 176.

Mattie V. Vaughn, being first duly sworn, upon her oath states: That as a stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she reported in full all the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 29th day of August 1904, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Mattie V. Vaughn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of August 1904.

Chas. H. Sawyer
Notary Public.

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

19-R-7.

In the matter of the enrollment of Lorenzo Lewis as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Bart Franklin, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Bart Franklin.
Q Postoffice? A Wynnewood.
Q You are a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know this man? A Yes, sir, we were children together.
Q Who was his owner? A Solomon Nolatubby.
Q Chickasaw Indian? A Yes, sir.
Q Did he belong to him at the end of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know that of your own knowledge? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you belong to the same man? A Not then.
Q This man ran away before the end of the war, didn't he?
A I don't know whether it was before the war closed or not.
Q Where did he go? A Fort Gibson.
Q How often have you seen him since then? A When my boss left here to go to Washington, he came back here.
Q The same as Jesse Kemp did? A Yes, sir.
Q And as far as the time is concerned, your testimony would be the same as in the case of Jesse Kemp? A Yes, sir.
Q Where has he lived since then? Do you know? A Right within a mile and a half of me.
Q Does he live there now? A No, sir, not now.
Q How long after the war did you and he live close together?
A Twelve or fourteen years, I reckon.
Q You are sure he staid there ten years? A Yes, sir, longer I think.
Q And then he went away and you haven't seen him until yesterday?
A Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

Charley Anderson, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Charley Anderson.
Q Chickasaw freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q Got your land yet? A Not yet.
Q Have you tried to file yet? A No, sir, I have never tried to apply.
Q Were you a slave? A Yes, sir.
Q Where were you during the war? A In 1863 I went north.
Q When did you come back? A After the treaty.
Q How long after the treaty? A About a year or so.
Q How do you know whether this man was here at the time of the treaty? A He and I staid together in the north, and he came back a year or two before I came back.

Q You say in '63 you went north? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you see him up north? A Yes, sir, we went together.
Q Where did you go to? A Fort Scott, Kansas.
Q You are sure of that? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you and he come back together? A No, sir, he left a while before I did, two or three years; whether he was down here or not, I don't know, but he started back to the Nation.
Q If he came straight here, he would have been here at the time of the treaty of Fort Smith? A Yes, sir.
Q So you ran away at the same time? A Yes, sir.

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 this is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes.

Elsie E. Ashton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of October, 1904.

Charles H. Sawyer

Notary Public.

19-R-7.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER. OCTOBER 22, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lorenzo Lewis as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation,

Charles Cohee being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Charles Cohee.
Q How old are you? A Fifty-six.
Q Do you know a colored man by the name of Lorenzo Lewis? A Yes, sir, I know him.
Q About how old is he at the present time? A Why he must be seventy years old I reckon.
Q How long have you known him? A Knowed him before the war.
Q Where was he living - in what nation at the beginning of the War of the Rebellion? A He was living in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Was he a slave? A Yes, sir.
Q Who was his master? A Thta is what I can't remember.
Q Was he the slave of an Indian? A Yes, sir.
Q Of what nation? A Chickasaw Nation.
Q Did Lorenzo Lewis continue to live in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country from the beginning of the war until the treaty in 1866? A Why he went away at the time of the war.
Q How long after the beginning of the war was it that Lorenzo Lewis left the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A I don't just remember but some time during the war he went away.
Q Was it after January 1, 1866? A I think it was after that, pretty sure.
Q After he went away how long did he stay away, how many years? A Well sir, I don't just remember that but it couldn't be very long because I don't remember missing him any year after the war.
Q When did he return to the Choctaw-Chickasaw country, on or before April 28, 1866? A I think so, I wouldn't really be positive but I think he had returned.
Q Do you remember seeing him there in 1866; that was the next year after peace was declared? A I think, I am not very sure but I think I seen him because we commenced to hold council and he was in every council we held.
Q What time of the year was it that he returned? A I am not sure about that but it looks like it was the early part of the year.
Q After his return did he continue to live in Indian Territory? A Yes, sir.
Q Has made his home in Indian Territory from that time to this? A Yes, sir.

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 case on said date.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of October 1904.

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19-R-7.

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

In the matter of the application of Lorenzo Lewis for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that at a session of the Commission held at Stonewall, Indian Territory, September 4 and 5, 1898, application was made for the enrollment of Lorenzo Lewis as a Chickasaw Freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Atoka, Indian Territory, August 30, 1899, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 29, 1904, at Tishomingo, Indian Territory, September 9, 1904, and at Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 22, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant was a slave of Solomon Nolatubby, a recognized Chickasaw citizen, at the beginning and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that some time during the war the applicant left the Chickasaw Nation, and removed to the State of Kansas; that he returned to the Chickasaw Nation in the latter part of the year 1865, and remained there until the year 1867, when he again went to Kansas, where he resided until the year 1873; that he then returned to the Chickasaw Nation, and has since said time resided continuously in the Indian Territory up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Lorenzo Lewis should be enrolled as a Chickasaw 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,

JUN 28 1905

Commissioner.

19-R-7.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 28, 1905.

COPY.

Lorenzo Lewis,

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 application for your enrollment as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Registered. Chairman.

Incl. 19-R-7.

19-R-7.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 28, 1905.

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, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Lorenzo Lewis as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, his name will be placed upon the final rolls of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby
Chairman.

Registered.
Incl. 19-R-7.

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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 Chickasaw Freedman of-

Tom Hopkins.

19-D-44.

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Tom Hopkins, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Alikchi, I.T., April 20th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Tom Hopkins.

Q. Were you a slave during the war? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was your master? A. Dr Murray.

Q. What have you been doing since the war.A.Living right around here.

Q. Been living in Texas? A. Just a little while.

Q. Got a wife? A. Yes sir, but we have parted.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, two.

Q. You were turned loose in Texas, and didn't come back here until some time afterwards, did you? A. Yes sir.

Q. How long after you were turned loose did you come back to the Territory? A. I can't tell exactly.

(R. L. Murray states that it must havebeen three or four years)

Andrew Murray, being duly sworn, xtestifies as follows:

Q. Do you remember when Tom Hopkins came back here to the Nation? A. No sir, I don't really.

Q. You remember they were all turned loose at Blossom Prairie, and then came to the Territory after that? A. His father brought him back here to the Nation the second year after the surrender.

(Tom Hopkins, put on white card, and requested to meet the Commission at Durant, and present further proof)

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

In the matter of the application of Mose Hopkins, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Durant, I. T., August 16th,1899, for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Mose Hopkins.

Q. How old are you? A About 43.

Q. Were you a slave? A. yes sir.

Q. Who did you belong to? A. Dr. Murray.

Q. Where have you been living since you were set free? A. At Shawneetown, always in the Territory.

Q. Have you ever been out of the Territory? A. No sir, only going to market.

Q. Are you married? A. Not now.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, one registered, and one that ain't.

Q. Why was the other one not registered? A. He was with me.

Q. What is the other one's name? A. George Thompson.

Q. How old is he? A/ 24

Q. Who was his mother? A. Alvaretta Thompson.

Q. Was she a slave before the war? A. Yes sir.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Sophy Bridges

Q. What was his mother? A. She was a Cherokee.

H. F. Murray being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. H. F. Murray.

Q. How old are you? A. Eighty.

Q. Do you know Mose Hopkins? A. yes sir.

Q. Was he a slave before the war? A. yes sir

Q. Who did he belong to? A. He belonged to my wife.

Q. Was she a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A. Chickasaw.

Applicant: I have a crippled brother I want to enroll.

Moses Hopkins #2

Q. What is his name? A. Tom Hopkins.

Q. Where is he? A. He is at Shawneetown.

Q. Who did he belong to? A. Dr. Murray.

Q. Has he lived in the Territory all the time? A. No sir, he came here since the 1885 registration.

Q. Where did he go when he was t rned free? A. He stayed in Texas about six months, and then come over here.

H.F.
Dr. Murray being duly sworn testified as follows.

Q. Were your slaves turned loose in Texas.? A. yes sir.

Q. Was your wife living in Texas? A. Yes sir. I lived in Texas during the war and moved back here after the war, but the darkies were all turned loose in Texas.

Q. Did you take the darkies over there at the beginning of the war? Ans. yes sir.

Q. Were these darkies born here in the Nation? A. Yes sir, they were, both born in the Nation. And they were both slaves and residents of the Territory before I took them to Texas.

Q. They lived in Texas until after the war ? A. yes sir.

Moses Hopkins recalled?

Q. What is your brother's name? A. Tom Hopkins.

Q. How old is he? A. about 47

Q. Is Tom Married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is his wife a state woman? A. yes sir.

Q. Do you know that he was married to her? A. No sir, I don't expect he was.

What would let his wife and children out then.

This testimony to be attached to Chickasaw Cards D-42 and D-44.

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Department of the Interio
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 A Miles

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
ATOKA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
September 7, 1904.

19-D-41.

In the matter of the enrollment of Tom Hopkins as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Moses Hopkins, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Moses Hopkins.
Q. Where do you live? A. Shawneetown.
Q. What relation is Tom Hopkins to you? A. A brother.
Q. Was he a slave? A. Yes, sir.
Q. To whom did he belong? A. Doctor Murray.
Q. The same one you belonged to? A. Yes, sir. Doctor Frank Murray married Miss Maggie Jeems, a Chickasaw.
Q. Wasn't she part Choctaw? A. No, sir, she was a granddaughter of Susie Colbert.
Q. How is it that he (Tom Hopkins) is not here today for himself?
Q. He was not able to come.
Q. Why? A. He cannot get around on account of his legs.
Q. Where was he when the slaves were freed? A. Right here.
Q. Was he ever taken outside of the Choctaw Nation? A. No, sir.
Q. Where does he live? A. He stays with me.
Q. Has he always lived in the Choctaw and Chickasaw country?
A. In the Choctaw Nation.
Q. Was your brother ever living in Texas? A. No, sir, never made his home there.
Q. And he is living today with you? A. Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

19-D-44.

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

In thematter of the application of Tom Hopkins for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on April 19, 1899, at Alikchi, Indian Territory application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Tom Hopkins as a Chickasaw Freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Durant, Indian Territory, on August 16, 1899 and at Atoka, Indian Territory on September 7, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant was a slave of Maggie Murray, a recognized Chickasaw citizen, at the commencement and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that shortly after the commencement of the war the applicant was taken to the State of Texas where he resided until the close of the war and for a short time thereafter; that he then removed to the Choctaw Nation where he has continuously resided since said time up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Tom Hopkins should be enrolled as a Chickasaw 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.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

MAR 23 1905

19-D-44

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

Tom Hopkins,

Shawnestown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 1-D-4

19-D-44

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 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 this Commission rendered March 23, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Tom Hopkins as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, his name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedman to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-944.

See 19-611 for registry receipt for this letter.

Chickasaw Freedman
D 43; D 44.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 11, 1904.

Mose Hopkin,

Shawnestown, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 6, asking if Mose and Tom Hopkins and Thomas Hunter have been approved as Chickasaw citizens.

In reply to your letter you are advised that before further consideration can be given the applications of Mose and Tom Hopkins it will be necessary for these persons to appear before the Commission to testify relative to their right to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen. Such appearance may be made, in company with any witnesses desired to be introduced, at the general office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, at any time, or at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory, September 6 and 7, 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo, Indian Territory, September 8 and 9, 1904.

The information contained in your letter is not sufficient to enable the Commission to identify Thomas Hunter as an applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

19-1456

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 24, 1906.

Moses Hopkins,

Shawneetown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter without date in which you ask relative to the application for the enrollment of Ida Hopkins, daughter of Tom Hopkins and Rachel Hopkins, who was formerly Rachel Henderson; you state that Ida Hopkins was born in 1878 and after that time her parents separated and Rachel married Charley Pittman.

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 Ida Hopkins under this name as a Chickasaw freedman. It does appear that Tom Hopkins has been enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman and his enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

It does not appear that at the time of his original application to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Alikchi, Indian Territory, April 19, 1899, that he made application for the enrollment of his child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Freedman

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 4-19 1899.

Name Tom Hopkins

Choctaw ? County Year No. not on roll

Chickasaw yes County Red River Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ? Chickasaw residing

Married under what law ? in Choctaw Nation

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

County Year Page No.

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Chickasaw Freedman D-No. 73.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
COLBERT, IND., TER., JUNE 11, 1900.

In the matter of the application of Agnes Gains for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, said Agnes Gains being sworn by Commissioner Needles, testified:

By the Commission:
Q What is your name? A Agnes Gains.
Q How old are you? A 50.
Q What is your mother's name? A Jane Loftus when she was married.
Q You wre not born a slave? A No sir.
Q Was your mother a slave? A Yes.
Q Whom did she belong to? A Roda Gunn.
Q What was Roda Gunn? A A Chickasaw Indian.
Q Is your mother living? A No sir.
Q How long has she been dead? A About three years.
Q Did she ever apply to be enrolled before she died? A No sir.
Q Where were you born? A In the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Where have you lived all your life? A In the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Never lived out any where? A No sir.
Q Are you married? A I have been married.
Q ~~I have~~ Have you any children? A I have one of my own and my niece.
Q What is your child's name? A Daniel Hicks.
Q How old is Daniel? A 14.
Q Have you any testimony of anybody thatv you can prove that your mother was a slave? A Mr. Cohee knows that she was a slave.
Q Do you know where Roda Gunn lived? A No sir.
Q What part of the Chickasaw Nation have you been living in all the time? A Up about Burwyn.
By Mr. Murray:
Q How long have you lived there? A All my days.

By the Commission:
Witness states that Roda Gun sometimes went by the name of Roda Potts.
Q Why haven't you appeared before the Commission before this?
A I just neglected it and didn't appear.

CHAS. COHEE being sworn testified in this case:
Q Do you know Agnes Gains? A Yes.
Q Do you know who her mother was? A Yes.
Q Who was her mother? A Jane Loftus.
Q Whom did Jane Loftus belong to? A I don't know; I have been told that she belonged to Roda Gunn.
By Mr. Murray:
Q Was that all the name she had? A I think she was called Roda Potts.
By the Commission:
Q Did you know Roda Gunn? A No sir, but I have heard of her all my life. Jane Loftus was the daughter of old man Thomas Humby.

Brown McDonald, being first duly sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, says that as Stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported in full the testimony of the above two witnesses, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his notes.

Brown McDonald

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June, 1900, at Colbert Indian Territory.

Acting Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedman D-35. 75

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
COLBERT, IND. T., JUNE 13, 1900.

In the matter of the application of Agnes Gaines, Sallie Collins being sworn, testified:

Q How old are you? A 56.
Q What was your mother's name? A Roda Gunn-- Roda Potts after she was married.
Q Are you a Chickasaw Indian by blood? A Yes.
Q Were you acquainted with the slaves of your mother Mrs. Potts?
Q Yes, I know when my mother sold that woman.
Q Did you know a woman by the name of Jane Loftus? A I did not know her by anything but Jane.
Q Did your mother have any other slaves by the name of Jane? A No.
Q What became of Jane? A My mother sold her to somebody in Sherman by the name of Richards-- it was long before the war-- my mother did not own slaves at the time the war broke out.
Q You don't know this Gaines woman? A No sir.
Q You are positive your mother sold this woman to a man in Sherman before the war? A Yes.
Q You do not recollect her by the name of Loftus? A No sir.
Q You recollect her by the name of Bullett? A Yes.
Q That was the only woman she had by the name of Jane? A Yes.
Q About what age was Jane when your mother sold her? A She was a young married woman, but had no children. She was married to old Jimpson Love who used to belong to Cubby Love-- that was Jane's first husband.
Q She was married to this man before she was sold to Texas? A Yes.
Q Was her husband a slave? A Yes.
Q Was he sold with her? A No sir, he belonged to the Loves.
Q This man Richards that bought Jane in Sherman carried her to Texas? A I don't know, but she left her family and I never knew anything of her since.
Q Well Richards to whom Jane was sold was a white man and lived in Texas? A Yes.
Q Your mother owned no darkies when the war commenced? A No sir.
Q They had all been disposed of? A Yes.

Brown McDonald, being first sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, states that he reported the testimony of the witness above named, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his notes.

Brown McDonald

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of June, 1900, at Colbert, Indian Territory.

19-D-73.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
TISHOMINGO, INDIAN TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Agnes Gains and her son, Daniel Hicks, as Chickasaw freedmen.

Agnes Gains, being first duly sworn upon her oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A My name is Washington now, was Gains on the first enrollment.
Q When did you marry Washington? A September 11, 1902.
Q On September 25, 1902 your name was Agnes Washington?
A Yes sir.
Q Have you any children? A One.
Q What is that child's name? A Daniel Hicks.
Q Who is the father of that child? A George Hicks.
Q How old are you? A Thirty-six years old.
Q What is your post office address? A Berwin, I.T.
Q You claim as a freedman of any nation? A Yes sir.
Q What Nation? A Chickasaw.
Q What is your mother's name? A Jane Loftus.
Q Was she a slave? A Yes sir.
Q What was her master's name? A Rhoda Gann.
Q Was Rhoda Gann a Choctaw or Chickasaw Indian?
A Said to be Chickasaw.
Q You do not know anything about it yourself do you? A No sir.
Q What is your father's name? A George Loftus.
Q Who is Tom Humbry? A Was my grandfather.
Q He is your father's father? A My mother's father.

[illegible] son, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q [illegible]

Q Do you know Agnes Gains? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you known her? A Ever since she was born.
Q Who is Agnes Gains, mother? A Jane Loftus.
Q Was she ever a slave? A Yes sir.
Q Who was her master or mistress? A Rhoda Gunn.
Q Was Rhoda Gunn an Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Of what Tribe? A Chickasaw.
Q Did you know Jane Loftus during the war? A Yes sir.
Q Where was she living at the beginning of the war, what Nation? A Chickasaw Nation, I guess, yes sir.
Q Was she living with her mistress at the beginning of the war? A Not as I know of; would not be positive.
Q Do you know anything about Jane Loftus at all during the war? A Yes sir, long before the war.
Q You were in the Choctaw Nation during the war and Jane Loftus in the Chickasaw Nation, so you do not know anything about where Jane Loftus was during the war? A Suppose she was in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q You do not know, do you? A No sir.
Q Do you know whether or not Jane Loftus was a slave of Rhoda Gunn at the time all the slaves were freed? A No sir, I do not know; could not tell you.
Q Where has Agnes Gains been living all her life?
A Around about Darwin.
Q In the Chickasaw Nation? A No sir.
Q You have seen her all the time? A All the time.
Q Who is the father of Agnes Gains? A George Loftus.
Q Is George Loftus a state man? A Yes sir.
Q Has Agnes Gains any children? A Yes sir.
Q What is the child's name? A Daniel Hicks.
Q Has he always lived with Agnes Gains in the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.

It will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with further evidence as to the Chickasaw owner of your mother, whether or not she was a slave and where she lived immediately after the war and where she lived at the time of the Treaty of Ft. Smith.

Agnes Gains recalled:

Q Was your son Daniel Hicks living on September 25, 1902?
A He is living now.
Q Is your mother alive? A No sir, my mother is dead.
Q How long has she been dead? A Six years; seven years this month.
Q Never made any application? A Died before.

19-D-73---S.

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 3rd day of October 1904.

Charles H. Hampson

Notary Public.

19-D-73.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
TISHOMINGO, INDIAN TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Agnes Gains and her son, Daniel Hicks, as Choctaw freedmen.

Lige Colbert, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Lige Colbert.
Q How old are you? A I cannot tell you my age.
Q About how old are you? A I just cannot keep count of my age.
Q Eighty-five? A I reckon so, I might be called, will soon be about eighty-five.
Q Do you know Agnes Gains? A Yes sir.
Q What is her mother's name? A Her name is Mariah.
Q Who is the mother of Agnes Gains? A Mariah her name was and she was sold then to Mrs. Byrd when a girl; and if I am not mistaken why that is the name that my and those colored fellows is taking after.
Q Did you know Jane Loftus? A Jane? Yes sir.
Q Who was Jane Loftus? A She was a colored woman.
Q She any relation to Agnes Gains? A She is her mother.
Q Are you sure? A I think I am.
Q Who told you that? A I have always known her most of my life ever since time of the Treaty.
Q Who was Jane Loftus' master or mistress? A Mistress as well as I can recollect, her name; I think she used to belong to old Mrs. Rhoda Gunn when I first knew her.
Q Was Rhoda Gunn an Indian? A Yes sir, Indian.
Q Choctaw or Chickasaw? A Chickasaw.
Q Did Jane Loftus, mother of Agnes Gains, belong to Rhoda Gunn at the beginning of the war? A Yes sir.
Q Did you know her then? A Yes sir, as well as I can recollect.

Q Lige, did Jane Loftus remain the slave of Rhoda Gunn from the beginning of the war until the close of the war? A She did I believe she did, as well as I can recollect.
Q Do you know? A Yes sir.
Q Did she or did she not? A Yes sir.
Q Belonged to Mrs. Rhoda Gunn all through the war? A Yes sir all through the war.
Q After peace was declared? A As well as I can recollect.
Q You do not recollect very good do you? A Sometimes my mind gets kind of scattering.
Q Lige, you do not really know anything about Jane Loftus do you? A Well sir, I cannot take it back.
Q You know who she belonged to during the war? A She belonged to Rhoda Gunn as far as I know.
Q Was she a slave of Rhoda Gunn at the time peace was declared? A Well now, sir, I cannot tell. I know that Rhoda Gunn used to be her owner.
Q You do not know how long she stayed with her? A No sir.
Q Do not know whether run away or not? A No sir.
Q Did Jane Loftus continue to live in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country after she was turned loose? A Yes sir, never seen her any other place than the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

The witness, Lige Colbert, is very old and feeble; he is blind and his mind does not seem exactly clear.

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 1st day of October, 1904.

Charles R. [illegible]

Notary Public

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

19-D-73.

In the matter of the enrollment of Agnes Gains and her son Daniel Hicks, as Chickasaw Freedmen.

P. T. Hamilton, Tishomingo, I. T.,
Attorney for applicants.

William Binks, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

COMMISSION: What is your name? A William Binks.
Q Are you a freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q What Nation? A Choctaw.
Q On the final roll? A Yes, sir.
Q Taken your allotment? A Part of it.
Q Do you know Agnes Gains? A Yes, sir.
Q How long have you known her? A From a child.
Q She was a slave? A Yes, sir, her mother was.
Q What was her mother's name? A Jane Loftus.
Q Whose slave was she? A Rhoda Potts.
Q Was she ever known under any other name? A No, sir, unless it was Rhoda Gunn.
Q Was Agnes Gains' mother a slave of Rhoda Gunn at the close of the war? A Yes, sir.
Q Where was she freed? A On Red River, in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q How long did she stay here after that? A Never left here.
Q Is she living? A No, sir.
Q Do you know where Agnes Gains was born? A In the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Where has she lived ever since? A Up here, three miles above Berwyn.
Q Have you seen her off and on from that time? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you say you knew Agnes Gains' mother well during the war, and she belonged to Rhoda Gunn at the close of the war?
A Yes, sir, I know it.
Q Is it not a fact that, at the close of the war, she was living in Sherman, Texas? A No, sir.
Q Was she ever in Texas? A She may have been there, but at the close of the war she was at Rhoda Gunn's. The day we [illegible] turned loose, my old mistress was [illegible] they told us we were free.
Q When were you first [illegible] in this case?
A They sent a telegram [illegible] to my home.
Q Who did? A [illegible]
Q When was that? [illegible] day, and one the day before.
Q Have you any interest in this case? A [illegible]
Q Do you know at the time Agnes' mother was [illegible]
A Yes, sir.
Q [illegible] A [illegible]
Q [illegible] No, nor slave [illegible]

Q Is it not a fact that Rhoda Gunn never had any slaves during the war? A No, sir, she did have slaves then and before the war too.
Q Didn't she dispose of all her slaves before the war? A If she did, they staid right there at the house.
Q Do you know Sallie Collins? A No, sir.
Q Did Rhoda Gunn have any children? A I think she had two.
Q What are their names? A I don't know them; I think the boy's name was George.
Q What was the girl's name? A I don't know.

HAMILTON: Did you know Sallie Collins at the time of the war?
A No, sir.
Q When were you notified first that you were wanted as a witness in the case of Agnes Gaine? A I don't remember.
Q Did you appear before the Commission at Ardmore to testify?
A No, sir.
Q Were you asked to go before the Commission? A No, sir.
Q Where did you live in the time of the war? A Down here on the reservation.
Q How far from Jane Loftus? A About four miles.
Q Did you live close to them? A Within four miles of them all the time.
Q And you are sure that this Jane Loftus was a slave of Rhoda Gunn throughout the war, and was her slave when the war ended?
A Yes, sir.
Q How long was it after the war ended before Jane Loftus moved to Berwyn?
A I think it was in the fall of the same year.
Q Do you know that she lived in the neighborhood of Berwyn after she moved there, until she died?
A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know that she never removed in Texas after the war?
A No, sir, she never did.

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 true, full and correct transcript of her stenographic notes.

Elsie E. Ashton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of October, 1904.

Charles [illegible]

19-D-73.

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

In the matter of the application of Agnes Washington and Daniel Hicks for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on June 11, 1900, at Colbert, Indian Territory, Agnes Gains (now Washington), 30 years old, appeared before the Commission and made application for the enrollment of herself and her son, Daniel Hicks, 14 years old, as Chickasaw Freedmen. Further proceedings were had in the matter of this application at Tishomingo, Indian Territory on September 8 and 9, 1904.

The evidence in this case shows that the principal applicant is a daughter of Jane Loftus, the slave of Mrs. Rhoda Gunn, a Chickasaw citizen, at the beginning of the War of the Rebellion; that she remained as such until the close of said war, and was a resident of the Choctaw-Chickasaw country at the close of the war, and remained as such resident until her death about 1897; that both the applicants herein had been residents in good faith of the Choctaw-Chickasaw country from the date of their birth up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Agnes Washington and Daniel Hicks should be enrolled as Chickasaw 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,

MAR 23 1905

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1908.

Agnes Washington,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1908, granting the application for the enrollment of your self and son, Daniel Hicks, as Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedmen. Upon the expiration of that time, no protest having been filed, your names will be placed upon the final roll of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

19-D-73

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

P. T. Hamilton,

Attorney at Law,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby ntofied that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, on March 23, 1905, rendered its decision, granting the application for the enrollment of Agnes Washington and Daniel Hicks as Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Registered. Chairman.

19-D-73

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

S. T. Wiggins,

Attorney at Law,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, on March 23, 1905, rendered its decision, granting the application for the enrollment of Agnes Washington and Daniel Hicks as Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

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Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

19-D-73

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 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 23, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Agnes Washington and Daniel Hicks as Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED).

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-D-73

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See 19-671 for registry receipt for this letter.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory July 31, 1903.

Wiggins & Clark,

Attorneys at Law,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 24, asking in what respect the evidence in the case of Agnes Gaines and her minor son is defective, and whether or not the name of her mother Jane Loftis, is a matter of record. You state that Jane Loftis has been dead for a few years and that Agnes Gaines is a full sister of William Loftis, who you are informed is a Chickasaw freedman and whose name is a matter of record.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that William M. Loftus five years old, son of Bill Loftus a non-citizen and Mellie Kemp, has been enrolled by this Commission as a Chickasaw freedman and on April 10, 1903 his enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the Interior. You are informed that this is the only record we have of William Loftis and it is impossible to state whether or not he is the brother of Agnes Gaines referred to in your letter.

It does not appear from our records that any application has been made to this Commission for the enrollment of Jane Loftis

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as a freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

You are further informed that the Commission can not advise you what evidence is necessary in support of applications of persons for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen until the same are reached for consideration and determination. However you will be permitted to introduce such evidence as you may desire in support of the application of Agnes Gaines, for the enrollment of herself and her son Dania Hicks as Chickasaw freedmen, within the thirty days from July 21, 1903 heretofore allowed in this case.

You are advised that it appears from our records that the testimony of Agnes Gaines, Charles Cohee and Sallie Collins has been offered in support of this application.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Chickasaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 3, 1903.

P. T. Hamilton,

Attorney at Law,

Tishomingo, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 26, asking the status of the citizenship case of Sarah Jane Ezelle; also the status of the enrollment of Agnus Gains, a freedman, who you state is not on the late roll.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Sarah Jane Ezelle is an applicant to this Commission for the enrollment of herself and her five minor children, Wyley Monroe, Jesse Lee, Sallie Elizabeth, Mary Alice and William Jake Ezelle, as citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and on March 26, 1903 the Commission rendered its decision refusing said application and on the same date the record in this case was forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior. The Commission has not yet been informed of Departmental action in this case.

You are advised that it appears from our records that Agnes Gains is an applicant to this Commission for the enrollment of herself and her son, Daniel Hicks, as Chickasaw freedmen, but the Commission

has not yet passed upon this application. If you desire to introduce further evidence in support of this application the Commission will receive the testimony of such witnesses as may be presented at its office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, within thirty days from this date.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-B-73

Muskogee, Indian Territory July 21, 1903.

E. T. Wiggins,

Attorney at Law,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 16, asking the status of the enrollment of Agnes Gaines, daughter of Jane Leftis, her son Daniel Hicks, and her sister Philena Lackey.

In reply to your letter you are informed that it appears from our records that Agnes Gaines and her son Daniel Hicks have been listed among the doubtful claimants to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen but their final right to such enrollment has not yet been determined.

If you desire to offer any additional evidence in support of this application the Commission will hear the testimony of such witnesses as may be presented at its office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, within thirty days from this date.

You are advised that it does not appear from our records that Philena Lackey is an applicant to this Commission for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman under this name.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

19-D-72.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 25, 1904.

Agnes Gaine,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your son Daniel Hicks, 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 5-7, 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8-9, 1904.

Respectfully,

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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 Chickasaw Freedman of-

Fred Humphrey.

19-D-76.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, I.T., Aug. 30, 1899.

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

I went to Gibson in the Fall after the war ceased and came back in the Spring. I was on Red River, when the war ceased, in the Chickasaw Nation. I have been in the Chickasaw nation ever since. I was refused a card last Fall at Paul's Valley. I belonged to John Turnbolt's wife when I was freed. She was a Chickasaw.

(Testimony taken in this case at Paul's Valley has been written out and is now on file in the office at Muscogee.)

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 McDonald

In the matter of the application of Fed Humphrey for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Fed Humphrey being sworn says: (Pauls Valley, September 12th 1898)

I am about 50 years old. I belonged to Amelia Turnbull.

I went to Fort Gibson during the war. I think it was in the fall of the year. They told me there that they had surrendered. I went there in the fall and came back in the Spring.

From Fort Gibson I came down to Butlers in the Creek Nation.

Cap Harper being sworn says: (Pauls Valley, September 12th 1898)

I know Fed Humphrey. I knew him when he was a slave. I knew him before the war. During the war he went to Fort Gibson. I think it was in the fall of the year. I think it was in the fall of 1864.

I was freed in January . All around others were setting the slaves free and some were saying that they were not free.

In the same year I made a crop with Frank Colbert . After the crop was made he hired me to go for some boat gunwales. I got back some time in August and found Fed Humphrey there pulling fodder. That was the first time I saw him after the war.

I have been around with him ever since.

Noah Smith being sworn says: (Pauls Valley, September 14th 1898)

I am about 50 years old. I belonged to Becky, the sister of Frank Colbert. I know Ned Humphrey.

I knew him before and during the war. I do not know when he went to Fort Gibson, but one thing I can say positively is that we were slaves when he came back. It was before that were were freed. We were with our owners.

I first saw him at Frank Colbert's. We were pulling fodder. Cap Harper and I were set free on the same day.

Charles Cohee being sworn says: (Colbert October 14th 1898)

In September 1865 I was living on Gadie near Woodford, in the Chickasaw Nation. Sometime about the middle of September I went down to Red River to the neighborhood of Holmes Colbert and Colbert Carter. I drove a wagon down there for Louisa Colbert.

I remained there about a week or ten days. When I left there Henry Shannon(or McCoy) Jennie Williams(then Colbert) Sarah Colbert(now Lewis), Emma Cohee (now Gibbs) Joe Williams (then Kemp) and Zack Kemp were still there. I am not so certain that Zack was there but I have been informed that he went with these parties. On Saturday night before I left we had a big frolic, and I was with these parties then and on Sunday.

At that time my father Charles Cohee, Frazier McGish and Ed Colbert had gone down to Fort Smith. My father was a delegate on the part of the Freedmen They had been down there to meet the delegates to make the treaty.

After I had returned home some two or three weeks I heard that these parties had left.

I have heard that Ned Humphreys was with these parties. Myra who was then Colbert and now Bruner was also in that crowd.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, NOVEMBER 17, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Fred Humphrey for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Fred Humphrey having been first duly sworn upon his oath testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Fred Humphrey.
Q What is your post office address? A Wynnewood, Indian Territory
Q Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you lived in the Chickasaw Nation? A All my life.
Q How old are you? A I'm 57 years old.
Q Were you a slave? A Yes sir.
Q To whom did you belong? A I belonged to Jackson Kemp and when his daughter was married; she married a man by the name of Turnbull, Jackson Kemp give me to her.
Q You were given to his daughter after she was married?
A Yes sir.
Q What was her name; was her name Amelia Kemp? A Yes sir her name was Melia; she married a man by the name of Turnbull; after she was married I was given to her.
Q Where were you at the beginning of the war? A I was right down there at work in the Chicksaw Nation; right there on my old Master's place at work.
Q Where were you at the end of the war? A I come up here to Fort Gibson just about the time of the surrender; it was in '65 I come up here, and I just been here a little while wen peace was declred.
Q How long were you up here? A I was here about 6 months: I think I was here just about six months.
Q Where did you go after you left Fort Gibson? A I went back to the Chickasaw Nation: I went back to Frank Colbert's place and stayed around there in the brush.
Q Did you run away? A Yes sir I run away; they was killing all the niggers down there before they would let them be free and I run away to keep from being killed.
Q Did you run away before or after you were freed? A I run away before I was freed. I went back down there where

they turned the niggers loose; I was there in the brush around Frank Colbert's place.

Q Did you go to Fort Gibson before the war or after the war?

A I got here the same year of the surrender; I was here about a month when they said peace was declared. I had been here about a month when General Blunt gave orders for all the Chickasaws to go home and all the Creeks to go home: He said peace was declared and for us all to go home. I went righ home; I didn't go right to my Master's house; I was too scared to go right to his house.

Q Do you remember the month of the year that you came to Fort Gibson? A It was somewhere along in '65.

Q I don't mean the year; do you remember the month of the year you came up to Fort Gibson? A I disremember but it was along in the fall when I come up here; I staid up here about six months and then went back home.

Q With respect to the cotten crop; how was cotten when you came up here? A They were picking cotten when I come up here; it was the latter part of the fall when I left Red River.

Q What time of the year did you go back? A It was along in the spring of '66; along in May somewhere there.

Q Is Amelia Turnbull living? A No sir she's dead.

Q Is Jackson Kemp living? No sir he's dead too; my old Master and Misses are both dead; my old Misses died about two years ago

Q Do you know Ben Kemp? A Yes sir I know Ben Kemp.

Q Do you know where Ben Kemp is now? A Yes sir he is down near Tishomingo?

Q How far do you live from Ben Kemp? A I live 60 miles nearly I guess; I live at Pauls Valley on the Washita River.

Q Does Ben Kemp know about your coming up here to Fort Gibson?

A Yes sir; he knowed when I run away; I wouldn't have run away but they were killing the niggers before they would let them be freed.

Q Did you know Zack Kemp? A Yes sir we belonged to the same man.

Q Did you leave before Zack Kemp did? A No sir he went before I did

Q Is Zack Kemp living now? A Yes sir he is living down on the Washita about 30 miles from me.

Q How soon after you got to Fort Gibson did General Blunt tell all of the Chickasaw, and Creeks to go home? A It was a couple of months I think. I disremember just how long.

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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 and sworn to before me this 17th day of November 1904.

Duncan C. Skaggs
Notary Public.

19-D-76.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER. DECEMBER 20, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Fred Humphrey as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Fred Humphrey being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Fred Humphrey.
Q What is your post office address? A Wynnewood.
Q Choctaw freedman? A Chickasaw.
Q What is your father's name? A Arthur.
Q Arthur what? A Arthur Humphrey, his master's name was Kemp.
Q Was he a slave? A Yes, sir.
Q To whom did he beong? A Same man I belonged to, Jackson Kemp.
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir, he is.
Q And he was a freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q When did he die? A Way long before the war.
Q What is your mother's name? A Catherine Franklin.
Q Was she a slave? A Yes, sir.
Q To whom did she belong? A Same people I ~~xx~~ belonged to.
Q Who was that? A Jackson Kemp. My sister is named Dora Willis and one is named Delia Brown.
Q Did your mother go under any other name than Catherine Franklin? A Some called her Catherine and some called her Cassie.

The name of the applicant's mother Cassie Franklin is identified as number 841 upon the lists prepared by this Commission of persons entitled to enrollment as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Q Do you want to file these papers? A Yes, sir.

Applicant files two affidavits, one by Martha Allen sworn to on November 30, 1904 and the other by Patsy Harper sworn to on November 29, 1904.

Q Did you belong to Jackson Kemp? A Jackson Kemp raised me from a child, then when his daughter married a man named Franklin he gave me to him.

Q What was her name? A Amelia Turnbull, after she married he gave me to her, she ~~x~~ was a daughter of Jackson Kemp.

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 31st day of December 1904.

Charles F. Sawyer

Notary Public.

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

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CHAIRMAN.

Wynnewood, Indian Territory, Nov. 30th. 1904.

On this the 30th. day of Nov. 1904, before me a Notary Public in and for the Southern District, personally appeared Martha Allen, well known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and upon her oath, stated that Fred Umphris was at the Home of Frank Colbert in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, in the year 1866.

Martha Allen her mark

Witnesses.

W. W. Webb

J. P. Rallow

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th. day Nov. 1904.

J. P. Rallow
Notary Public.

Fred. Humphreys
T. A. Gilmore
Inspector

Wynnewood, Indian Territory, Nov. 29th. 1904.

On this the 29th. day of November 1904, before me J. K. Rollow, a Notary Public in and for the Southern District of the Indian Territory, personally appeared Patsy Harper, personally well known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and upon her oath, states that she knows that Fred Umphris pulled fodder at Frank Colberts in the Chickasaw Nation, in the year 1866.

Patsy Harper her + mark

Witnesses.

G O Racow

G W Hall

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29th. day Nov. 1904.

J K Rollow
Notary Public.

19-D-76.

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

In the matter of the application of Fred Humphrey for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that the applicant, Fred Humphrey, was a slave of Jackson Kemp, a recognized Chickasaw citizen, at the commencement of the War of the Rebellion; and was the slave of Amelia Turnbull, daughter of the said Jackson Kemp, at the close of the war.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant was born in the Chickasaw Nation, and has resided in the Indian Territory continuously since the date of his birth up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Fred Humphrey should be enrolled as a Chickasaw 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.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
MAR 23 1905

19-D-76

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1906.

Fred Humphrey,

Ft. Gibson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-D-76

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 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 this Commission rendered March 23, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Fred Humphrey as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, his name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-D-76

See 19-671 for registry receipt for this letter.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 31, 1901.

R. C. Gillespie,

Wynnewood, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant in which you desire to be informed if Fred Humphries or Turnbull is on the freedman roll.

Replying to your letter you are informed that Fred Humphrey, 60 years of age, of Atoka, Indian Territory, formerly the slave of Amelia Turnbull, is listed as a doubtful claimant to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

19-D-76

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 9, 1901.

W. E. Tayler,

Attorney at Law,

Wynnewood, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 4th instant, in which you desire to be informed if Major Gillett is upon the rolls as a Choctaw freedman and if Fred Humphries is registered upon said rolls as a Chickasaw freedman.

Replying to your letter you are informed that the records of the Commission show that Major Gillett, 22 years of age, of Wynnewood, Indian Territory is listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

On September 12th, 1898, Fred Humphries made application to the Commission for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, and at that time Cap Harper and Noah Smith testified in his behalf. On October 14th, 1898 Charley Cohee also testified in his behalf and on August 20th, 1899, Fred Humphries again appeared before the Commission and renewed his application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

The Commission has not up to this time rendered a decision in the matter of his application but contemplates doing so in the near future when a copy of such decision will be mailed to Fred Humphries stating fully therein the reason for any action that

May be taken by the Commission.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 23, 1905.

Fred Humphrey,

Care of Wiggans & Brown,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 18, stating that you have been advised that you have been approved as a Chickasaw freedman and that the time for filing a protest has long since expired. You therefore request that the Land Office be notified of your approval in order that you may file on your land.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that on March 23, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, but your name has not yet been placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior, but it will be placed upon the next schedule of such freedmen prepared for that purpose.

Pending the approval of your enrollment by the Secretary of the Interior no selection of allotment can be made in

your behalf.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

COMMISSIONERS:
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.
—
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, May 25, 1905.

Fred Humphrey,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram of May 17 addressed to the Secretary of the Interior has been by him referred to this Commission for consideration and appropriate action. Therein you state that you are waiting to be approved in order that you may file on your allotment.

In reply you are advised that on March 23, 1905, the Commission rendered its decision granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, but your name has not yet been placed upon a schedule of such freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior. You will be informed when your enrollment is approved by the Department.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 18, 1907.

Thomas Brown,

Wynnewood, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 4, 1907, in which you state that there are three parties Delia Brown, Dora Willis and Fred Humphrey who made application to the Dawes Commission to be placed on the roll of Indians by blood and you request applications have not been received at this office that you be furnished with blanks for such purpose.

In reply to your letter you are advised that Delia Brown, Dora Willis and Fred Humphrey have been enrolled and approved as Chickasaw freedmen, but it does not appear that any application was made for the transfer of their names from the freedman roll to the roll of citizens by blood, and in this connection your attention is invited to the following provision of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906:

> "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 rec-

erds 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."

....."That the rolls of the tribes affected by this Act shall be fully completed on or before the fourth day of March, nineteen hundred and seven, and the Secretary of the Interior shall have no jurisdiction to approve the enrollment of any person after said date."

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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

Record in the matter of the application for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, consolidating the applications of:

Catherine Perry	19-D-78
Douglas Perry	19-D-100
Victoria Luckey, et al.,	19-D-104
Bessie Lee, et al.,	19-D-123.

Chickasaw Freedmen.
(Original application)

Department of the Interior,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Ada, I. T., November 11, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Victoria Luckey for the enrollment of herself and her six minor children, James, Clifius, Robert, Ada, Jesse, and Polk Luckey, as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Victoria Luckey being duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Victoria Luckey.
Q How old are you? A Thirty-eight.
Q What is your post office address? A McGee, Indian Territory.
Q How long have you lived in the Chickasaw Nation? A All the time.
Q All your life? A Yes sir.
Q Where were you born? A Down on Red river.
Q What is the name of your father? A Sam Perry.
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.
Q Does he claim to be a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Catherine Perry.
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.
Q Does she claim to be a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Were you ever a slave? A No sir.
Q Were you born before or after the freeing of the slaves? A Just after I think.
Q You claim your rights then through your parents? A Yes sir.
Q Through which one of them? A Both of them.
Q They both claim to be Chickasaw freedman do they? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of the owner of your father and mother? A My father's owners was Elizabeth Perry and Newt Perry.
Q Were they both Chickasaws? A Yes sir.
Q What was your mother's owner's name? A Liza Love; shewas John Guess' woman and he died and she married Sabe Love.
Q Was she a Chickasaw? A Yes sir.
Q Both the Perrys and Liza Love were recognized citizens of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Where was your father living during the war? A He was living down here on Red river is what I have heard him say.
Q In the state? A I couldn't tell whether it was in the state or on this side.
Q Was he a slave of the Chickasaws during the war? A I dont know; I couldn't tell that exactly.
Q Where was your mother during the war? A She was on the other side of the river?
Q In Texas? A Yes sir.
Q Was she owned by a Chickasaw during the war? A No sir.
Q Owned by a United States citizen? A Yes sir.

Q What was hisname? A I think their name was Dumas as near as I recollect; she was sold by Liza Love to Dumas.
Q When was she sold to him? A Before the war.
Q How long before the war? A I couldn't tell you.
Q Was she the slave of this Dumas at the time of the freeing of the slaves after the war? A Yes sir.
Q Was she living in Texas at that time? A Yes sir.
Q Did she afterwards return to the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q When did she return to the Chickasaw Nation? A '66.
Q Before or after the freeing of the slaves? A It was when she was freed over there, she comright over on this side.
Q She was freed over in Texas? A Yes sir.
Q Were you born before or after she was freed; were you born in Texas or on this side? A I was born just after she was freed.
Q After she came to this country? A Yes sir.
Q You are sure you were born in the Chickasaw Nation? A I was born down on Red river; I cant certify whether on this side or the other side; but it was after she was freed; she come right back on this side of the river.
Q You were born after she was freed? A Yes sir.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your husband? A Polk Luckey.
Q A non citizen? A Yes sir.
Q How many children have you got? A Six.
Q What are their names and ages, commencing with the oldest? A James Luckey.
Q How old is James? A Twelve. Clifius Luckey.
Q How old is he? A Eleven years old.
Q The next one? A Robert Luckey.
Q How old is he? A Eight years old.
Q The name of the next? A Ada Luckey.
Q How old is she? A Six.
Q The name of the next? A Jesse Luckey.
Q Girl? A No sir, boy.
Q How old is he? A Three.
Q The next? A Polk Luckey.
Q How old is he? A Two years old.
Q That your youngest? A Yes sir.

W. H. Martin being duly sworn on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he recorded in full the above proceedings at Ada, I. T., on the 11th day of November, 1902, and that the within and foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of his stenographic notes in the same.

W. H. Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of November, 1902.

Charles Nesbitt

Notary Public.

Chickasaw Freedmen, Original.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Ada, I. T., November 13, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Douglas Perry for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Douglas Perry being duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Douglas Perry.
Q How old are you? A I dont know exactly; I guess I am about 35.
Q Were you born before or after the freeing of the slaves? A Afterwards.
Q How long after? A I dont know; about 6 years I reckon.
Q What is your post office address? A Maxwell.
Q What Nation is that in? A Chickasaw Nation.
Q How long have you lived in the Chickasaw Nation? A Always lived here?
Q Lived here all your life? A Yes sir.
Q Never have made your home anywhere else? A No sir.
Q You were born in the Chickasaw Nation were you? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your father? A Sam Perry.
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.
Q Is he a freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Catherine Perry.
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.
Q Is she a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your father's owner? A I dont know.
Q Do you know the name of your mother's owner? A No sir.
Q Both your father and mother were slaves were they? A Yes sir.
Q You were never a slave yourself were you? A No sir.
Q You were born after the freeing of the slaves? A Yes sir.
Q Did you ever make application to the Commission for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A No sir.
Q You have never appeared before the Commission before this time? A No sir.
Q Why did you not appear before the Commission with the rest of your family to be enrolled? A Because I thought they would answer.
Q Where were you living at that time? A In the Choctaw Nation; down here on the edge of the Choctaw Nation.
Q You stated a moment ago that you had lived in the Chickasaw Nation all your life? A Well, I have been living here all but just a year or two.
Q Where were you during that time? A I was just there on the edge of the Choctaw Nation, I was working backwards and forwards, but I never made my home in the Choctaw Nation, my home was still in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your wife? A Mattie; my wife at the time of the registration was Elizabeth.
Q Elizabeth Perry was your former wife was she? A Yes sir.
Q Did you leave her? A No sir, she left me.
Q You are now living with a woman named Mattie? A Yes sir.

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Q Mattie what; what is her full name? A Mattie Washington.
Q Is she a freedman? A No sir.
Q Have you any children? A Yes sir.
Q How many? A Only two.
Q What are their names? A Bertha and-- I haven't got but one living, thats Bertha.
Q What is the name of Bertha's mother? A Elizabeth.
Q How old is Bertha? A I dont know sir; about 10 I think, 10 last September.
Q Did you ever apply for the enrollment of Bertha as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A No sir.
Q Did anyone ever enroll her? A Yes sir.
Q Who enrolled her? A Her mother.
Q Were you living with Elizabeth at that time? A Yes sir, we were livin, together at that time.

This applicant's father, Sam Perry, appears upon the records of the Commission on Chickasaw Freedman card No D. 78; his former wife, Elizabeth Perry, and his daughter, Bertha Perry, are on Chickasaw freedman card No. 761.

W. H. Martin being duly sworn on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he recorded in full the above proceedings at Ada, I. T., on the 13th day of November, 1902, and that the within and foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of his stenographic note in the same.

W. H. Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of November, 1902.

R B Jackson

Notary Public.

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
South McAlester, Ind. Ter., December 22nd, 1902.

Original
Chickasaw
Freedman

In the matter of the original application of Bessie Lee for the enrollment of herself and her two minor children, Whitson and Emmet Lee, as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Bessie Lee, having been first duly sworn, upon her oath testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Bessie Lee.
Q How old are you? A Twenty three.
Q What is your post office address? A Mineral, Kansas.
Q How long have you lived in the state of Kansas? A Two years.
Q Where did you live before that? A In the Choctaw Nation at Lehigh.
Q How long did you live in the Choctaw Nation? A From 1897 to the time I moved to Mineral.
Q Where did you live before that? A Chickasaw Nation.
Q How long did you live in the Chickasaw Nation? A From the time I was two years old.
Q How long did you live there? A Seventeen years.
Q Where were you born? A In the Choctaw Nation.
Q Have you lived in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations all your life? A Yes sir, until I married.
Q Do you now wish to make application for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your father? A Sam Perry.
Q Is he living or dead? A Living.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Catherine Perry.
Q Is she living or dead? A Living.
Q Through which one of your parents do you claim the right to enrollment? A Mother.
Q Was your mother a slave? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of her owner? A Bobe Love.

Q Was he an Indian or a white man? A Indian.
Q What tribe of Indians was he a member of? A Chickasaw.
Q Where was his place--where did he live? A He lived on Red River
Q In the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q How long was your mother the slave of this man? A I don't know; he freed her, but I don't know how long he owned her.
Q Do you know how long she was his slave before she was freed? A No sir.
Q Was she living on his place when she was freed? A Yes sir.
Q Was this man a recognized citizen of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir, he was.
Q Where did she go after she was freed? A To Boaksville, I think, I am not sure.
Q [illegible] did she live there? A Up until the time she came to

Q Was your father a slave? A He was.
Q Do you know the name of his owner? A No sir.
Q Have you ever been recognized or enrolled as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q When was that recognition or enrollment? A The last registration.
Q How long ago? A Three years ago.
Q Are you speaking now of the tribal authorities or of this Commission? A I don't know sir whether it was the tribal authorities or the Commission; but it was the Dawes Commission I was enrolled under. My father had me enrolled.
Q Did you ever make application yourself before this Commission?
A No sir; my father had me enrolled.
Q Where were you living when your father enrolled? A I was living at Lehigh.
Q You didn't come before the Commission at that time yourself?
A No sir.
Q Were you married at that time? A No sir.

(The applicant's father and mother, Sam and Catherine Perry, appears upon the records of the Commission on Chickasaw Freedman Card D-78.)

Q You are now married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your husband? A William Lee.
Q Is he a freedman or a non citizen? A Non citizen.
Q Have you any children? A Yes sir, I have two.
Q What are their names? A Whitson Lee and Emmet Lee.
Q How old is Whitson? A Two years old.
Q How old is Emmet? A Five months old.
Q What is the date of Emmet's birth? A August 14, 1902, at seven o'clock in the morning; and Whitson, July 29,1900, at nine o'clock.

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Harry C Kisteen being first duly sworn, upon his oath states: That as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 22nd day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Harry C Kisteen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of December, 1902.

Charles H. Bacon

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 Catherine Perry, et al., as Chickasaw freedmen, consolidating the applications of:

Catherine Perry	19-D-78
Douglas Perry	19-D-100
Victoria Luckey, et al.,	19-D-104
Bessie Lee, et al.,	19-D-123.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on September 2, 1898, at Stonewall, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Catherine Perry as a Chickasaw freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Muskogee, Indian Territory on November 20, 1901 and at Tishomingo, Indian Territory on September 8, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that on November 11, 1902, at Ada, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Victoria Luckey (daughter of said Catherine Perry) and her six minor children, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey and Polk Luckey, as Chickasaw freedmen; that on November 13, 1902, at Ada, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Douglas Perry (son of said Catherine Perry) as a Chickasaw freedman; and that on December 22, 1902, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Bessie Lee (daughter of said Catherine Perry) and her two minor children, Witson Lee and Emmet Lee, as Chickasaw freedmen.

Further proceedings were had in the matter of all said applications at Muskogee, Indian Territory on October 22, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant Catherine Perry was the slave of Overton Love, a recognized Chickasaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that she was freed in the State of Texas and immediately returned to the Choctaw-Chickasaw country where she resided continuously since that time up to and including September 25, 1902.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicants Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey and Polk Luckey were born in the Chickasaw Nation and had resided therein continuously since the dates of their respective births up to and including September 25, 1902; that the applicant Bessie Lee was born in the Choctaw Nation and lived there for about two years when she removed to the Chickasaw Nation where the applicants Witson Lee and Emmet Lee were born, and that the said Bessie Lee, Witson Lee and Emmet Lee were residents in good faith of the Chickasaw Nation on June 28, 1898.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Catherine Perry, Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey, Polk Luckey, Bessie Lee, Witson Lee and Emmet Lee should be enrolled as Chickasaw 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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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1906.

Douglas Perry,

Maxwell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1906, granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, included in the consolidated case of Catherine Perry et al.

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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

Victoria Luckey,

McGee, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself, and children, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey and Polk Luckey, as Chickasaw Freedmen, included in the consolidated case of Catherine Perry et al.

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 Chickasaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED).

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.
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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 25, 1905.

Bessie Lee,

Iola, Kansas,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and two children, Whisten Lee and Emmet Lee, as Chickasaw Freedmen, included in the consolidated case of Catherine Perry et al.

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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED).

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER. OCTOBER 22, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Sam Perry, his wife Catherine Perry, their children and grandchildren as Chickasaw freedmen.

Charles Cohee being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Charles Cohee.
Q What is your age? A Fifty-six.
Q Did you know Sam Perry? A Yes, sir, I knowed Sam Perry.
Q About how old is he? A He must be seventy-five or eighty years old, I don't know just how old he is.
Q Did you know his wife Catherine Perry? A Yes, sir.
Q To whom did Catherine Perry belong at the beginning of the war of the Rebellion? A I really don't know.
Q Do you know to whom she belonged at the close of the war? A No, sir.
Q You don't know where she was living on April 28, 1866? A I am not right sure, I don't think she was though, that is I don't think she was living in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q For how many years last past, to your knowledge, have Catherine Perry and Sam Perry lived in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A To my knowledge they have lived here about twenty years I think if I ain't mistaken, between fifteen and twenty years.
Q Do you live near them near enough to know of their residence? A Why yes, sir.
Q It is your understanding that they did not return to the Choctaw-Chickasaw country for several years after the close of the war? A After the close of the war yes, sir.
Q Do you know the names of their children? A No, sir, I don't know them I forget them the young ones, they have some old children that I know.

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 19th day of October 1904.

Charles H. Swanner
Notary Public.

C O P Y.

In the matter of the application of Sam Perry for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Sam Perry being sworn says: (Stonewall, September 2nd 1898)

My wife was sold by Love to a man in Texas a United States citizen, and he sold her to another United States citizen who owned her to the close of the war.
I belonged to the widow Perry. Elizabeth Perry. When she died I became the property of Newton Perry, who owned me until he died in 1847. I then became the property of his brother and sister; John Foster and Catherine Nail. In 1857 I went from them. I was "squandered" by them on account of debt. From 1857 to 1860 I was freighting in the Pan Handle, and was with Van Dorn's Rangers in 1860. I enlisted in the United States Army. I was never a slave nor the property of anybody.
Catherine Nail was the daughter of Elizabeth Perry. She was Chickasaw and white. John Foster was the son of the same Elizabeth Perry. by a white man.
I mean by squandered that I was taken from the family.
I did not understand that I was hired out to pay debts.
I understood that I went to get some money to pay the debt.
I left the Territory in March 1857 and returned in 1860. I was with a man named J. P. Dumas in Texas. I do not know whether or not I belonged to him. He never told me that I belonged to him. If he had I would have left him.

Department of the Interior,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,
Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sam Perry for the enrollment of himself and his wife Catherine Perry, as Chickasaw freedmen. Sam Perry being first duly sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Sam Perry.
Q How old are you? A A little upwards of eighty-eight. Eighty-eight last September.
Q Where do you live? A Lehigh.
Q What nation is that in? A Choctaw.
Q How long have you lived there? A Lived there for four years the 7th day of next month.
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A First and last in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations sixty-five years.
Q Have you lived there continuously for sixty five years? All the time? A A year once from 1857 up until March the 17th day of the month I was sold in Texas and in the fall of 1866 I came back to the Nation just before the surrender.
Q What was your father's name? A I couldn't tell you. My father died before I come to my recollection.
Q What is your mother's name? A Nancy.
Q Nancy Perry? A Yes sir.
Q Is your mother living? A No sir.
Q You are making application for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of the Chickasaw Indian that you belonged to? A A widow woman by the name of Elizabeth Perry.
Q Was she a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Always recognized and enrolled as such by the Chickasaws? A Yes sir.
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.
Q When did she die? A Been dead over thirty years. She died at Doaksville.
Q Where were you living when the war between the United States and the Confederacy began in 1861? A I was living in Texas at that time. I went there in '58.
Q How did you come to go to Texas? A I was sold in Texas.
Q Sold by your Chickasaw owner to a citizen of the United States? A I was sold by a Choctaw Indian.
Q Did you ever belong to a Choctaw Indian? A The Choctaw Injun married my mistress and he sold me.
Q What was his name? A Jonathan Hayes.
Q Is he living? A No sir.
Q In 1857 you were sold to a citizen of the United States who was a resident of Texas? A Yes sir I was sold in '57.
Q You never belonged to a Choctaw or Chickasaw Indian after [illegible]? A No sir, [illegible] until the war came on and [illegible] in the [illegible]
Q [illegible]
[illegible] A I [illegible] my [illegible] down at my [illegible]
fall of [illegible] and I [illegible]

Q Where did you go? A Back to Texas.

Q When did you go back to Texas? A The same fall that I came back.

Q How long did you stay in Texas? A Not until May, 1865. Somewhere's the last days of April.

Q Where were you living on April 28, 1866? A I was in Tishomingo County.

Q Did you come back before the treaty of April 28, 1866? A Yes sir, I was here when the treaty was made.

Q Where were you living? A Tishomingo County, Chickasaw Nation.

Q Have you been living in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations ever since then? A Yes sir.

Q Do you want to apply for the enrollment of your wife? A She wasn't out.

Q Wasn't out of where? A Out of the nation at the close of the war. Of course I apply for her.

Q As a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.

Q What is her name? A Catherine Perry.

Q How old is she? A She is now between seventy - one and seventy-two years of age.

Q What is your wife's father's name? A Witson Love.

Q Is your wife's father living? A No sir.

Q What is your wife's mother's name? A I know her name as well as I know my own but honestly I can't think of it.

Q Do you know your wife's mother's name? A Yes sir I know it but I can't call it. It's Priscilla.

Q Is she living? A No sir.

Q Who was your wife the slave of? A Her last Injun owner was Overton Love.

Q Was Overton Love a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes sir.

Q Your wife belonged to him? A Yes sir.

Q Have your wife always lived in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations? A Yes sir.

Q Where was your wife living at the time the war began? A On Red River. On the north side of the river.

Q Was she living with Overton Love? A She was living with Overton Love's sister.

Q After the war began did she go away from the Indian Territory? A She staid here until about the close of the war and then I took her across the river.

Q Where was she living at the time of the treaty of 1866?

Q Here with me.

Q When did you take her to Texas? A Right after the close of the war before there was any treaty started. At the beginning of 1865.

Q Have you any witnesses that will testify that you and your wife were actually living in the Chickasaw Nation at the time of the treaty of 1866? A I thought I brought an affidavit along with me.

Applicant here offers in evidence and there is filed and made a part of the record of this application, the affidavit of Mrs. Vina King of the [illegible] day of April, 1902.

Q When did you first know Mrs. Vina King? A Since she was remembered to the [illegible] of eighty years old.

Q Did you live right near her then? A Within a mile of her.

Q How often did she see you? A She saw me every [illegible].

Q When the war broke out how near were you living [illegible]?

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A Ten or fifteen miles.

Q In 1887 how near were you living to her? A That was then I went to Texas. I was some ten or fifteen miles from her then.

Q How long before you went to Texas had it been since you had seen her? A A month or two.

Q From the time you were sold to the white man in Texas, how long was it until you saw Virm King? A Not more than three years as how.

Q Did she have any knowledge of you being sold to these people in Texas? A She never said anything to me about it and I never said anything to her about it.

Q You were living about fifteen miles from her? A Yes sir as near as I could guess at it. It might be twenty or twenty-five miles but I think it was fifteen or sixteen and I wasn't away across the river more than two years, maybe it might have been six months over, when she saw me again.

Q When she saw you again you were the slave of the white man in Texas? A Yes sir.

Q Did she know that? A No sir.

Q She had no knowledge of the fact that you had been sold to the white man and gone to Texas? A No sir. Because my old mistress was dead.

Q Have you any children living with you under twenty-one years of age and unmarried? A No sir.

Q Are all your children grown and married? A Yes sir. My youngest is twenty-one.

Myra Young, having been first duly sworn upon 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 the 20th day of November, 1901, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Myra Young

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November, 1901.

Acting Chairman.

19-D-78.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
TISHOMINGO, INDIAN TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Sam Perry and Catherine Perry as Chickasaw freedmen.

Sam Perry, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Sam Perry.
Q How old are you? A Ninety-five.
Q What is your post office? A Ada, Chickasaw Nation.
Q Are you a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir, never knew any Indian but Chickasaw.
Q What was your mistress's name? A Her first name was Catherine Perry.
Q Who was Elizabeth Perry? A That was Catherine Perry's mother.
Q Was Catherine Perry a Chickasaw Indian or Choctaw Indian?
A She was mixed, her father a half-breed Choctaw and her mother a half-breed Chickasaw.
Q She belonged to the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians? A Yes sir.
Q And you claim as a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q What is your wife's name? A Catherine Perry.
Q Was Catherine Perry a slave? A Yes sir.
Q Who was her master? A Sob Love.
Q Who was Overton Love? A Same man.
Q Overton and Sob one and the same man? A Yes sir, Overton the right name.
Q Were you the slave of Catherine Perry at the beginning of the war of rebellion? A There was no Catherine Perry at the beginning of the war, her name was Catherine [illegible].
Q Did you remain the slave of Catherine [illegible] from the beginning of the war until all the slaves were freed? A No sir.

Q You did not? A No sir.
Q Did you join the army? A Of course, I had to join the army.
Q How long before the close of the war? A Well to give the correct time, right at four years.
Q Joined the army at the beginning of the war did you and served all through the war? A Yes sir.
Q In which country? A In Texas and in the Territory; I was in the Southern army from the beginning to the end.
Q Were you a soldier or just waiting on them? A Sometimes I was in the field and sometimes mess cook.
Q You went with some member of Catherine Perry's family into the Southern army? A No sir.
Q How did you happen to go into the army? A I went into the army with a man in charge of it.
Q Who was that man? A James Duncan.
Q Who was James Duncan? A He was a white man.
Q Did you belong to him? A No sir, not that I know of. It was told me I went to settle a debt, I do not know how.
Q Your mistress, Catherine Perry, gave you to Duncan, a white man, to pay a debt? A No sir, her husband, Hail, did.
Q You were sold before the close of the war? A I got away somehow.
Q You were never taken back to your old mistress, Catherine Perry? A No sir.
Q And sometime near the beginning of the war, right at the beginning of the war, you were given to this white man by the name of Duncan to secure a debt and under his orders from that time on as long as you were a slave? A Yes sir.
Q Where were you when war was over? A Down in Texas, farther side of Texas.
Q Down in Mexico? A Right on the line.
Q When did you return to the Choctaw-Chickasaw country?
A Just as soon as got loose from the orders of the Southern troops, I came right straight to the Nation.
Q Just as soon as loose from the army come back to the Nation? A Yes sir.
Q During the war were you the slave of some Choctaw Indian or the slave of this Duncan? A Between this husband of Catherine Hail and this white man. To tell you just exactly how that was I can not do so.
Q What was the husband of Catherine Perry full name?
A Jonathan Hail.
Q Was he a white man? A No sir, one-quarter Choctaw.
Q Was Jonathan Hail in the Southern army? A Yes sir.
Q Did you go right along with him all during the war?
A No sir, with white troops; principally always some Indian with them but with white brigades.
Q You say you returned to the Choctaw country right after the war? A Yes sir, right after the war.
Q In 1865? A In 1865. I come in 1865 in Texas and the fall of '66 in the Choctaw Nation.
Q [illegible] your return to the Choctaw country in the fall of 1866 [illegible] you [illegible]? A No sir, [illegible] there I have [illegible] But I [illegible] moved out, [illegible] in the fall of 1865 this fa[illegible] up here and I [illegible] this family and I take them [illegible] and went to [illegible] Missouri.

Q How long did you stay there? A Not long, come right back to the Choctaw Nation.
Q Since you came back to the Choctaw Nation from SouthWest Missouri have you been here continuously since that time?
A Yes sir.
Q Always made this your home? A In either the Choctaw or Chickasaw nation.
Q Were you married to your wife, Catherine Perry, at that time? A Yes sir.
Q This the only wife you ever had? A No sir.
Q You married her before the war? A No sir, since the war.
Q Right after the war before you went to Missouri?
A Yes sir.
Q Wherever your residence has been she has been with you?
A Yes sir.

Catherine Perry, being first duly sworn upon her oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Catherine Perry.
Q How old are you? A I could not tell you my age, save my life.
Q You are about seventy-five are you not? A I was a girl twelve years old when came from Mississippi before the war.
Q Were you a slave? A Yes sir.
Q Who was your master? A Overton Love.
Q Was Overton Love a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A Chickasaw Indian.
Q Did you belong to Overton Love at the beginning of the war?
A He kept me over in Texas as the nurse of his wife.
Q Did Overton Love's wife live in Texas? A At Preston.
Q Did Overton Love live in Texas? A In Old Preston, right over the line.
Q Did you remain the slave of Overton Love until the end of the war? A I cannot answer that, they kept us running night and day.
Q You do not know whether or not you were the slave of Overton Love at the time peace was declared? A No sir, I do not.
Q You were his slave at the beginning of the war? A Yes sir.

Q They kept you running all the time? A Yes sir, sometimes in the orchard and sometimes in the house.
Q Was Overton Love your master at the time the slaves were freed? Did you run away from him? A Yes sir.
Q You stayed right with Overton Love did you? A No sir, Overton Love stayed with this same man my husband told about, Duncan.
Q Did Overton Love join the Southern army? A I do not know nothing about that.
Q You do not know nothing about that? A No sir.
Q After the war was over did you return to the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A I came right back quick as I could.
Q Did you stay up there till you married Sam Perry?
A Yes sir.
Q And after you were married you went to Missouri? A Yes sir.
Q How long did you stay there? A Not very long.
Q After you returned to the Choctaw-Chickasaw country, did you continue to live here? From your return from Missouri never anywhere else? A Yes sir.

Daisy D. Daubin being first duly sworn upon her oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

Daisy D. Daubin

Sworn to before me this the 3rd day of October, 1904.

Charles N. Thompson

Notary Public.

19-D-78

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

Catherine Perry,

Ada, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, included in the consolidated case of Catherine Perry et al.

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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED:

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-D-78.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 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 this Commission rendered March 23, 1906, granting the applications for enrollment of Catherine Perry Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey, Polk Luckey, Bessie Lee, Witson Lee and Ernest Lee as Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl., 19-D-78

See 19-671 for registry receipt for this letter.

19-1489

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 5, 1905.

W. T. Perry,

Wiley, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 2, stating that you are a son of Catherine Perry, and now that your mother's case has been decided you desire to be enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman.

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 you or on your behalf for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman and if no such application has been made for you prior to December 25, 1902, this office is now without authority to receive or consider the same.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

19-1489

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 2, 1905.

W. T. Perry,

Wiley, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 17, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, which has been by him referred to this office for consideration and appropriate action. Therein you state that you are the son of Catherine Perry who has been enrolled and approved as a Chickasaw freedman; that you have never been out of the Indian Territory, and that you appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes several times in the matter of your enrollment.

In reply you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that you are an applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, but if it is insisted that such an application has been made by you, you will be heard upon your personal appearance at this office, accompanied by the person by whom application was made and witnesses who have knowledge of the facts, notice of the time of taking such testimony first being served on the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

19-1459

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 28, 1907.

W. T. Perry,

Wiley, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 15, 1907, in which you state that you have been informed by the Commission that nothing can be done in your case as your mother's rights have not yet been determined and you ask to be advised what you can do to establish your rights.

In reply to your letter you are advised that you do not give your full name and it is therefore impracticable to inform you relative to an application having been made for your enrollment. If no application was ever made for your enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation, your attention is invited in this connection to the following provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906:

> "That after the approval of this Act no person shall be enrolled as a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, or Seminole tribes of Indians in the Indian Territory, except as herein otherwise provided, unless application for enrollment was made prior to December first, nineteen hundred and five, and the records in charge of the Commissioner to the

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Five Civilized Tribes shall be conclusive evidence as to the fact of such application."

"That the rolls of the tribes affected by this Act shall be fully completed on or before the fourth day of March, nineteen hundred and seven, and the Secretary of the Interior shall have no jurisdiction to approve the enrollment of any person after said date."

You are further advised that your mother Catherine Perry has been enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman and her enrollment as such was approved by the Secretary of the Interior July 20, 1905.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Chic FR 1460

Trans from 19-D-100

See 19-1459

Chic FR 1460

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184-192.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 25, 1904.

Sam Perry,

Ada, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself, your wife Catherine Perry, your children Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey and Bessie Lee and your grandchildren James, Cliffins, Robert, Ada, Jesse and Polk Luckey and Whitson and Emmet Lee, 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,

Chickasaw Freedmen, Original.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Ada, I. T., November 13, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Douglas Perry for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Douglas Perry being duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Douglas Perry.
Q How old are you? A I dont know exactly; I guess I am about 55.
Q Were you born before or after the freeing of the slaves? A Afterwards.
Q How long after? A I dont know; about 6 years I reckon.
Q What is your post office address? A Maxwell.
Q What Nation is that in? A Chickasaw Nation.
Q How long have you lived in the Chickasaw Nation? A Always lived here?
Q Lived here all your life? A Yes sir.
Q Never have made your home anywhere else? A No sir.
Q You were born in the Chickasaw Nation were you? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your father? A Sam Perry.
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.
Q Is he a freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Catherine Perry.
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.
Q Is she a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your father's owner? A I dont know.
Q Do you know the name of your mother's owner? A No sir.
Q Both your father and mother were slaves were they? A Yes sir.
Q You were never a slave yourself were you? A No sir.
Q You were born after the freeing of the slaves? A Yes sir.
Q Did you ever make application to the Commission for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A No sir.
Q You have never appeared before the Commission before this time? A No sir.
Q Why did you not appear before the Commission with the rest of your family to be enrolled? A Because I thought they would answer.
Q Where were you living at that time? A In the Choctaw Nation; down here on the edge of the Choctaw Nation.
Q You stated a moment ago that you had lived in the Chickasaw Nation all your life? A Well, I have been living here all but just a year or two.
Q Where were you during that time? A I was just there on the edge of the Choctaw Nation, I was working backwards and forwards, but I never made my home in the Choctaw Nation, my home was still in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your wife? A Mattie; my wife at the time of the registration was Elizabeth.
Q Elizabeth Perry was your former wife was she? A Yes sir.
Q Did you leave her? A No sir, she left me.
Q You are now living with a woman named Mattie? A Yes sir.

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Q Mattie what; what is her full name? A Mattie Washington.
Q Is she a freedman? A No sir.
Q Have you any children? A Yes sir.
Q How many? A Only two.
Q What are their names? A Bertha and—— I haven't got but one living, thats Bertha.
Q What is the name of Bertha's mother? A Elizabeth.
Q How old is Bertha? A I dont know sir; about 10 I think, 10 last September.
Q Did you ever apply for the enrollment of Bertha as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A No sir.
Q Did anyone ever enroll her? A Yes sir.
Q Who enrolled her? A Her mother.
Q Were you living with Elizabeth at that time? A Yes sir, we were living together at that time.

This applicant's father, Sam Perry, appears upon the records of the Commission on Chickasaw Freedman card No D. 78; his former wife, Elizabeth Perry, and his daughter, Bertha Perry, are on Chickasaw Freedmen card No.761.

W. H. Martin being duly sworn on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he recorded in full the above proceedings at Ada, I. T., on the 13th day of November, 1902, and that the within and foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of his stenographic note in the same.

W. H. Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of November, 1902.

R B Jackson
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER. OCTOBER 22, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Sam Perry, his wife Catherine Perry, their children and grandchildren as Chickasaw freedmen.

Charles Cohee being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Charles Cohee.
Q Whatis your age? A Fifty-six.
Q Did you know Sam Perry? A Yes, sir, I knowed Sam Perry.
Q About how old is he? A He must be seventy-five or eighty years old, I don't know just how old he is.
Q Did you know his wife Catherine Perry? A Yes, sir.
Q To whom did Catherine Perry belong at the beginning of the war of the Rebellion? A I really don't know.
Q Do you know to whom she belonged at the close of the war? A No, sir.
Q You don't know where she was living on April 28, 1866? A I am not right sure, I don't think she was though, that is I don't think she was living in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q For how many years last past, to your knowledge, have Catherine Perry and Sam Perry lived in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A To my knowledge they have lived here about twenty years I think if I ain't mistaken, between fifteen and twenty years.
Q Do you live near them near enough to know of their residence? A Why yes, sir.
Q It is your understanding that they did not return to the Choctaw-Chickasaw country for several yearsafter the close of the war? A After the close of the war yes, sir.
Q Do you know the names of their children? A No, sir, I don't know them I forget them the young ones, they have some old children that I know.

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 22 day of October 1904.

Charles H. Stanger

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 Catherine Perry, et al., as Chickasaw Freedmen, consolidating the applications of:

Catherine Perry	19-D--78
Douglas Perry	19-D-100
Victoria Luckey, et al.	19-D-104
Bessie Lee, et al.,	19-D-123.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on September 2, 1898, at Stonewall, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Catherine Perry as a Chickasaw freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on November 20, 1901 and at Tishomingo, Indian Territory on September 8, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that on November 11, 1902, at Ada, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Victoria (daughter of said Catherine Perry) and her six minor children, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey, and Polk Luckey, as Chickasaw Freedmen; that on November 13, 1902, at Ada, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Douglas Perry (son of said Catherine Perry) as a Chickasaw freedman; and that on December 22, 1902, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Bessie Lee (daughter of said Catherine Perry) and her two minor children, Witson Lee and Emmet Lee, as Chickasaw freedmen.

Further proceedings were had in the matter of all said applications at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on October 22, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant Catherine Perry was the slave of Overton Love, a recognized Chickasaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that she was freed in the State of Texas and immediately returned to the Choctaw-Chickasaw country where she resided continuously since that time up to and including September 25, 1902.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicants Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey and Polk Luckey were born in the Chickasaw Nation and had resided therein continuously since the dates of their respective births up to and including September 25, 1902; that the applicant Bessie Lee was born in the Choctaw Nation and lived there for about two years when she removed to the Chickasaw Nation where the applicants Witson Lee and Emmet Lee were born, and that the said Bessie Lee, Witson Lee and Emmet Lee were residents in good faith of the Chickasaw Nation on June 28, 1898.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Catherine Perry, Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey, Polk Luckey, Bessie Lee, Witson Lee and Emmet Lee should be enrolled as Chickasaw 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,

TAMS BIXBY, Chairman.

T. B. MEADLNS, Commissioner.

C. R. BRECKINRIDGE, Commissioner.

Muskogee,
Indian Territory,
March 23, 1905.

W. O. B.

COMMISSIONERS:
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

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 23, 1905.

Douglas Perry,

Maxwell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, included in the consolidated case of Catherine Perry et al.

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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Registered.
Incl. 19-D-78

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 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 23, 1905, granting the applications for enrollment of Catherine Perry, Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey, Polk Luckey, Bessie Lee, Vitch Lee and Ernest Lee as Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedmen, and at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-D-78.

Chic FR 1461

Trans from 19-D-104

see 19-1459

Chic FR 1461

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Muskogee, Indian Territory August [illegible], 1904.

Sam Perry,

Ada, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself, your wife Catherine Perry, your children Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey and Bessie Lee and your grandchildren James, Cliffins, Robert, Ada, Jesse and Polk Luckey and Whitson and Emmet Lee, 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,

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Department of the Interior,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,
Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sam Perry forthe enrollment of himself and his wifeCatherine Perry, as Chickasaw Freedmen. Saw Perry being first duly sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Sam Perry.
Q How old are you? A A little upwards of eighty-eight. Eighty-eight last September.
Q Where do you live? A Lehigh.
Q What nation is that in? A Choctaw.
Q How long have you lived there? A Lived there for four years the 7th day of next month.
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A First and last in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations sixty-five years.
Q Have you lived there continuously for sixty five years? All the time? A A year once from 1857 up until March the 17th day of the month I was sold in Texas and in the fall of 1865 I came back to the Nation just before the surrender.
Q What was your father's name? A I couldn't tell you. My father died before I come to my recollection.
Q What is your mother's name? A Nancy.
Q Nancy Perry? A Yes sir.
Q Is your mother living? A No sir.
Q You are making application for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of the Chickasaw Indian that you belonged to? A A widow woman by the name of Elizabeth Perry.
Q Was she a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Always recognized and enrolled as such by the Chickasaws?
A Yes sir.
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.
Q When did she die? A Been dead over thirty years. She died at Doaksville.
Q Where were you living when the war between the United States and the Confederacy began in 1861? A I was living in Texas at that time. I went there in '55.
Q How did you come to go to Texas? A I was sold in Texas.
Q Sold by your Chickasaw owner to a citizen of the United States? A I was sold by a Choctaw Indian.
Q Did you ever belong to a Choctaw Indian? A The Choctaw Injun married my mistress and he sold me.
Q What was his name? A Jonathan Nave.
Q Is he living? A No sir.
Q In 1857 you were sold to a citizen of the United States who was a resident of Texas? A Yes sir I was sold in '57.
Q You never belonged to a Choctaw or Chickasaw Indian after 1857? A No sir, because I served there until the war came on and I served in this Nation the war right through.
Q In what nation? A In the Choctaw Nation.
Q Where were you living when the war ended? A I might say that I was in the states. I was a traveler. I was down at New Orleans when the war closed.
Q When did you come back to the Choctaw Nation? A In the fall of 1865 and I didn't tarry any length of time until I went back

Q Where did you go? A Back to Texas.
Q When did you go back to Texas? A The same fall that I come back.
Q How long did you stay in Texas?. A Not until May, 1866. Somewheres the last days of April.
Q Where were you living on April 28, 1866? A I was in Tishomingo County.
Q Did you come back before the treaty of April 28, 1866? A Yes sir, I was here when the treaty was made.
Q Where were you living? A Tishomingo County, Chickasaw Nation.
Q Have you been living in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations ever since then? A Yes sir.
Q Do you want to apply for the enrollment of your wife? A She wasn't out.
Q Wasn't out of where? A Out of the nation at the close of the war. Of course I apply for her.
Q As a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q What is her name? A Catherine Perry.
Q How old is she? A She is now between seventy - one and seventy-two years of age.
Q What is your wife's father's name? A Witson Love.
Q Is your wife's father living? A No sir.
Q What is your wife's mother's name? A I know her name as well as I know my own but honestly I can't think of it.
Q Do you know your wife's mother's name? A Yes sir I know it but I can't call it. It's Priscilla.
Q Is she living? A No sir.
Q Who was your wife the slave of? A Her last Injun owner was Overton Love.
Q Was Overton Love a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Your wife belonged to him? A Yes sir.
Q Has your wife always lived in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations? A Yes sir.
Q Where was your wife living at the time the war began? A On Red River. On the north side of the river.
Q Was she living with Overton Love? A She was living with Overton Love's sister.
Q After the war began did she go away from the Indian Territory? A She staid here until about the close of the war and then I took her across the river.
Q Where was she living at the time of the treaty of 1866?
Q Here with me.
Q When did you take her to Texas? A Right after the close of the war before there was any treaty started. At the beginning of 1865.
Q Have you any witnesses that will testify that you and your wife were actually living in the Chickasaw Nation at the time of the treaty of 1866? A I thought I brought an affidavit along with me.

Applicant here offers in evidence and there is filed and made a part of the record of this application, the affidavit of Mrs. Vina King of the 23rd day of April, 1901.

Q When did you first know Mrs. Vina King? A Since she was somewhere in the neighborhood of eight years old.
Q Did you live right near her then? A Within a mile of her.
Q How often did she see you? A She seed me every day.
Q When the war broke out how near were you living to her?

A Ten or fifteen miles.

Q In 1857 how near were you living to her? A That was when I went to Texas. I was some ten or fifteen miles from her then.

Q How long before you went to Texas had it been since you had seen her? A A month or two.

Q From the time you were sold to the white man in Texas, how long was it until you saw Vina King? A Not more than three years no how.

Q Did she have any knowledge of you being sold to these people in Texas? A She never said anything to me about it and I never said anything to her about it.

Q You were living about fifteen miles from her? A Yes sir as near as I could guess at it. It might be twenty or twenty-five miles but I think it was fifteen or sixteen and I wasn't away across the river more than two years, maybe it might have been six months over, when she saw me again.

Q When she saw you again you were the slave of the white man in Texas? A Yes sir.

Q Did she know that? A No sir.

Q She had no knowledge of the fact that you had been sold to the white man and gone to Texas? A No sir. Because my old mistress was dead.

Q Have you any children living with you under twenty-one years of age and unmarried? A No sir.

Q Are all your children grown and married? A Yes sir. My youngest is twenty-one.

Myra Young, having been first duly sworn upon 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 the 20th day of November, 1901, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Myra Young

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November, 1901.

Acting Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedmen.
(Origi al application)

Department of the Interior,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Ada, I. T., November 11, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Victoria Luckey for the enrollment of herself and her six minor children, James, Clifius, Robert, Ada, Jesse, and Polk Luckey, as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Victoria Luckey being duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Victoria Luckey.
Q How old are you? A Thirty-eight.
Q What is your post office address? A McGee, Indian Territory.
Q How long have you lived in the Chickasaw Nation? A All the time.
Q All your life? A Yes sir.
Q Where were you born? A Down on Red river.
Q What is the name of your father? A Sam Perry.
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.
Q Does he claim to be a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Catherine Perry.
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.
Q Does she claim to be a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Were you ever a slave? A No sir.
Q Were you born before or after the freeing of the slaves? A Just after I think.
Q You claim your rights then through your parents? A Yes sir.
Q Through which one of them? A Both of them.
Q They both claim to be Chickasaw freedmen do they? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of the owner of your father and mother? A My father's owners was Elizabeth Perry and Newt Perry.
Q Were they both Chickasaws? A Yes sir.
Q What was your mother's owner's name? A Liza Love; shewas John Guess' woman and he died and she married Sabe Love.
Q Was she a Chickasaw? A Yes sir.
Q Both the Perrys and Liza Love were recognized citizens of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Where was your father living during the war? A He was living down here on Red river is what I have heard him say.
Q In the state? A I couldn't tell whether it was in the state or on this side.
Q Was he a slave of the Chickasaws during the war? A I dont know; I couldn't tell that exactly.
Q Where was your mother during the war? A She was on the other side of the river?
Q In Texas? A Yes sir.
Q Was she owned by a Chickasaw during the war? A No sir.
Q Owned by a United States citizen? A Yes sir.

Q What was hisname? A I think their name was Dumas as near as I recollect; she was sold by Lira Love to Dumas.
Q When was she sold to him? A Before the war.
Q How long before the war? A I couldn't tell you.
Q Was she the slave of this Dumas at the time of the freeing of the slaves after the war? A Yes sir.
Q Was she living in Texas at that time? A Yes sir.
Q Did she afterwards return to the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q When did she return to the Chickasaw Nation? A '66.
Q Before or after the freeing of the s aves? A It was when she was freed over there, she comright over on this side.
Q She was freed over in Texas? A Yes sir.
Q Were you born before or after she was freed; were you born in Texas or on this side? A I was born just after she was freed.
Q After she came to this country? A Yes sir.
Q You are sure you were born in the Chickasaw Nation? A I was born down on Red river; I cant certify whether on this side or the other side; but it was after she was freed; she come right back on this side of the river.
Q You were born after she was freed? A Yes sir.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your husband? A Polk Luckey.
Q A non citizen? A Yes sir.
Q How many children have you got? A Six.
Q What are their names and ages, commencing with the oldest? A James Luckey.
Q How old is James? A Twelve. Clirius Luckey.
Q How old is he? A Eleven years old.
Q The next one? A Robert Luckey.
Q How old is he? A Eight years old.
Q The name of the next? A Ada Luckey.
Q How old is she? A Six.
Q The name of the next? A Jesse Luckey.
Q Girl? A No sir, boy.
Q How old is he? A Three.
Q The next? A Polk Luckey.
Q How old is he? A Two years old.
Q That your youngest? A Yes sir.

W. H. Martin being duly sworn on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he recorded in full the above proceedings at Ada, I. T., on the 11th day of November, 1908, and that the within and foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of his stenographic notes in the same.

W. H. Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of November, 1908.

Charles Rettenmayer
Notary Public.

19-79-180-184-185.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER., OCTOBER 22, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Sam Perry, his wife Catherine Perry, their children and grandchildren as Chickasaw freedmen.

Charles Cohee being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Charles Cohee.
Q What is your age? A Fifty-six.
Q Did you know Sam Perry? A Yes, sir, I knowed Sam Perry.
Q About how old is he? A He must be seventy-five or eighty years old, I don't know just how old he is.
Q Did you know his wife Catherine Perry? A Yes, sir.
Q To whom did Catherine Perry belong at the beginning of the war of the Rebellion? A I really don't know.
Q Do you know to whom she belonged at the close of the war? A No, sir.
Q You don't know where she was living on April 26, 1866? A I am not right sure, I don't think she was though, that is I don't think she was living in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q For how many years last past, to your knowledge, have Catherine Perry and Sam Perry lived in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A To my knowledge they have lived here about twenty years I think if I ain't mistaken, between fifteen and twenty years.
Q Do you live near them near enough to know of their residence? A Why yes, sir.
Q It is your understanding that they did not return to the Choctaw-Chickasaw country for several years after the close of the war? A After the close of the war yes, sir.
Q Do you know the names of their children? A No, sir, I don't know them I forget them the young ones, they have some old children that I know.

Witness excused.

Chas. T. Diffenbaugh 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. Diffenbaugh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of October 1904.

Charles Robinson

Notary Public.

19-D-78.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Catherine Perry, et al., as Chickasaw freedmen, consolidating the applications of:

Catherine Perry	19-D-78
Douglas Perry	19-D-100
Victoria Luckey, et al.,	19-D-104
Bessie Lee, et al.,	19-D-123.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on September 2, 1898, at Stonewall, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Catherine Perry as a Chickasaw freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Muskogee, Indian Territory on November 20, 1901 and at Tishomingo, Indian Territory on September 8, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that on November 11, 1902, at Ada, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Victoria Luckey (daughter of said Catherine Perry) and her six minor children, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey and Polk Luckey, as Chickasaw freedmen; that on November 13, 1902, at Ada, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Douglas Perry (son of said Catherine Perry) as a Chickasaw freedman; and that on December 22, 1902, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Bessie Lee (daughter of said Catherine Perry) and her two minor children, Wilson Lee and Emmet Lee, as Chickasaw freedmen.

Further proceedings were had in the matter of all said applications at Muskogee, Indian Territory on October 22, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant Catherine Perry was the slave of Overton Love, a recognized Chickasaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that she was freed in the State of Texas and immediately returned to the Choctaw-Chickasaw country where she resided continuously since that time up to and including September 25, 1902.

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It further appears from the record herein that the applicants Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey and Polk Luckey were born in the Chickasaw Nation and had resided therein continuously since the dates of their respective births up to and including September 25, 1902; that the applicant Bessie Lee was born in the Choctaw Nation and lived there for about two years when she removed to the Chickasaw Nation where the applicants Witson Lee and Emmet Lee were born, and that the said Bessie Lee, Witson Lee and Emmet Lee were residents in good faith of the Chickasaw Nation on June 28, 1898.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Catherine Perry, Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey, Polk Luckey, Bessie Lee, Witson Lee and Emmet Lee should be enrolled as Chickasaw 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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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

Catherine Perry,

Ada, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, included in the consolidated case of Catherine Perry et al.

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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-D-78.

19-D-100

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

Douglas Perry,

Maxwell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, included in the consolidated case of Catherine Perry et al.

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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED)

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.
Incl. 19-D-78

19-D-104

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

Victoria Luckey,

McGee, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself, and children, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey and Polk Luckey, as Chickasaw Freedmen, included in the consolidated case of Catherine Perry et al.

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 Chickasaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED)

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.
Incl. 19-D-78

19-D-123

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

Bessie Lee,

Iola, Kansas,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and two children, Whiston Lee and Emmett Lee, as Chickasaw Freedmen, included in the consolidated case of Catherine Perry et al.

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 Chickasaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.
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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 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 23, 1905, granting the applications for enrollment of Catherine Perry Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey, Polk Luckey, Bessie Lee, Witson Lee and Emmet Lee as Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-D-78

See 19-671 for registry receipt for this letter.

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Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
South McAlester, Ind. Ter., December 22nd, 1902.

Original
Chickasaw
Freedman

In the matter of the original application of Bessie Lee for the enrollment of herself and her two minor children, Whitson and Emmet Lee, as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Bessie Lee, having been first duly sworn, upon her oath testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Bessie Lee.
Q How old are you? A Twenty three.
Q What is your post office address? A Mineral, Kansas.
Q How long have you lived in the state of Kansas? A Two years.
Q Where did you live before that? A In the Choctaw Nation at Lehigh.
Q How long did you live in the Choctaw Nation? A From 1897 to the time I moved to Mineral.
Q Where did you live before that? A Chickasaw Nation.
Q How long did you live in the Chickasaw Nation? A From the time I was two years old.
Q How long did you live there? A Seventeen years.
Q Where were you born? A In the Choctaw Nation.
Q Have you lived in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations all your life? A Yes sir, until I married.
Q Do you now wish to make application for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your father? A Sam Perry.
Q Is he living or dead? A Living.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Catherine Perry.
Q Is she living or dead? A Living.
Q Through which one of your parents do you claim the right to enrollment? A Mother.
Q Was your mother a slave? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of her owner? A Bobe Love.

Q Was he an Indian or a white man? A Indian.
Q What tribe of Indians was he a member of? A Chickasaw.
Q Where was his place--where did he live? A He lived on Red River.
Q In the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q How long was your mother the slave of this man? A I don't know; he freed her, but I don't know how long he owned her.
Q Do you know how long she was him slave before she was freed? A No sir.
Q Was she living on his place when she was freed? A Yes sir.
Q Was this man a recognized citizen of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir, he was.
Q Where did she go after she was freed? A To Duckville, I think, I am not sure.
Q How long did she live there? A Up until the time she came to [illegible]

Q Was your father a slave? A He was.
Q Do you know the name of his owner? A No sir.
Q Have you ever been recognized or enrolled as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q When was that recognition or enrollment? A The last registration.
Q How long ago? A Three years ago.
Q Are you speaking now of the tribal authorities or of this Commission? A I don't know sir whether it was the tribal authorities or the Commission, but it was the Dawes Commission I was enrolled under. My father had me enrolled.
Q Did you ever make application yourself before this Commission?
A No sir; my father had me enrolled.
Q Where were you living when your father enrolled? A I was living at Lehigh.
Q You didn't come before the Commission at that time yourself?
A No sir.
Q Were you married at that time? A No sir.

(The applicant's father and mother, Sam and Catherine Perry, appears upon the records of the Commission on Chickasaw Freedman Card D-78.)

Q You are now married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your husband? A William Lee.
Q Is he a freedman or a non citizen? A Non citizen.
Q Have you any children? A Yes sir, I have two.
Q What are their names? A Whitson Lee and Emmet Lee.
Q How old is Whitson? A Two years old.
Q How old is Emmet? A Five months old.
Q What is the date of Emmet's birth? A August 14, 1902, at seven o'clock in the morning; and Whitson, July 29,1900, at nine o'clock.

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Harry C Risteen being first duly sworn, upon his oath states: That as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 22nd day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Harry Christen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of December, 1902.

Charles N. Harrison

Notary Public.

19-78-100-104-123.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER. OCTOBER 22, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Sam Perry, his wife Catherine Perry, their children and grandchildren as Chickasaw freedmen.

Charles Cohee being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Charles Cohee.
Q What is your age? A Fifty-six.
Q Did you know Sam Perry? A Yes, sir, I knowed Sam Perry.
Q About how old is he? A He must be seventy-five or eighty years old, I don't know just how old he is.
Q Did you know his wife Catherine Perry? A Yes, sir.
Q To whom did Catherine Perry belong at the beginning of the war of the Rebellion? A I really don't know.
Q Do you know to whom she belonged at the close of the war? A No, sir.
Q You don't know where she was living on April 28, 1866? A I am not right sure, I don't think she was though, that is I don't think she was living in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q For how many years last past, to your knowledge, have Catherine Perry and Sam Perry lived in the Chester-Chickasaw country? A To my knowledge they have lived here about twenty years I think if I ain't mistaken, between fifteen and twenty years.
Q Do you live near them near enough to know of their residence? A Why yes, sir.
Q It is your understanding that they did not return to the Chester-Chickasaw country for several years after the close of the war? A After the close of the war yes, sir.
Q Do you know the names of their children? A No, sir, I don't know them I forget them the young ones, they have seen old children that I know.

Witness excused.

Chas. T. Diffendafer 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. Diffendafer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of October 1904.

Charles W. Harper
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Wilson Lee (Given name of child), born on the 24th day of July, 1903.

Name of Father William Lee, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Bessie Lee, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post-Office: Mineral Springs

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
(Name of 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 _____ (Male or female) child was born to me on the _____ day of _____ 190__; that said child has been named _____, and is now living.

_____

Witnesses to mark:

(Name in Full of Witnesses.) _____

_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 190__

_____
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
(Name of Territory.)
Southern District.

I, Catherine Perry, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Bessie Lee, wife of William Lee, on the 24th day of July, 1903; that there was born to her on said date a male child (Male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Wilson Lee.

Catherine Perry
mark

Witnesses to mark:

(Name in Full of Witnesses.) J. W. Wisdom
M. L. Davenport

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of February 1903

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Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE THE COMMISSIONER,

IN RE Application for Enrollment as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation,

of Illinois, born on the 27th day of July, 1900,

Name of Father: William Z Lee, a citizen of the United States, Nation,

Name of Mother: Bertie Lee, a citizen of the Chickasaw, Nation,

Post-office: Mineral City, Ga.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Central Judicial 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 born to me on _____ day of _____, 19__; that said child has been named _____, and is now living.

(Witness) { _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 190__.

_____
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Central Judicial District,

I, Catherine Perry, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on the Bertie Lee, wife of William Z Lee, on the 27th day of July, 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 William.

Catherine R Perry
(Witness) { Melvin Bonford
M Lowrie

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of December, 1900.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Emmett Lee (Here insert name of child.), born on the 14th day of August, 1902

Name of Father: William Lee, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Bessie Lee, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post-Office: Munroe Kansas

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 _____ (Male or female.) 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, Anthony District.

I, Catherine Perry, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Bessie Lee, wife of William Lee, on the 14 day of Aug, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Male Child (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Emmett Lee.

Catherine Perry
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) J. W. Wisdom

M. L. Wentworth

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Feby 1903.

J. M. Kinney

Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Emmett Lee

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved FEB 14 1903 190

Commissioner.

Proof of birth of child previously listed for enrollment.

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

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Freedman Chickasaw Nation,

of Emmett Lee, born on the 17 day of August, 1900

(Give full name of child)

Name of Father: William Lee, a citizen of the U S

Name of Mother: Bessie Lee, a citizen of the Freedman Chickasaw Nation,

Post-office Mannsville I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Bessie Lee, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of William Lee, who is a citizen, by ——, of the U S; that a child was born to me on 17 day of August, 1900; that said child has been named Emmett Lee, and is now living.

Bessie Lee

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of December, 1900

J. C. Hansfield
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 ——, 1—; 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 ——.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this —— day of ——, 190—

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Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

19-B-123.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 16, 1906.

William Lee,

Wheeler, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

It appears from our records that on December 22, 1902, application was made for the enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Wilmer Lee, infant son of William and Bessie Lee, born July 28, 1900; at which time only the affidavit of the mother relative to the birth of the child was furnished the Commission.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Catherine Perry, the attending midwife, relative to the birth of Wilmer Lee, July 28, 1900; and the application now being complete and in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

It further appears from our records that on December 22, 1902, application was made for the enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Everett Lee, infant son of William and Bessie Lee, born August 14, 1902; at which time only the affidavit of the mother relative to the birth of the child was furnished the Commission.

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Catherine Perry, the attending midwife, relative to the birth of Emmett Lee, August 14, 1902; and the application now being complete and in proper form has been duly filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

19-D-133.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 10, 1903.

Bessie Lee,

Mineral City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

There were recently received at this office the affidavits of Catherine Perry relative to the birth of your minor children, Witson and Emet Lee, July 29, 1900 and August 14, 1902 respectively; and the same being in proper form have been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the applications for enrollment of the above named children as Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedman
D 123

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 5, 1904.

Bessie Lee,
317 Chestnut Street,
Iola, Kansas,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 29, in which you ask the status of the enrollment of yourself and your children, and give notice of the change in your post office address.

In reply to your letter you are advised that your change of address has been made a matter of record, and when a decision is reached in the matter of the application for your enrollment and that of your children, Whitson and Ernest Lee, as Chickasaw freedmen you will be notified at that place.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge

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104-123.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 26, 1904.

Sam Ferry,

Ada, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself, your wife Catherine Ferry, your children Douglas Ferry, Victoria Luckey and Bessie Lee and your grandchildren James, Cliffins, Robert, Ada, Jesse and Felk Luckey and Whitson and Ernest Lee, 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,

19-D-123

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1906.

Bessie Lee,

Iola, Kansas,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and two children, Whiston Lee and Emmet Lee, as Chickasaw Freedmen, included in the consolidated case of Catharine Perry et al.

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 Chickasaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED)

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.
Incl. 19-D--78

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 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 23, 1905, granting the applications for enrollment of Catherine Perry Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey, James Luckey, Clifius Luckey, Robert Luckey, Ada Luckey, Jesse Luckey, Polk Luckey, Bessie Lee, Witson Lee and Emmet Lee as Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-D-78

See 19-671 for registry receipt for this letter.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 29, 1906.

Bessie Lee,

Ada, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 22, asking if the enrollment of Catherine Perry and her children has been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on March 23, 1906, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision granting the application of Catherine Perry, Douglas Perry, Victoria Luckey and her children, James, Clifus, Robert, Ada, Jesse and Polk Luckey, and Bessie Lee and her children, Witsen and Emmet Lee, for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

No protest having been filed by the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations within the time provided for that purpose, your names will be placed upon the next schedule of Chickasaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior, and you will be notified when your enrollment has been approved by him.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chic FR 1463

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19-D-86.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER. OCTOBER 22, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of William Blue as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Charles Cohee being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Charles Cohee.
Q How old are you? A Fifty-six.
Q Were you acquainted with one William Blue who was formerly the slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes, sir.
Q What was his master's name? A Winchester Colbert.
Q Was Winchester Colbert a recognized citizen by blood of the Chickasaw Nation? A yes, sir, he was governor at one time.
Q How long after the war commenced was it that William Blue ran away from his master? A I think about the last year.
Q And joined the United States Army did he? A Yes, sir.
Q Did he serve in the Army until the close of the war? A I think so.
Q After he was mustered out did he come back to the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes, sir, immediately.
Q What time of the year spring, fall, summer or winter was it that William Blue got back to the Chickasaw Nation? A I think in the summer.
Q Do you remember what month? A No, sir, it was either June or July.
Q June or July 1865? A I think he come out there in 1865.
Q To the best of your recollection he came back in June or July 1865? A Yes, sir.
Q Did William Blue continue to live in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country from 1865 on? A Yes, sir, until now.
Q Since June or July 1865 has William Blue ever made his home outside of the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A Never has.
Q Have you lived near him? A Yes, sir, I live within forty miles of him.
Q You stated awhile ago that he ran away from his master, was that before or after the emancipation proclamation? A It was after.
Q Has he got any family? A Yes, sir.
Q Are they Choctaw or Chickasaw freedmen? A Chickasaw freedmen.
Q What are their names? A I couldn't give any of the children.

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 beforeme this 24 day of October 1904.

Charles T. Sawyer

Notary Public.

19-D-86.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of William Blue as a Chickasaw freedman.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on September 2, 1898, at Stonewall, Indian Territory, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of William Blue as a Chickasaw freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Muskogee, Indian Territory on October 22, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant was the slave of Winchester Colbert, a recognized Chickasaw citizen, at the commencement and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that about a year prior to the close of the war the applicant left the Chickasaw Nation but returned thereto immediately after the close of the war and had resided in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country since said time up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that William Blue should be enrolled as a Chickasaw 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,

Commissioner

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

William Blue,

Franks, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final roll of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Registered.

Inc.

19-D-86

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 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 23, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of William Blue as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, his name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED.

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-D-86.

See 19-671 for registry receipt for this letter.

Simon Clark being sown says: (Stonewall September 2nd 1898)

I know William Blue. We came to Fort Gibson in 1865, after discharge , and remained there until after Christmas. I then went down to Skullyville in February. I do not know how long I remained there. I came down from Skullyville a little before Christmas and found him here at Stonewall.

Gipson Clark being sworn says: (Stonewall, September 7th 1898)

I know William Blue. He got back here some time in August or September 1866. I think it was in the fall of 1866 that he got back.

In the matter of the application of William Blue for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

William Blue being sworn says: (Stonewall, September 7th 1898)

I am about 54 years old. I belonged to Winchester Colbert.

I went off North during the war. I returned before 1866. I cannot tell how long before. They talked about killing us and running us back. This is why I know it was in 1866. I came back in about two months after I was mustered out at Kansas City.

My wife is Annie Blue. She belonged to Jackson Frazier.

I came back in the fall of the year that peace was made.

Simon Clark, Gipson Clark and Aaron Newberry came back with me.

Tony Blue being sworn says: (Stonewall September 6th 1898)

I am 49 years old. I know William Blue. He is my first Cousin.

When William came back he came back in the summer of 1866. It was in June or July. Corn was ripe and hard enough to grate.

King Blue being sworn says: (Stonewall September 5th 1898)

I know William Blue. I was 10 years old in 1865. I did not see him here until the summer of 1866 . I cannot state more definitely than this.

Mary Blue being sworn says: (Stonewall, September 5th 1898)

I know William Blue. I am not related to him. I married his Uncle. I know that he was here when Winchester Colbert went to Washington and married a white woman and brought her back. I do not know how long he had been here when that occurred. That is all I know about it.

Aaron Newberry being sworn says: (Stonewall, September 2nd 1898)

I know William Blue. I was with him at the time we were discharged. We went to Fort Gibson. I left him there and went down to Skullyville, and remained there about 3 years, and when I returned I found him here at Stonewall.

In answer to question by Cohee :

It was in 1865 that I left him at Fort Gibson. I left him there a little before Christmas, I think.

Chic FR 1464

Trans from 9-D-29

Chic FR 1464

Copy.

BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation of Icie Jacobs and her minor children Louis, Pearlie, Jesse, Salina, Idella and Ralph Edward Jacobs; Chickasaw field number D-29.

We hereby request, on behalf of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, that final decision in this case be postponed until final decision by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court in the case of Evans Hill, et al., vs. The Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, number 66, on the Tishomingo Docket in which the said court will decide the question of what compliance, by the applicants or their ancestors, with the treaties of 1832, 1834, and 1837 relative to a removal to and a continuous residence in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory was necessary in order to be entitled to enrollment and to participation in the distribution of the tribal property of the Choctaw and Chickasaws, which question is involved in the case to which this communication refers.

This request is filed under authority granted by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior in his communication to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes upon the subject, dated November 18, 1903.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish
Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

January 23, 1904.

Endorsed:
Chickasaw D-29. In the matter of the enrollment of Icie Jacobs, et al., as citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. PROTEST of Choctaw and Chickasaw Attorneys.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED FEB 6 1904.
Tams Bixby, Chairman.
Written in red ink across the face and also on the back are these words: Protest overruled by Department.

Chickasaw

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Ralph Edward Jacobs

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved DEC——6——1900 190

Tams Bixby
Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,
Commission to the Five
Civilized Tribes.
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DEC 6 1900
Tams Bixby, 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 Chickasaw Nation,

of Ralph Edward (Here insert name of child.), born on the 26 day of Sep., 1900

Name of Father: Willis Jacobs a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Icy Jacobs a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post-office Hennepin

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY
Southern District.

I, Icy Jacobs, on oath state that I am 37 years of age and a citizen, by blood, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Willis Jacobs, who is a citizen, by enrollment, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a boy (male or female.) child was born to me on 26 day of Sept., 1900; that said child has been named Ralph Edward, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Levi Johnson
John Anderson

her
Icy + Jacobs
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 *day of* Dec *1900*.

(SEAL)

J.S. Owen
Hennepin, I.T. NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern District,

I, Fannie Shells, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Icy Jacobs, wife of Willis Jacobs on the 26 day of Sept., 1900; that there was born to her on said date a boy (male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Ralph Edward.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Fannie Shells.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 *day of* Dec. *1900*.

J.S. Owen.
Hennepin, I.T. NOTARY PUBLIC.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
Atoka, Indian Territory, December 4, 1900.

The Chickasaw Nation	:	
vs.	:	D-29.
Icie Jacobs, et al.	:	

Melvin Cornish, Esq., Appearing for the Chickasaw Nation.

Forbes Mosely, being first duly sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, testified as follows:

By Mr. Cornish:
Q What is your name? A Forbes Mosely.
Q How old are you? A 50 years.
Q You are a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Born and raised in the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know Icie Jacobs? Do you know Susanna Benton--Puckn atubby?
A Yes sir.
Q Was she a Chickasaw Indian? Full blood? A Yes sir.
Q Was she the mother of this woman, Icie Jacobs? A Yes sir.

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Frances R. Brown, having been first duly sworn upon 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 the 4th day of December, 1900, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes, of said proceedings on said date.

Frances R. Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December, 1900.

Acting Chairman.

(Copy)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Ralph Edward, born on the 26 day of Sep.,1900,
NAME OF FATHER: Willis Jacobs, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation;
NAME OF MOTHER: Icy Jacobs, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.
Postoffice: Hennepin.

AFFIDAVIT of MOTHER .

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Indian Territory ,
Southern District.

I, ICY JACOBS, on oath state that I am 37 years of age and a citizen, by blood, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Willis Jacobs, who is a citizen by enrollment of the Chickasaw Nation; that a boy child was born to me on the 26th day of Sept., 1900; that said child has been named Ralph Edward, and is now living.

(signed) ICY her x mark JACOBS

Witnesses to mark:
Levi Johnson.
John Dulberson

Subcribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of Dec., 1900.
(signed) J. S. OWEN,
Notary Public,
(SEAL) Hennepin, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Indian Territory ,
Southern District.

I, FANNIE SHELLS, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Icy Jacobs, wife of Willis Jacobs, on the 26th day of Sept.,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 named Ralph Edward.

(signed) FANNIE SHELLS.
Sibscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of Dec., 1900.
(signed) J. S. OWEN,
Notary Public.
(SEAL) Hennepin, I. T.

(Copy)

REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT.

RECEIVED from the Postmaster at Hennepin, I. T.,----------
Registered Letter No. 4425, from MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.,----------
Addressed to Icie Jacobs.----------
Date: 3/26/1902.

(signed) ICIE JACOBS,
JESSE JACOBS.

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 2, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Isie Jacobs for the enrollment of herself and her six minor children, Lennie Jacobs, Pearlie Jacobs, Jesse Jacobs, Selina Jacobs, Idella Jacobs and Ralph Edward Jacobs as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation.	D-29.

On the 17th day of March, 1902, the principal applicant was notified by registered mail, and on the 20th day of March, 1902, the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations were also notified by registered mail that the application of Isie Jacobs for the enrollment of herself and her minor children as citizens of the Chickasaw Nation would be taken up by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, on the 2nd day of May, 1902, for final consideration.

Now on this 2nd day of May, 1902, this cause coming on to be heard, pursuant to said notice, the Chickasaw Nation failed to appear, and the applicants being called, failed to appear either in person or by attorney.

Hal Belford, being first duly sworn, upon his oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above entitled cause on the 2nd day of May, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes in said cause on the said day of May, 1902.

Hal Belford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of May, 1902.

Notary Public.

Chickasaw, D. 29.

Department of the Interior,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Ardmore, I. T., October 31, 1902.

In the matter of the application for enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Chickasaw Nation of Icie Jacobs.

Icie Jacobs being duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Icie Jacobs.
Q How old are you? A About 36.
Q What is your post office address? A Hennepin.
Q You appeared before the Commission four years ago and made application for enrollment did you? A Yes sir.
Q You claim to be a citizen by blood? A Yes sir.
Q Of what Nation? A Chickasaw Nation.
Q What is the name of your father? A Bob Jackson.
Q Was he a Chickasaw by blood? A No sir, I dont think he was.
Q Was he a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your mother? A Susanna.
Q What was her full maiden name before she was married? A I dont know sir what her name was.
Q Did she ever go by the name of Benton? A Yes sir, I think so.
Q Do you know who her father and mother were? A No sir, I dont know.
Q Was your mother an Indian by blood or a freedman? A By blood.
Q Is she living? A No sir, she's dead.
Q How long has she been dead? A She died when I was small.
Q About how old were you when she died? A I dont know sir how old I was.
Q Do you remember your mother at all? A No sir.
Q Is your father living? A Yes sir.
Q Were you ever recognized by the Chickasaw tribal authorities as a citizen here? A I dont know sir, whether I was or not.
Q Do you know whether or not your name appears upon any of the tribal rolls? A Not until four years ago.
Q Did you ever draw any money or payments from the Choctaws or Chickasaws? A No sir, never did draw.
Q You are living in the Chickasaw Nation now? A Yes sir.
Q How long haveyou lived in the Chickasaw Nation? A All my days; I dont know nowheres else but in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q When you say that your name does not appear upon any of the tribal rolls until four years ago do you mean until the Dawes Commission came around making the roll, and put your name down? A My name was put down before; this makes three times I have been before them.
Q This makes three times you have been before the Dawes Commission; do you know whether or not your name was ever placed on the rolls made by the Chickasaw authorities? A No sir, I dont know.

Q Did you register for the payment in 1898 that was made by the Chickasaws? A Yes sir.
Q Did they put your name on the roll? A Yes sir.
Q Did they pay you the money? A No sir, they wanted to give me,— I [illegible] what they called it,— and I wouldn't agree to [illegible] so I never did get my.
Q [illegible] your name at the time, in 1898, the time of that [illegible]? A [illegible] was [illegible].
Q [illegible] than Icie Jacobs? A I was [illegible] at that time.

Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your husband? A Willis Jacobs.
Q How long have you been married? A I dont know how long, 14 or 15 years I reckon.
Q How many children have you living? A Six.
Q What are their names? A Louis, Pearlie, Jesse, Salina, Idella, and Edward Jacobs.
Q What is Edwards full name? A Edward Jacobs.
Q Was he named Ralph Edward? A Yes sir.
Q These children are all living are they? A Yes sir.
Q You say the Chickasaw authorities wanted to give you something else besides money in 1893, and that you refused to take it? A I dont know sir, whether it was money or not.
Q Did your mother have any brothers or sisters that you know of? A Not as I know of.
Q You dont know of any of your mother's relatives living at the present time then? A Yes sir, old man Benton, he's dead, and Lewis Benton, he's living.
Q What relation was he to your mother? A He was my mother's first cousin I think, or second I dont know which.
Q Who looked after the registration of your names for that payment in 1893 for you? A I dont know sir.

Willis Jacobs being called as a witness being duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission.
Q What is your name? A Willis Jacobs.
Q What is your age? A 41.
Q What is your post office address? A Kennepin,
Q Are you the husband of Icie Jacobs? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know whether or not she was ever recognised by the Chickasaw tribal authorities as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation by blood? A Why, no sir, only she come here to register for the '93 and she registered here then she went to get her money and they got some confusion or something and she didn't get it, and she goes back and gets old man Benton and his daughter I believe it was, and goes over to Tishomingo and they said that they money was out, and Calvin,—— the treasurer, he said there was no money in the treasury and he could give her scrip if she would take it, and when the Indians had some money she could get it; and he told her the scrip—— she had better wait until the money come, the scrip wouldn't do her any good, and as soon as they got some money in thetreasury they would pay her.
Q Did they register her name; put her name on the roll? A Yes sir, but they scratched it out.
Q Who scratched it out? A I dont know, but in the latter part of '96 I believe it was we went down to the enrollment and went in there, and they had the clerk to show us that it it had been scratched out.
Q Did you make any effort to have her name put on the 1897 roll? A Yes sir.
Q Who did you go before? A Went before the Clerk there, but he said like this, her name was not down and we come on back and the next time they said the session had broke and could not do anything then, and so then she never tried no more until the Dawes Commission come.
Q Did you ever see any roll of the Chickasaw Nation with her name on it? A No sir, I never saw no roll.

Witness excused.

Ellis Williams being called as a witness after being duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Ellis Williams.
Q What is your age? A 54.
Q What is your post office address? A Berwyn.
Q Are you acquainted with IcieJacobs? A Yes sir.
Q What relation are you to her? A I am his uncle on his father's side.
Q Are you and Bob Jackson full brothers? A Yes sir.
Q Same father and mother? A Yes sir, same mammy.
Q Did you know this woman's mother? A Yes sir.
Q What was her name? A Susanna.
Q What was her full name? A Susie the Injuns used to call him, thats all I know, Susie.
Q You dont know any other name she went by? A No sir.
Q Was Susie ever married to anybody named Benton? A No sir.
Q You dont know where she ever got the name of Benton? A No sir, that was his first cousin, Benton.
Q You say you were acquainted with Susie? A Yes sir.
Q Did you know who her father and mother was? A I dont know his father; Steve Fitcher's mother raised him.
Q Did she have any brothers or sisters? A Never had nary one.
Q Where was she living when you knew her? A North of Boggy Depot.
Q Was she a full blood Indian? A Full blood Injun.
Q Where was Icie Jacobs born? A He was born down on Red river at George Humes place.
Q Was that before or after Susie went to Boggy Depot? A He lived there while we moved out on Red river after we moved from Boggy.
Q Who was Susie living with at Boggy? A With his grandma.
Q What was her grandmother's name? A I have forgot, Steve Fitcher's mother.
Q What relations on her mother's side has Icie Jacobs living at the present time? A This was his grandma, Icie's mother lived with, raised right under her.
Q Where are Susie's relatives living at the present time? A I never know nary one; didnt have nary brother.
Q How close have you been living to Icie Jacobs? A Close all my life.
Q Can you explain why it is that her name does not appear upon the tribal rolls? A They enrolled him here one time for the district money to be paid at Tishomingo; enrolled by a man that used to live here at Pauls Valley, I forget his name, — McClure, and I went with them to Tishomingo myself; they went down there and we stayed there one week trying to get that money and we didn't get nothing.
Q Why would they not put her on the roll? A They did put him on but knocked him off after they got there.
Q Did they ever present her claim to citizenship to the Chickasaw legislature? A I dont know nothing about that.

Witness excused.

W. H. Martin being duly sworn on oath states that he stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he re-

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corded in full the above proceedings at Ardmore, I. T., on the 21st day of October, 1902, and that the within and foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of his stenographic notes in the same.

W. H. Bradshaw

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of November, 1902.

Charles Nakayama

Notary Public.

9-D-22.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Iole Jacobs and her six minor children, Louis Jacobs, Pearlie Jacobs, Jesse Jacobs, Salina Jacobs, Idella Jacobs and Ralph Edward Jacobs, as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the census card record in this case that on September 15, 1898 Iole Jacobs (31 years of age) appeared before the Commission and made personal application for the enrollment of herself and her five minor children, Louis Jacobs (13 years of age), Pearlie Jacobs (11 years of age), Jesse Jacobs (8 years of age), Salina Jacobs (5 years of age) and Idella Jacobs (2 years of age), as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation. Subsequently there was filed with this Commission written application for the enrollment of the minor child Ralph Edward Jacobs as a citizen by blood of the Chickasaw Nation, which application was supported by proper affidavits as to the birth of said child on September 26, 1900. Further proceedings were had in the matter of this application at Atoka, Indian Territory on December 4, 1900 and at Ardmore, Indian Territory on October 31, 1902.

It appears from the evidence submitted and the records in the possession of the Commission that the principal applicant, Iole Jacobs, is a daughter of Bob Jackson, a recognized and enrolled freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, whose name, as Robert Jackson, number 1178 appears 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 freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on December 12, 1902, and Susanna Benton (or Puckhatubby), an alleged full blood Chickasaw Indian; that the principal applicant, Iole Jacobs, is married to William Jacobs, a recognized and enrolled freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, whose name appears as member [illegible] upon the lists prepared by this Commission, under the said act of Congress [illegible] July 1, 1902, of persons entitled to enrollment as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on December 12, 1902, and that the minor children herein applied for are the offspring of said union.

It does not appear from the evidence offered in this case or the [illegible] in this [illegible] court, [illegible]

that any of said applicants has ever been admitted to citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes or by a decree of the United States Court in Indian Territory, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 10, 1896 (29 Stat., 321).

It further appears that all of the applicants herein who were then living were on June 28, 1898 residents in good faith of Indian Territory, all applicants listed upon census cards in 1898 having been first examined as to such fact although their testimony was not reduced to writing.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that the application for the enrollment of Icie Jacobs, Louis Jacobs, Pearlie Jacobs, Jesse Jacobs, Salina Jacobs, Idella Jacobs and Ralph Edward Jacobs as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation should be denied in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-one of the act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and it is so ordered.

It is further the opinion of this Commission that Icie Jacobs, Louis Jacobs, Pearlie Jacobs, Jesse Jacobs, Salina Jacobs, Idella Jacobs and Ralph Edward Jacobs should be enrolled as Chickasaw 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.

C. R. Breckinridge

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

JAN 26 1905

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 26, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith, for Departmental consideration, the record in the matter of the application of Icie Jacobs for the enrollment of herself and her children, Louis, Pearlie, Jesse, Galina, Idella and Ralph Edward Jacobs, as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation, together with the decision of the Commission of January 26, 1905, refusing the same, but holding that the applicants are entitled to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen.

It appears from the evidence in this case, and from the records of the Commission that Bob Jackson, the father of the principal applicant, Icie Jacobs, is a recognized and enrolled Chickasaw freedman, whose name appears, as Robert Jackson, upon the approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen opposite Number 1178.

As none of the applicants have been enrolled by the Chickasaw tribal authorities as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation, the Commission has held that they are not entitled to enrollment as citizens by blood of said nation, but that they are entitled to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen through Bob Jackson (Robert Jackson)

the father of the principal applicant, who is a recognized and enrolled Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw D 29

Through the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

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9-D-29

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 26, 1905.

Lois Jacobs,

Hennepin, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered January 26, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of yourself and children, Louis Jacobs, Pearlie Jacobs, Jesse Jacobs, Salina Jacobs, Idella Jacobs and Ralph Edward Jacobs, as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation, and granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and said children as Chickasaw Freedmen.

The decision, with a copy of the proceedings had 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 the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 9-D-29.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 26, 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 January 26, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Icie Jacobs and her children, Louis Jacobs, Pearlie Jacobs, Jesse Jacobs, Salina Jacobs, Idella Jacobs and Ralph Edward Jacobs, as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation, and granting their application for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen.

The decision, with a copy of the proceedings had 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 the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED:

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 9-D-29.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
August, 18th 1900.

Icie Jacobs,
Hennepin, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam.-

You are hereby notified that the Chickasaw Nation, through its attorneys, Messrs McKennon, Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, has filed with this Commission a notice of protest to the enrollment of yourself and Louis Jacobs, Pearlie Jacobs, Jessie Jacobs, Solina Jacobs and Idella Jacobs, as citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

For the purpose of hearing any additional testimony that may be desired to be submitted by either you or the attorneys for the Chickasaw Nation, the Commission will hold a session at Atoka, Indian Territory, commencing December, 3rd, 1900, at which time and place you will be allowed to offer any additional testimony in support of your application, such hearing to be final.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

9-D-29

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 18, 1900.

Fola Jacobs,
Hennepin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Since notifying you on August 18, 1900, of the protest filed by the Chickasaw Nation to your enrollment as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, the Commission has been furnished by the Nation with the grounds upon which objection is made to your enrollment. The question raised is as to you having Negro blood.

The Commission is in possession of a sufficient statement of facts upon which a decision may be rendered and in your case it will not be necessary for you to appear at the appointment at Atoka beginning December 3rd, 1900.

The Commission will accept and consider any written arguments on questions of law submitted on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation at any time prior to February 1st, 1901, and on your behalf at any time prior to March 1st, 1901.

As soon thereafter as practicable the Commission will consider and finally determine your right to enrollment and the decision of the Commission, stating fully its reasons for any action that may be taken, will be mailed to you.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 6, 1900.

Willie Jacobs,

Kennedyia, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation of Ralph Edward Jacobs, the infant son of Willie and Ivy Jacobs, born September 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 doubtful claimant to citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation.

Yours truly,

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Acting Chairman.

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Chickasaw D-29-

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 17, 1902.

Icie Jacobs,

Hennepin, Indian Territory.

You are hereby notified that the application of yourself and your six minor children: Louis, Pearlie, Jesse, Solina, Idella and Ralph Edward Jacobs for enrollment as citizens of the Chickasaw Nation will be taken up for final consideration by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, on the 2nd day of May, 1902.

On said date you may, if you desire, appear before the Commission in person or by attorney when an opportunity will be given you to introduce any additional testimony affecting said application which you may think proper or necessary.

You are further notified that the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation will also, at the same time, be afforded an opportunity to introduce testimony affecting your right to enrollment, but said representatives will be required to notify you of their intention to introduce such testimony before they will be permitted to do so.

THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

T. B. [illegible]

Commissioner.

Registrar.

Chickasaw D 29

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 23, 1902.

Guy L. V. Emerson,
Clerk in Charge,
Ardmore, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith duplicate jacket and record in Chickasaw doubtful case, Number 29, Lois Jacobs, et al., the decision in which was returned to this division by Mr. Hopkins on October 14, 1902, with instructions to have Enrollment Party make thorough effort to identify the parties on tribal rolls.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 2, 1903.

Isis Jacobs,

Hennepin, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of yourself and your daughter as citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, you are informed that in your testimony given at Ardmore, October 31,1902, you stated that your father, Bob Jackson, was living and was a Chickasaw Freedman. If this is correct you are requested to advise this Commission as to his post-office address, the time and place application was made to the Commission for his enrollment, and the names of any other members of his family who were enrolled with him, if any, and any other information which may enable the Commission to identify him as an applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

(C O P Y)

Hennepin, I.T., June the 9, 1903.

Commission to the five civilized

at Muskogee, I.T.

Sir:

Yours of the 2 June was recived

You asked me about my Father, Bob Jackson he is alived and his post office address is at Tatum, I.T. all so Wily Jackson Sam Jackson July Love all them made thy application at Pauls Valley, I.T. 1898 Sam Jackson meet at Ardmore, I.T. Oct. 30, 1902 Sir will you tell me if I is going to get any thing or not Mr. R.L. Freeman was at Tishomingo and he said I was not on the rolled and please tell me something about

Yours respectfull

Icie Jacobs

Theses is all Bob Jackson Children.

Chickasaw D29

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 29, 1903.

Ipie Jacobs,

Kennedin, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 9, giving information relative to your father, and the same has been made a matter of record.

You are informed that it appears from our records that you are an applicant to this Commission for the enrollment of yourself and six children as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation, and your 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,

Commissioner in Charge.

9-D 29

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 27, 1903.

Icie Jacobs,

Hennepin, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

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 the Commission has not yet passed upon the application of Icie Jacobs for the enrollment of herself and her children, Louis, Pearlie, Jesse, Salina Idella and Ralph Edward Jacobs, for enrollment as citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. As soon as a decision is reached in this case you will be notified of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw D 29

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 9, 1904.

Icie Jacobs,

Hennepin, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that under direction of the Secretary of the Interior of November 18, 1903, and upon a protest filed with the Commission by the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations dated January 23, 1904, no further action will be taken relative to the enrollment of yourself and your six minor children, Louis, Pearlie, Jesse, Salina, Idella and Ralph Edward Jacobs, as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation until the Commission is further instructed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

9-D-29

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 23, 1904.

Lois Jacobs,

Hennepin, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 8, 1904, in which you ask the status of your enrollment.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission has not yet passed upon your application for the enrollment of yourself and children as citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, but as soon as a decision is reached in this case you will be notified of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

9-D-29

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 17, 1905.

Lois Jacobs,

Hennepin, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 12, 1905, in which you state that you are not approved and wish to know if you can file a contest.

In reply to your letter you are informed that if the land upon which you own improvements which you desire to select in allotment has been filed on by a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation, you will be permitted to make application therefor upon your personal appearance at the land office for the Nation in which the land is located for the purpose of instituting contest proceedings if you so desire.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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

March 10, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I enclose a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated January 26, 1905, transmitting the record of the application for enrollment as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation by Iqie Jacobs and her six minor children, Louis, Pearlie, Jesse, Salina, Idella and Ralph Edward Jacobs.

January 26, 1905, the Commission decided adversely to all the applicants as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation and favorably to all the applicants as Chickasaw Freedmen.

The record shows that the principal applicant is a daughter of Bob Jackson, a recognized and enrolled freedman of the Chickasaw Nation whose name as Robert Jackson appears at No. 1178 upon a list approved by the Department December 12, 1902, and Susanna Benton (or Puckmatubby), an alleged full blood Chickasaw Indian; that the principal applicant is married to Willis Jacobs, a recognized and enrolled freedman of the Chickasaw Nation whose name appears at No. 1278 on a list approved by the Department December 12, 1902, and that the minor applicants are the children

of this marriage.

It does not appear that any of the applicants has ever been enrolled or admitted to citizenship by any tribal authority of the Chickasaw Nation or by any United States tribunal. It further appears that all the applicants then living were on June 28, 1898, residents in good faith of the Indian Territory.

In view of the record the approval of the Commission's decision adverse to all the applicants as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation and favorable to all as Chickasaw freedmen is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON,

D. C. 14154-1905.
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L. R. S.

March 15, 1905.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

January 26, 1905, you transmitted the record of the application of Iola Jacobs for the enrollment of herself and her six minor children, Louis Jacobs, Pearlie Jacobs, Jesse Jacobs, Malina Jacobs, Idella Jacobs, and Ralph Edward Jacobs, as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation, including your decision dated January 26, 1905, denying the application of said applicants to be enrolled as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation, and admitting said applicants as Chickasaw freedmen.

March 10, 1905, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs reporting in the matter, recommended that your decision admitting said applicants as Chickasaw freedmen be affirmed. A copy of his letter is herewith inclosed.

The Department concurs in the recommendation made and your decision denying the application of said applicants to be enrolled as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation and admitting said applicants as Chickasaw freedmen is hereby affirmed.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock

Secretary.

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Chickasaw D-29

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 27, 1905.

Icie Jacobs,

Hennepin, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

You are hereby notified that on the 15th day of March, 1905, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this Commission, rendered January 26, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of yourself and children, Louis Jacobs, Pearlie Jacobs, Jesse Jacobs, Salina Jacobs, Idella Jacobs and Ralph Edward Jacobs, as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation, and granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and said children as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Your names will now be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Chickasaw D-29

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 27, 1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that on the 15th day of March, 1905, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this Commission, rendered January 26, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Iole Jacobs and her children, Louis Jacobs, Pearlie Jacobs, Jesse Jacobs, Salina Jacobs, Idella Jacobs and Ralph Edward Jacobs, as citizens by blood of the Chickasaw Nation, and granting the application for their enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Their names will now be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Chickasaw D-29.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1905.

Icey Jacobs,

Hennepin, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 1st, asking if you will have to make new application for enrollment as a freedman. You also state that you have another baby, and ask what action you should take in the matter of its enrollment.

In reply to your letter, you are advised that by the decision of the Commission, of January 26, 1905, and Departmental approval thereof, of March 15, 1905, you and your children have been enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen and your names will be placed upon a schedule of Chickasaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior for approval.

Relative to the enrollment of the infant child referred to, you are advised that, by the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1905, the Commission is authorized, for a period of sixty days from that date, to receive applications for the enrollment of children born to enrolled citizens by blood of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations prior to March 4, 1905. You will therefore see that the Commission is without

authority to enroll children born to Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 26, 1906.

Albert J. Lee,

Attorney at Law,

Ardmore, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 23, 1906, in which you ask a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of January 26, 1905, in the enrollment case of Icie Jacobs, et al.

In compliance with your request there is inclosed herewith copy of said decision.

Respectfully,

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Acting Commissioner.

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Chic FR 1465

In the matter of the application of Aaron Hogan for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Aaron Hogan being sworn says: (Colbert, October 14th 1895)

I am about 45 years old. My wife Kittie is a non-citizen. I am married to her by Rev. O'Bryant of the Methodist Church. I was in the Chickasaw Nation when I was freed. The man who had me in charge at the time was named Akins. I belonged to Colbert when I was freed. Jack Eubanks took me off from Colbert's and turned me over to a man by the name of Akins, to keep until a debt was paid.

Colbert would carry me away with him when he would get drunk. They would then send for me.

I was in the Nation when I was freed. I remained in the Nation a bout a year or more, and then went to Texas. I live on Sandy in the Chickasaw Nation. I have some improvements and about 20 acres in cultiation. I have been living in the Nation now about three years. The first time I stayed here about 8 years. That was along about 1885. I got into some trouble and went back to Texas. Colbert never sold me to Eubanks.

Dick Hastman being sworn says: (Colbert October 19th 1893)

I know Aaron Hogan. I know that when he was boy Robert Colbert sold him. He sold him to a white man at Carpenter's Bluff for a barrel of whisky. The man to whom he sold him was Tom Eubanks. That was some time before the war. I did not see him again until he was a grown man, since the war. I did not know what became of him.

B.F.. Kemp being sworn says: (Colbert, October 15th 1898)

I know it to be a fact that Colbert sold Aaron Hogan for a barrel of whisky.

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 the enrollment of Aaron Hogan as a Chickasaw freedman, and for the enrollment of his five minor children, Membry, Jim, Almarine, Chap and Caleb Hogan as Chickasaw freedmen.

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Aaron Hogan, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Aaron Hogan.
Q What is your age? A My age is forty nine years old.
Q What is your post office address? A Colbert, I. T.
Q How long have you lived in the Indian Territory?
A Lived there practically all my life; I been in Texas a little.
Q Were you the slave of [illegible] a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes sir
Q Whose slave were you? A Robert Colbert's.
Q Was Robert Colbert a Chickasaw Indian by blood, duly recognized as such? A Yes sir.
Q Is he living? A No sir; dead.
Q When did he die? A He died the second year of the war.
Q Where was you when you was set free? A I was at Dougherty in Pickens County.
Q Were you living at that time with Robert Colbert?
A Well I was'nt down at Robert's; I was off with his son in law.
Q How long did you stay in Pickens County? A Well I dont know exactly but I was --
Q How long did you remain there after you was freed?
A I guess I was there about six months
Q Then where did you go to? A From there to Gainesville
Q Texas? A Yes sir.
Q How long did you stay in Texas? A I stayed in Texas - the first time - I was there about two years.
Q I'm speaking about this time you went there right after freedom? A About two years.
Q When you came back to the Territory where did you go to? A I came to Colbert [illegible] the first time I came back.
Q How long did you stay there? A About a w[illegible]
Q Where did you go then? A I went to a place they call Red River City [illegible]
Q In Texas? A Yes sir.
Q How long did you st[illegible] in Texas? A About two years I guess.
Q Then where did you go to? A [illegible] back to Colbert.
Q [illegible] you come back,

Q [illegible] A I li[illegible]
[illegible] I went [illegible]
[illegible]
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on Sandy.
Q In the Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q How long did you stay there then? A I stayed there seven years.
Q Where did you go after that? A I went back to Sherman and from Sherman back to the Territory and remained.
Q When you went back to Sherman how long did you stay?
A I dont know how long; didn't stay very long.
Q Since you last come from Sherman to the Territory you have been residing in the Territory continously?
A Yes sir.
Q How long have you lived in the Territory continously this last time? A This last time - let me see - I was cant exactly tell you; I was living in the Territory when that cyclone was in Sherman; I cant tell you any more than that.
Q Have you lived there for the last ten years?
A Somewheres about ten years. Eight or ten years; maybe not so long
Q Have you lived there eight years; have you lived in t the Territory eight years? A I think it 's either seven or eight; somewhere along there; that I been in the Territory on this last trip; I wont be positive.
Q Whereabouts do you live now? A At Colbert; two miles west of Colbert.
Q Where were you born? A Born at Horse Prairie Choctaw Nation? A W
Q Were you born a slave of Robert Colbert's? A Yes sir
Q Did he ever sell you? A Never that I know of; I was stolen from him once.
Q Who by? A Jack Hughbanks.
Q How did he dispose of you? A I was taken from Jack Hughbanks by Levi Kemp, son-inlaw of Robert Colbert.
Q What did Kemp do with you? A He left me at Dougherty with an old fellow; I cant think what his name was; I didn't stay with him but a little while.
Q Were you ever owned by a man named Akin? A I dont know him.
Q Who was Jack Hughbanks? A I suppose Jack Hughbands w was a white man.
Q Well after Jack Hughbands took you away - stole you as you say, somebody else stole you from him? A Why Levi Kemp taken me.
Q What did Levi Kemp do with you? A He left me at Dough arty.
Q Who with? A I dont know; I dont know whether it was Hughs or Crews.
Q How long did you stay there? A I didn't stay there, I dont suppose I stayed there over four or five months.
Q What became of you then? A After I left there why I went down to Gainesville; I was free.
Q [illegible] when you was freed you was [illegible] with Colbert
A [illegible] I belonged to b[illegible]
Q [illegible] was you when you was freed? A [illegible] was at Dougherty [illegible] ion.
Q [illegible] do you think you [illegible] at the [illegible] that you say [illegible] s stole you? A [illegible] dont know.
Q [illegible] of a boy was you? A I was a [illegible]
Q [illegible] to [illegible] A [illegible] it

Q Worth a barrell of whiskey at that time? A I dont know what I was worth; I was'nt sold for no barrell of whiskey.
Q Did you ever see Hughbank's afterwards? A No sir; I have'nt seen Hughbanks since I cant tell you when; way before the war ended was the last I seen of Hughbanks; they told me he was killed; I dont know whether he was or not.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What's the name of your wife? A Katie.
Q Have you got any children under twenty one years of age now living with you who you desire to make application for? A Yes sir.
Q What's the oldest one named? A Membry.
Q How old is Membry? A Membry is fifteen years old.
Q What's the next one named? A Jim, fourteen.
Q What's the next one's name and age? A Almerine; he's twelve.
Q What's the name and age of the next one? A Chap; he's nine.
Q What's the name of the next? A Caleb; he's five going on six.
Q You are the father of these children? A Yes sir.
Q They are living with you ? A Yes sir.
Q And have always lived with you? A Yes sir.
Q Their post office address is the same as yours? A Yes sir.
Q Is your wife a freedwoman ? A Yes sir; she's not an Indian slave; she's a state woman.
Q She's a state woman then; she's not what we call a freedman? A No sir.
Q When was you married to her? A I married her in 1880.
Q And lived with her ever since? A Yes I lived with none but her.
Q Have you got any evidence of your marriage? A Well no sir; I have'nt; not here; but I can get it.
Q You had better do so. About how old do you think you were at the time you say Hughbanks stole you from Colbert? A I think I must have been along about five or six years old; somewhere along there.
Q Whereabouts were you when you were stolen? A I was stolen right there at a place they called Carpenter's Bluff crossing.
Q On which side of the river? A On yon side of the river.
Q On the Texas side? A Yes sir.
Q How long when you were stolen did you stay with Hughbanks? A I dont suppose I was with Hughbanks ever - it looked to me like - more than about six months maybe, - might have been longer.
Q How came you to leave Hughbanks? A Levi Kemp taken me away; I wanted to leave to go home to my folks.
Q Is Levi Kemp living? A No sir; his wife's living.
Q Who was with Levi Kemp? A Martin Love.
Q Is Martin Love living? A No sir.
Q Where did Levi Kemp take you? A Took me over to Doughty.
Q Back to Robert Colbert? A No sir; he didn't carry me back home; I think he took me back home the old man got on another spree and somebody would steal me again.
Q Are you living with Kemp at the time [illegible]?
A [illegible]

man; down at his daddy-in-law's.
Q Who was Kemp's friend that he left you with; what was his name? A Crews or Hughs or something like that.
Q Indian or white man? A Mixed breed.
Q A citizen of the Chickasaw? A I suppose so; one of the nations; had Indian in him of course; I never heard no particular name nor what side he was.
Q Have you got any papers you want to file in your case?
A I got none only my affidavits I brought.

There is offered in evidence, filed and made a part of the records in this case the affidavits of Matilda Gigger and Sobe Guess marked respectively A. and B.

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Clara Mitchell Weed 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 2nd day of April 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 Weed

Subscribed and sworn to before me this seventh day of April 1902.

M D Rice
Notary Public

Exhibit a

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

Before the Gov. Dawes Commission:

In the Matter of the Application of Aaron Hogan for Enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Affidavit of Matilda Riggs.

My name is Matilda Riggs; I am between eighty and ninety years of age. I was enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman about at the first enrollment by the Dawes Commission. My name then was Matilda Golden. I am acquainted with Aaron Hogan, and know him to be a Chickasaw freedman. His parents were slaves and belonged to Robert Colbert. Aaron was born in slavery about fifteen years before the war. His parents were living then near the present site of Bloomfield Band among in the Chickasaw Nation on the Colbert farm. I was living on the same plantation. Robert Colbert was a Chickasaw Indian.

Witness: H. M. Roberts

Matilda her + Riggs mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this the 22nd day of November 1900.

Robt Crossett.

(Seal)

Robt Crossett

A. P.
for the So. Dist.
of the Ind. Ter.

Exhibit B

Application

of

Aaron Hogan.

Affidavit of
Sobe Cuezo.

Before the Hon: Dawes Commission.

In the matter of the application of Aaron Hogan for Enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

Affid'avit of Sobe Guess.

My name is Sobe Guess. I am forty five years old and a farmer by occupation. Am acquainted with Aaron Hogan. He belonged to my grand mother, whose name was Clare Colbert, the wife of Robert Colbert, as a slave before the war.+ I have heard her say the she had never sold Aaron, but he had been stolen from her by some negro traders and carried in Sullivan County in the Choctaw Nation. My grand parents owned Aaron's father and mother in slave time and Aaron was born to them about fifteen years before the emancipation.

his
Sobe + Guess
mark

Witness:-
T. L. Mulkey

+ Black eyes, black skin, was thirty years behind his own the same size of Memphis Pending in the Chickasaw Nation

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

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In the matter of the enrollment of Aaron Hogan and his children, Membry Hogan, Jim Hogan, Almerine Hogan, Chap Hogan, Caleb Hogan, Mary Johnson, as Chickasaw Freedmen.

Aaron Hogan, being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Q. What isyour name? A Aaron Hogan.
Q You are an applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, for yourself and children? A Yes, sir.
Q What are their names? A Mary Johnson, William Hogan, Membry Hogan, Jim Hogan, Almarena Hogan, Chap Hogan and Caleb Hogan.
Q When did you apply for William? A I applied for William in April, 1902.
Q At the same time you applied for the other children?
A Yes, sir, the same time.
Q How old is William now? A Twenty-two years old the 18 of March.
Q Where were these children born? A William was born in Texas; Mary was born in Texas; Membry was born in Texas; Jim was born in the Territory; Alma was born in the Territory; Chap was born in the Territory; Caleb was born in the Territory:
Q How long has Mary lived in the Territory? A She has been living in the Territory nearly all her life. She was four years old when I brought her here.
Q Been living here ever since? A Principally; she and her husband lived in Sherman a while, but came back to the Choctaw Nation.
Q How old is William? How about him? A He has been here since he was two years old.
Q Where is William living now? A Colbert.
Q I thought you said that he had left here? A No, sir, I said I didn't know why he didn't go to enroll.
Q How about Membry? A She is married.
Q How about Jim? A He is with me.
Q Are Almerine, Chap and Caleb with you? A Yes, sir.

Witness excused.

Charles Smith, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q What isyour name? A Charles Smith.
Q How old are you? A Eighty-five, born in 1819.
Q Are you a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know Aaron Hogan? A Yes, sir.
Q How long have you known him? A Ever since he was [illegible] years old.
Q Was he born a slave? A Yes, sir, he was a slave [illegible] I know.
Q [illegible] did he belong? A Robert Colbert.

Q What was he? A Chickasaw.
Q Indian? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you see Aaron during the whole of the war? A No, sir, we lived eight or ten miles apart.
Q Where? A Near Colbert.
Q Chickasaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q Was he there when the slaves were freed? A Yes, sir, I suppose he was; I saw him every now and then.
Q Do you remember the time he went to Texas? A No, sir, didn't know he had ever been in Texas.
Q You have seen him off and on since before the war up to the present time? A Yes, sir, and during the war.
Q You haven't seen him very oftern, have you? A No, sir, see him at meeting quite often, but we lived eight or ten miles apart.

Witness excused.

Q Caledonia Green, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Caledonia Green.
Q What are you? A A white woman. But I used to belong to the Indians.
Q You are not a slave, are you? A I have been. My father was a white man.
Q Are you on the rolls? A Yes, sir.
Q What do you know about this man? A I have known him ever since he was a child.
Q To whom did you belong? A Jackson Kemp.
Q How far away did you live from him? A In slave time I lived about a mile from them.
Q Did you see him ofter during the war? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you know whether he left the country or not? A No, sir, his master took him across the river to a place called Carpenter's place, but he couldn't sell him for whiskey like he tried to, and hit him in the head with a bottle, and when he came back his head was cut with the bottle.
Q Who tried to sell him? A Robert Colbert.
Q And hit him in the head with a bottle? And brought him back?
A Yes, sir,
Q He didn't sell him? A No, sir.
Q When was that? A In slave time, sometime, pretty close to the time we were freed.
Q Do you know anything at all about him going away to Texas?
A No, sir, nothing at all.
Q Did you hear about him being stolen? A No, sir.
Q What is your recollection with respect to where he was living at the time peace was declared? A I don't know [illegible] I know where his folks [illegible]. After we were [illegible] house, we moved on Bugg and left them on the river.
Q That was soon after freedom, was it? A Yes, sir.

Elsie [illegible] Ashton, being first duly sworn, [illegible]

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

In the matter of the application of Aaron Hogan for the enrollment of himself and his children Membry Hogan, Jim Hogan, Almerine Hogan, Chap Hogan, Cabel Hogan, William Hogan and Mary Johnson as Chickasaw Freedmen.

- - : D E C I S I O N : - -

It appears from the record herein that the principal applicant, Aaron Hogan, was the slave of Robert Colbert, a recognized Chickasaw citizen, at the commencement, and at the close, of the war of the rebellion; that at the close of the war, and at the date of the treaty of Fort Smith, the said Aaron Hogan was living in the Chickasaw Nation; that shortly thereafter he removed to the state of Texas, and during the ensuing thirty years lived part of the time in the state of Texas and part of the time in the Indian Territory; that he last returned to the Indian Territory about the year 1895, since which time he has resided continuously therein up to and including September 25, 1902.

It further appears from the record herein that all the other applicants above named are the children of the principal applicant, Aaron Hogan; that they were residents in good faith of the Indian Territory on June 28, 1898, and since that date up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is therefore the opinion of this Commission that Aaron Hogan, Membry Hogan, Jim Hogan, Almerine Hogan, Chap Hogan, Caleb Hogan, William Hogan and Mary Johnson should be enrolled as Chickasaw 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,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

Aaron Hogan,

Colbert, Indian Territory,

COPY.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered June 22, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and children, Membry Hogan, Jim Hogan, Almerine Hogan, Chap Hogan, Caleb Hogan and William Hogan, as Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your names will be placed upon the final rolls of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

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Mary Johnson,

Colbert, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered June 22, 1905, granting the application for your enrollment as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

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

COPY.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission, rendered June 22, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Karen Hogan, Kembry Hogan, Jim Hogan, Almerine Hogan, Chey Hogan, Caleb Hogan, William Hogan and Mary Johnson as Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw freedmen. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, their names will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory August 25, 1904.

Aaron Hogan,

Colbert, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your children Lenory, Tim, Almarine, Chap and Caleb Hogan and Mary Johnson, 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 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 6-7, 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8-9, 1904.

Respectfully,

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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 Chickasaw freedman.of:

HENRY COLE 19-D-4.

In the matter of the application of Henry Cole for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Henry Cole being sworn says: (Stonewall, September 3d 1898)

I am about 60 years old. I belonged to Tontubby, up to the time I was freed.

I went to Fort Gibson and came back in December 1865, sometime before Christmas. It was some two or three weeks before Christmas, 1865. I came back to the Chickas aw Nation and have been living here every since.

My wife's name is Mary. She is 37 years old. She belonged to Tuchubby. She belonged to his son, George Johnson when she was freed.

My wife's child is:Francis Johnson,17. She is living with me.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Muskogee, Ind. Ter. September 26, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Henry Cole and his wife Mary Cole as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Henry Cole being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Henry Cole.
Q What is your age? A About sixty-four.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Carbon.
Q Were you the slave of a Choctaw Indian before and during the War of the Rebellion? A I was the slave of a Chickasaw, Tontubby.
Q Was Tontubby a Choctaw or Chickasaw Indian? A He was a Chickasaw.
Q How much Indian blood did he possess? A All of it every drop of it.
Q Full blood? A Yes, sir, didn't go into Americal style at all.
Q Did you belong to Tontubby at the beginning of the war? A Yes, sir, he raised me, he nursed me when I was a baby.
Q Did you stay with him ~~after~~ as his slave up until the close of the war? A No, sir.
Q Did he sell you? A No, sir, I just went off and then I come back to him.
Q How long before the close of the war was it that you left him? A I stayed with him two years while the war was going on, then I went off and stayed two years and after peace come back to him.
Q Where did you go? A Went to Fort Gibson in the Cherokee.
Q Immediately after you left you went to Fort Gibson, did you stay there two years and then come back to him? A Yes, sir, and stayed with him until he died.
Q Then at the time ~~of~~ all the slaves were freed you were not the slave of Tontubby but had run away and were a free man? A Yes, sir that was right, I went to Fort Gibson and after peace came back stayed here two years and come back- good old man- but he didn't claim me as a slave but I just come back to him.
Q Did you ~~[illegible]~~ leave with ~~x~~ his consent or did you run away? A I left through his consent, he told me to go, the times were so hot around; I was just as his son, he raised me and he loved me, he told me to go and afte peace ~~x~~ I came back. He was a good old man too.
Q What time of the year? A It was in the fall.
Q Then from the time you came back in the fall of 1865 you lived with him continuously until his death? A No, sir, I didn't live with him until he died, there was a law come along for ~~x~~ our masters to have nothing to do with us.
Q When you returned to the Choctaw and Chickasaw country up to and including September 25, 1902 did you ever ~~[illegible]~~ live any other place than in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A No, sir, stayed right there, then I come here to the Choctaw country from the Chickasaw Nation and I am living among the Choctaws now.

Q Did you ever make your home outside of the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A ~~Nnnx~~ No, sir.
Q What did you say was the reason you left your master Tontubby two years after the war commenced? A Well it was war time and they was barbarous acts around there and that is the reason I went away.
Q And the war had ended and all the slaves had been freed when you returned? A Yes, sir.

Witnessexcused.

Mary Cole being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Mary Cole.
Q How old are you? A Forty-two.
Q What is your post office address? A Carbon.
Q Were you the slave of a Choctaw or Chickasaw Indian? A Chickasaw.
Q Whatwas that Chickasaw Indian's name? A Kochubby.
Q Was Kochubby a full blood? A I reckon he was I never saw him he died before I was born.
Q Did Dochubby die before the beginning of the war? A Yes, sir, long before I suppose.
Q Whose slave were you at the beginning of the war and during the war? A His son, I was small though.
Q What was his son's name? A His English name I suppose was George Johnson.
Q And he was a Chickasaw Indian? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you belong to George Johnson at the beginning of the war andremain his slave when the war closed? A Yes, sir, I was small.
Q You say this woman here isyour sister? A Yes, sir.
Q What is her name? A Melia Brown.
Q Did she belong to the same man you did? A She belonged to John Reed she is younger than I am and she remained with mother with him.
Q Since you can remember since ~~the~~the war have you continuously resided in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A No where else.
Q When you were freed you belonged to Geroge Johnson? A Yes, sir.
Q What was your mother's name? A Sarah or Dinah Reed, Sarah is her right name but they called her Dinah.
Q She didn't belong to Kochubby the same man you did? A She belonged to the old man - she belonged to the woman and then the old man died and his wife gave her to her daughter.
Q And her daughter was married to a man named Reed? A Yes, sir.
Q Was Reed a white man? A No, sir, Chickasaw.
Q At the commencing of the war your mother belonged to Reed or to the daughter of Kochubby? A Yes, sir.
Q You all belonged to the same family? A yes, sir.
Q Is your mother living now? A Yes, sir.
Q Is she on the roll? A Yes, sir, they is all filed except me and this woman here.

Q Have you got any other brothers and sisters besides this woman here? A I have some brothers.
Q Are they all on the final roll? A Yes, sir.
Q What are their names? A Jack Campbell, Joshua Johnson and Andy Pulcher.
Q Did they all belong to the same Chickasaw family? A Yes, sir, all except Andy Pulcher.
Q Are they all on the final roll? A Yes, sir.
Q And you have never lived outside of the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A No, sir, never have.

Witness exdused.

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 29th day of September 1904.

J. Humphrey
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 Henry Cole as a Chickasaw freedman.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on September 3, 1898 Henry Cole appeared before the Commission at Stonewall, Indian Territory and made application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Muskogee, Indian Territory on September 26, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that at the beginning of hostilities in 1861 the applicant, Henry Cole, was a slave of Tontubby, a recognized Chickasaw Indian, and that during said war he went to Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, and remained there until about the middle of December 1865 when he returned to the Chickasaw Nation and had continuously resided therein up to and including September 25, 1902.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Henry Cole should be enrolled as a Chickasaw 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.

C. R. Breckinridge,
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 17, 1905.

Henry Cole,

Carbon, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 17, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 17, 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 February 17, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Henry Cole as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, his name will be placed upon the final rolls of the [illegible] of the Chickasaw Nation to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED:

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 24, 1904.

Mary Cole,

Carbon, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Louisa Coleman relative to the name of your mother and the person to whom you belonged and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-D-4

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 25, 1906.

Mary Cole,

Garber, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter without date enclosing a communication from the Commission of February 4, 1906, in reply to your letter of February 1, 1906, asking if you will be permitted to file for your daughter Francis Cole who died July 10, 1905.

In our letter of February 4, 1905, you were advised that Francis Cole, daughter of Mary Ann Ellis and William Cole had been enrolled by the Commission as a Chickasaw freedman and her enrollment as such had been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. You state that Francis Cole and Mary Cole are the only members of Henry Cole's family; that Mary Ann Ellis and William Cole do not belong to your family.

You are advised that the information contained in your letter has enabled the Commission to identify the Francis Cole referred to in your letter as Francis Johnson, daughter of Mary Cole, and it appears from our records that said Francis Johnson died July 10, 1905, proof of her death on that date having been filed with the Commission December 31, 1902.

Under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, no persons who died prior to September 25, 1902, the date

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of the ratification of said act, are entitled to enrollment and allotment in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. You would not therefore be permitted to make selection of allotment for Francis Johnson.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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

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MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Wesley Berry.

AND

Francis Johnson

Issued Aug 18 1901

F. M. Smith
County Clerk.

By ..... Deputy.

Recorded in Book Page
Marriage Records.

..... Clerk.

W. S. BARNARD & CO., PRINTERS, ST. LOUIS

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Returned and Filed for Record the 19th *day of* Aug *A. D. 190*1

and Recorded the *day of* *190*

F. M. Smith *Clerk,*

By *Deputy.*

Copy

No. 7.

Marriage License.

To any Judge of the County or District Court, Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, or Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Red River Greeting:

You are Hereby Authorized to Solemnize the

RITES OF MATRIMONY

Between Mr. Wesley. Berry.

and Mrs. Francis. Johnson.

and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within Sixty days thereafter certifying your action under this License.

WITNESS my official signature and seal of office at office in Clarksville this 18th. day of August A.D. 190 1

F. M. Smith.

Deputy Clerk of County Court Red River County.

I P. W. Wesley. hereby certify that on the 18th day of August A.D. 190 1 I united in Marriage Wesley Berry and Francis Johnson the parties above named

Witness my hand this 19th day of August A.D. 190 1

P. W. Wesley. Minister of the Gospel.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Red River.

I, F. M. Smith. County Clerk in and for Red River County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a marriage License and the return thereon.

as appears of record in my office in Vol. K on page Record of marriages of said county.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 15th day of December 1902

F. M. Smith

By ..... Deputy.

County Clerk Red River Co., Texas.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Frances Johnson

a freedman of the

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved DEC 31 1902 190

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 Frances Johnson (Here insert name of deceased.)
a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Colbert (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 10 day of July, 1902.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Mary Cole, on oath state that I am 40 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Colbert (Here insert name of post office.), Ind. Ter.; that I am Mother (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Frances Johnson (Here insert name of deceased.), who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Frances Johnson (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 10 day of July, 1902

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Mary Cole

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 *day of* Dec *190*2.

T. C. Humphrey
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, J. L. Cole, on oath state that I am 49 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my post office address is Carter (Here insert name of post office.) Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Frances Johnson (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; and that said Frances Johnson (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 10 day of July, 1902.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

J. L. Cole

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 *day of* Dec *190*2

T. C. Humphrey
Notary Public.

INDIAN TERRITORY

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

In re-

Application for Enrollment,

of Mary Cole, colored,

as a Chickasaw Freedman.

BEFORE me a Notary Public, in and for the Central District, Indian Territory, personally appeared Mrs Louisa Coleman to me well known, and after being duly sworn, makes the following statement. My name is Louisa Coleman, my Postoffice is Savanna I.T. I am Eighty one years of age, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation by blood.

I am well acquainted with Mary Cole, ~~Mary~~ nee, Mary Johnson, colored, I knew her when she was a child and a slave, she belong to my mother, about forty years ago, and my mother give her to my brother George Johnson, and she belong to my brother george Johnson, when she was freed. I have seen her the said Mary Cole, oft and on, ever since the war.

Witness.

Ella Cloud

G W Colquitt

her
Louisa X Coleman
mark.

Subscribed, and Sworn to before me, this the the 14th day of October 1904.

W. P. Coulter
Notary Public.

Chic FR 1467

Trans from Chic FR D8

Chic FR 1467

10-4-8

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 25, 1904.

Zack Kemp,

Berwin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your children James and Jeff Kemp, 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, Pishomingo Indian Territory, September 8-9, 1904.

Respectfully,

In the matter of the application of Zack Kemp for enrollment as a Chicka saw Fre edman:

Zack Kemp being sworn says: (Redmond, September 22nd 1898)

I am about 80 years old. I belonged to Jackson Kemp.

About the close of the war I went out and remained about one week. I went to Fort Gibson. That was in the fall, and it was cool weather. I went after I was freed.

I went out with Jennie, Sarah, Myra, Shed and Henry McCoy.

(Sam Jones states: I came home after I was mustered out on May 31st. I remained here until the spring of 1866. When I got to Fort Gibson he came back with me. That was in May 1866)

(Charles Cohee states: The women mentioned by Jones went out of the country in the fall of 1865. I was down there in September and they were there when I went. I heard of them going two or three weeks after I got back home.)

My wife Jane is a United States citizen.

My first wife Susie belonged to Jackson Kemp.

By Jane I have two children: James and Jeff Kemp.

Charles Cohee being sworn says: (Colbert, October 14th 1898)

In September 1865 I was living on Caddo near Woodford, in the Chickasaw Nation. Sometime about the middle of September I went down to Red River to the neighborhood of Holmes Colbert and Colbert Carter. I drove a wagon down there for Louisa Colbert.

I remained there about a week or ten days. When I left there Henry Shannon(or McCoy) Jennie Williams(then Colbert) Sarah Colbert(now Lewis), Emma Cohee (now Gibbs) Joe Williams (then Kemp) and Zack Kemp were still there. I am not so certain that Zack was there but I have been informed that he went with these parties. On Saturday night before I left we had a big frolic, and I was with these parties then and on Sunday.

At that time my father Charles Cohee, Frazier McLish and Ed Colbert had gone down to Fort Smith. My father was a delegate on the part of the Freedmen They had been down there to meet the delegates to make the treaty.

After I had returned home some two or three weeks I heard that these parties had left.

I have heard that Ned Himphreys was with these parties. Myra who was then Colbert and now Bruner was also in that crowd.

19-D-8.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
TISHOMINGO, INDIAN TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Zack Kemp and his two children, James Kemp and Jeff Kemp, as Chickasaw freedmen.

Zack Kemp, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Zack Kemp.
Q How old are you? A Eighty.
Q What is your post office address? A Berwyn.
Q In the Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q Are you a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q What was your master's name? A Jackson Kemp.
Q Was he an Indian? A yes sir.
Q Of what Tribe? A Chickasaw nation; my master a Choctaw and his wife a Chickasaw.
Q What was his wife's name? A patsey Kemp.
Q Which one did you belong to Patsey or Jackson?
A Belonged to patsey.
Q Where were you living at the beginning of the war of the rebellion? A Right down here in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Were you living with your mistress at that time?
A Yes sir.
Q You remained the slave of patsey Kemp from the beginning of the war until the close of the war? A Yes sir.
Q Do you remember the Treaty of Ft. Smith? A No sir, I heard of it.
Q Did you hear of it at that time, the Treaty of Ft. Smith?
A Yes sir.
Q Where were you living at the time that Treaty was made?
A I think I was at Kemp's, right closing of the war.
Q How long did you continue to live in the Chickasaw Nation after you were freed? A Been right here ever since.
Q Never have lived outside of the Chickasaw Nation? A Never a day in my life.

Q Have you got any children? A Yes sir, two.
Q What are their names? A James and Jeff.
Q How old is James? A About twelve or thirteen; Jeff is about ten.
Q Who is the mother of these children? A Jane.
Q Jane Kemp a state woman? A Yes sir.
Q Were you married to Jane Kemp? A Yes sir.
Q What is the preacher's name that married you? A Preacher was named Willis, I believe.
Q Was he a minister of the gospel? A Yes sir.
Q Have these children been living in the Chickasaw Nation with you ever since they were born? A Yes sir, ever since born.

Charles Cohee, being first duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Charles Cohee.
Q How old are you? A Fifty-six years old.
Q Do you know Zack Kemp? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you known him? A Knew him before the Civil War.
Q Was he a slave? A Yes sir.
Q What was his master's name? A Kemp.
Q The full name. A Jackson Kemp.
Q Was Jackson Kemp a Choctaw or Chickasaw?
Q Who was Jackson Kemp's wife? A I do not know.
Q Where was Zack Kemp living at the beginning of the Civil War? A Living down on Red River.
Q In Texas? A No sir on this side of the River,
Q In the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Did Zack Kemp stay with his mistress until all the slaves were freed? A Yes sir.
Q Never run away? A No sir.
Q Ever join the United States army? A No.
Q Have you known him ever since the war? A Yes sir.
Q Seen him frequently ever since the war? A Yes sir.
Q Where has he been living all this time? A In the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Who is Zack Kemp's wife? A He has not got any wife.
Q Not got any wife? A No sir, his wife is dead.
Q Has he got any children? A Yes sir.

Q Who is the mother of those children? A The mother of the children is Jane.
Q Jane dead? A Yes sir dead.
Q What do you know about the marriage of Zack Kemp to Jane Shoals? A They were married.
Q Were you present at the marriage? A I do not think that I were.
Q Do you know that they were married and that they lived together as husband and wife until the death of Jane? 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 3rd day of October 1904.

Charles L. Tansey

Notary public.

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Trans from Chic FR D11

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 3, 1902.

C. B. Carter,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 28, 1902, enclosing the marriage license and certificate between Manuel Carter and Tener Johnson and enclosing the application for the enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Maggie Hellenia Carter, the infant daughter of Manuel and Tener Carter, born March 3, 1902.

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 Maggie Hellenia Carter, being in proper form, has been accepted and filed as evidence of the birth of this child.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 2, 1904.

Thomas Nolen,

Attorney at Law,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 25, 1904, enclosing the affidavit of Maggie Johnson, relative to her marriage and her former owner, and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for enrollment of Maggie Johnson as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory August 25, 1904.

Maggie Johnson,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your right to enrollment as such freedman.

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,

Chickasaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 20, 1904.

Thomas Boles,

Attorney at Law,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 15 relative to the right of Maggie Johnson, a slave of Douglas H. Cooper, to be enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are advised that Maggie Johnson and her child, Tena Carter, and her grand child Maggie Hellenia Carter, have been enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen and their enrollment as such was approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1468

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 7, 1905.

C. M. Joiner,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 26, 1905, in the case of Maggie McJohnson, who you state was notified to appear at Muskogee, Indian Territory, to give evidence in her case; you state that Mrs. McJohnson is not in good health and it will be impossible for her to appear at this office and ask if arrangements cannot be made whereby her deposition can be taken at Ardmore.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the information contained therein is not sufficient to enable this office to identify Maggie McJohnson upon its records as an applicant for enrollment in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation. It does appear that Maggie Johnson was notified on August 25, 1904, that she should appear before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes either at Muskogee or at Atoka, September 6 and 7, 1904, or at Tishomingo, September 8 and 9, 1904, for the purpose of testifying relative to her right to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman. Such appearance was not made however, and on October 22, 1904, Charles Cohee appeared

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before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes in Muskogee, Indian Territory, and testified relative to the right of the said Maggie Johnson for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman. She and her child Tena Carter and her grandchild Maggie Hellenia Carter have now been enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen and their enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior. If this is not the person referred to in your letter and you will give further information as to whether Maggie McJohnson claims as a citizen by blood or freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation or as a Mississippi Choctaw the matter of your inquiry will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

19-1468.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 7, 1906.

Tenner Carter,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, requesting to be advised of the status of the application for the enrollment of your minor children, Nathaniel and John Carter, as Chickasaw freedmen.

This office has no record of any application having been made for the enrollment of John Carter as a Chickasaw freedman.

Relative to the affidavits filed on behalf of Nathaniel Carter for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, you are advised that as soon as any action is taken therein, you will be duly notified.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Wister, I. T., December 16th, 1902.

Original Freedman
C H I C K A S A W

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In the matter of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Maggie Johnson.

Maggie Johnson being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Maggie Johnson.
Q How old are you? A About fifty-four.
Q What is your post office address? A Fort Smith, Arkansas.
Q What is the name of your father? A Louis Cooper.
Q Is he living or dead? A He dead.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Maria Cooper.
Q Is she living or dead? A She dead.
Q Were you the slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A No sir, I was the slave, as near as I can get at it, of General Dug Cooper.
Q Was General Cooper a Chickasaw Indian? A He was adopted as a Chickasaw Indian, that's all I know about it.
Q What official position did he occupy at the time? A Paying of the Indian annuity.
Q Where was you born? A I born in Mississippi.
Q How long have you lived in the Indian Territory? A Ever since I was four years old. Fifty years I have been in the Nation; aint been out of the Nation only to trade and come back again; never been out since I was brought into it.
Q Why have you never made application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman before this time? A Went to every registration there has been and they wouldn't take us in.
Q Where were you set free? A Fort Washita, right at the Indian Agent's house.
Q That's in the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q How long did you live in the Chickasaw Nation after you was freed?
A I lived in the Chickasaw Nation two years after I was freed and then moved up right there on Poteau.
Q Are you a sister of Mary Ann Ellis who made application to-day for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Do you desire to have the testimony given in support of her application by Mrs. Jane F. Page used in support of your application?
A Yes sir.

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Maggie Johnson----2

Albert G. McMillan 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 on the 16th day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

Albert G. McMillan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of January, 1903.

Charles McKamper
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER. OCTOBER 22, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollmentof Maggie Johnson as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Charles Cohee being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Charles Cohee.
Q What is your age? A Fifty-six.
Q Were you acquainted before and during the war with General Douglas H. Cooper? A Yes, sir.
Q He was a white man? A Yes, sir.
Q United States Indian Agent? A Yes, sir.
Q In the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes, sir, at Fort Washita.
Q Do you know anything of his adoption as a Choctaw and Chickasaw citizen? A It is my understanding that he was adopted by both nations in 1861 if I ain't mistaken.
Q Gen. Cooper's wife was a white woman? A Yes, sir.
Q He was never married to a citizen by blood of either nation? A No, sir.
Q But he was a recognized citizen of both nations? A Yes, sir.

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 October 1904.

Charles H. Sawyer
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
FILED
JUL 1 1902

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

No. 1002

Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT. } SCT:

I, E. J. Gammon, 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 Manuel Carter and Miss Lenor Johnson was filed in my office in said Territory and District the 26 day of December A. D. 1900 and duly recorded in Book 1 of Marriage Record, Page 501

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at Potean this 7 day of January A. D. 1901

E. J. Gammon
Clerk.

By A. J. Vance Deputy.

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No. 1006

FORM NO. 598.

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. Manuel Carter of Cadenough in the ~~Indian Territory~~ State of Arkansas, aged 28 years, and Miss Tiner Johnson of Cadenough in the ~~Indian Territory~~ State of Arkansas, 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 15 day of Dec., A. D. 1900

P. P. Varner
Deputy.

E. J. Tannin
Clerk of the United States Court.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT. } SS:

I, D. W. Whitlock a Minister

do hereby CERTIFY, that on the 16 day of December, A. D. 1900, 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 16 day of December, 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 33

D. W. Whitlock
a Minister

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).

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Maggie H. Carter

as a citizen of

.....Nation.

Approved JUL -1 1902 190....

Commissioner.

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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 RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Maggie Hellenia Carter (here insert name of child.), born on the 3 day of March, 1902

Name of Father: Manuel Carter a citizen of the United States ~~Nation~~.

Name of Mother: Tener Carter a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post-office Braden, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY
Central District.

I, Tener Carter, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen, by Freedmanship of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Manuel Carter, who is a citizen, by Birth, of the United States Nation; that a Female (male or female.) child was born to me on 3 day of March 1902; that said child has been named Maggie Hellenia Carter, and is now living.

Tener Carter

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
Lulu Gipps
Min Nil Ball Baugh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 *day of* June 1902

L. B. Carter Notary Public
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District,

I, Maggie Johnson, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Tener Carter, wife of Manuel Carter on the 3 day of March, 1902; 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 Maggie Hellenia Carter.

Maggie Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
Lulu Gipps
Min Nil Ball Baugh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 *day of* June 1902

L. B. Carter Notary Public
NOTARY PUBLIC.

United States of America
Western District of Arkansas } S.S.
Fort Smith Division

On this 26th day of May 1904, personally appeared before me, Thomas Boles, Clerk of the United States Circuit Court within and for the District and Division aforesaid, Mrs. Maggie Johnson, a negro woman, who after being duly sworn deposes and says in the matter of her application for recognition as a freedman of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians in the Indian Territory:

That her name is Maggie Johnson, that her maiden name was Maggie Cooper; that she is the daughter of Lewis Cooper and his wife Maria Cooper, who were negroes and slaves of General Douglas H. Cooper, a white man, who was a resident of the Chickasaw Nation of Indians, and who, as she is informed and believes, was an adopted citizen of said tribe of Chickasaw Indians. That she was born in the State of Mississippi in the month of July, she thinks about fifty-seven years ago; that she understands she, when a child, was brought to the Chickasaw Nation by General Cooper about nine years before the beginning of the Civil War in the United States. That at the time said War began, she, with others of General Cooper's slaves, was on the McAnally farm near Fort Washita, in the Chickasaw Nation; and that she was on said farm at the time the slaves were set free by law.

That both her father and mother are dead.

That she married Silas Johnson in the Choctaw Nation, I.T. about thirty-one years ago, and they have two children, Mary Helena, married to Shed Gomez, who lives in Choctaw Nation near Boggy Depot, I.T., and Jesse, who married Maria Carter, and they live at same place.

that deponent's present post office address is Bradley Choctaw Station, I. T.; that she has lived in the Chickasaw and Choctaw stations in the I. T. ever since she was brought to the Chickasaw Nation before said was as above stated.

That several years ago she was enrolled by her father, Lewis Cooper, with the Dawes Commission at Tishomingo in the Chickasaw station, I. T.; that she went in person to Spiro, I. T. and with others, were enrolled by the said Commission some years ago; and that she went in person to Wister, in Choctaw station, I. T. where she and others of her kin were again enrolled as Chickasaw freedmen, in the month of December 1902.

That she claims citizenship as a Chickasaw freedman by reason of have been the slave in the Chickasaw station of Douglas H. Cooper, a white man, but who she claims was an adopted citizen of the said Chickasaw tribe of Indians. And that if required she can and will produce and file with the said Commission the evidence of credible witnesses who will corroborate the facts above stated.

Witnesses by
Florence Hummersky
Thomas Bolt } Witnesses.

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Maggie X Johnson
mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of May 1904.

In Testimony Whereof I hereto set my hand as clerk of said Court, and affix the seal of said Court at my office in the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas, on the day and year last above written.

Thomas Bolt, Clerk.

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FREEDMAN

In re application of Ellen Jones, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Spiro, I. T., June 15th, 1899, for enrollment of her new born child as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Ellen Jones.

Q. Have you got a child that has not been enrolled? A. Yes sir.

Q. How old is it? A. Six months old.

Q. What is its name? A. Emma Jones.

Q. You are its mother? Ans. Yes sir.

Maggie Johnson being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Maggie Johnson.

Q. Are you the mother of Ellen Jones? A. Yes sir.

Q. Were you present when this child was born? A. Yes sir, I was the granny.

(Enrolled child on Chickasaw Freedman Card D-12)

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 A Smiley

Memo.-

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Muskogee, Ind. Ter., Nov. 21, 1905.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Tener Jones as a Chickasaw Freedman.
Ayers & Losey of Atoka, Indian Territory, appearing as attorneys for the applicant.

Mary Helena Jones being first duly sworn testified as follows:
By the Commissioner:
Q What is your name? A Mary Helena Jones.
Q How old are you? A Twenty-seven.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Braden Indian Territory.
Q Are you a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
The witness is identified as No. 4538 upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904.
Q Do you claim that you made application to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of your minor child Tener Jones? A Yes sir.
Q When? A In 1901.
Q Whereabouts? A At Levi Jacksons.
Q At Levi Jacksons? A Yes sir.
Q Where is that? A That's in the Nation where I come from; Professor Carter sent it in, a Notary Public.
Q Did you ever go before the Commission in parson and make application for this child? A Make it myself?
Q Yes. A Yes, but it looked like they couldn't find the affidavit
Q When was this? A I don't know; during the registration at Wister.
Q What year? A I don't know what year it was.
Q When was the first time you attempted to make application for this child? A Professor Carter was the first one made application.
Q Who was Professor Carter? A Notary Public.
Q What did you have him do? A Send in the affidavit.
Q Where to? A To Muskogee, here.
Q Who to? A That I don't know; he was doing that. I don't knew
Q Then all you did was to go before Carter, a Notary Public?
A No, I had to take witnesses of course, like I did here and he filed our affidavits and sent here and got returns from it and he sent it back and I never did get it any more.
Q Did he get a reply from the Commission saying that they had received it? A Yes, they had received the papers.
Q Did you see that letter? A Yes.
Q Where is it now? A Carter sent it back and before he got it any more he died.
Q Did he get a reply from the Commission saying that they had received it? A Yes.
Q And he sent the letter back? A Yes.

Q Where to? A To Muskogee, here.
Q So you state that upon Carter's receipt of the letter acknowledging receipt of this birth affidavit he sent it back again to the Commission? A Yes, he sent it back to the Commission.
Q I am asking about the letter you said he got? A It was not no letter I reckon; he said it was the affidavit.
Q Do you know whether or not Carter received a letter from the Commission acknowledging the receipt of this affidavit? A Yes, he received a letter to that effect; at least, he said it was that.
Q Did you see the letter? A Yes, I seen the letter
Q Did you read it? A No, I can't read.
Q What did Carter do with that letter? A He's got it I guess.
Q Did you ever make another attempt to make application for this child? A I don't know. I have made so many I can't really tell which one it was.
Q Did you ever go before the Commission and make application for this child after this affidavit was sent in to the Commission? A Yes, I come up here myself the spring before last and made application for it but they wouldn't give me no jearing.
Q That was in 1904? A I reckon so.
Q Is that the only time you appeared and attempted to make application for this child? A Yes, that is the only time after Professor Carter did, I come up here myself.
Q That was a year ago last spring? A Yes sir.
Q When was this child born? A Born in September 3, 1900.
Q Who is the father of this child? A Shad Jones.
Q The only times you attempted to make application for the enrollment of this child was when you appeared before Carter, the Notary Public, and again when you say you appeared before the Commission a year ago last spring? A Yes sir.

Examination by Mr. Lee.
Q When was this child born? This Tenner Jones? AA Born September 3, 1900.
Q How soon thereafter did you make application? A Seven months after he was born.
Q In what way did you seek to have the child enrolled then? A Why, Professor sent and got an affidavit and I went and had it filled out and he sent it in.
Q Professor who? A C. B. Carter.
Q In what capacity did he act? A Notary Public.
Q You say he sent for an affidavit? Do you mean a birth affidavit? A blank birth affidavit? A Yes.
Q And you had that filled out? A Yes sir.
Q Did you have any witnesses present there? A Yes sir.
Q Who was there? A Maggie Johnson and Mattie Jackson and Levi Jackson.
Q Where was this done? A At Levi Jackson's house.
Q Do you read any writing? A I can read a little bit.
Q Do you know what Mr. Carter did with this affidavit after he completed it? A He sent it back to Muskogee here.
Q Do you know of your own [illegible] that he did that? A No, I don't know of my own [illegible] that he did, but he told me he did.
Q He stated that is what he did? A Yes sir.

Q Did you have reason to believe that he did? A Yes, because I had a letter from the Dawes Commission after he died.

By the Commissioner:
Q When did Carter die? A I don't remember; in June or August.
Q When? A This last year, June a year ago.

By Mr. Lee.
Q Have you any children younger than Tenner Jones? A Yes.
Q Who are they? A Silas and Minnie
Q When was Silas Born? A Silas was born in 1902.
Q And Minnie.
By the Commissioner: That is immaterial.
Q When Mr. Carter stated that he had sent these affidavits in as to these new born did you believe that this child was enrolled then? A Yes, he told me it was.
Q When did you first find out that this child was not enrolled?
A After he died.
Q Did you then seek, in any other way, to have this child enrolled? A No, because I didn't know how.
Q I understood you to say awhile ago that you appeared at the Commission? A I did, and asked them about it and they wouldnt give me no answer no how and I just went off.
Q I think you said that was a year ago last spring? A Yes, last September a year ago was when it was.

By the Commissioner:
Q Did you ever go by the name of Ellen Jones? A No sir.
Witness excused.

Maggie Johnson being first duly sworn testified as follows:
By the Commissioner:
Q What is your name? A Maggoe Jones.
Q How old are you? A Fifty-eight past.
Q Are you related to Mary Helena Jones who has just testified relative to an application alleged to have been made for the enrollment of her daughter Tanner Jones? A Yes, I am her mother.
Q Do you know anything about an application she says was made for Tenner Jones as a Chickasaw Freedman? A Yes sir.
Q When was this application made? A Well, sir, I don't know; I can't tell you the date.
Q How many years ago? A I don't know. I wouldn't undertake to tell you how long. I drift around so I couldn't recollect at all.
Q Do you know what year this is? A No. I would have to study. I can't hardly talk.
Q Where was this application made that you claim was made?
A B. B. Carter got a blank just as they all did and of course they come and got me. C. B. went here to the Dawes Commission I suppose to get them to send this blank and have it filled out and they sent out for me and I had to go to Levi Jacksons to get witnesses to say this was her baby. I went down to Levi Jacksons where they was picking cotton; me and her father was all that there was there and Lettie and Levi went the next morning and when the child was seven months old--they all got blanks to register; commenced to register. I said to Pig--I

always call her Pig--you ought to get the baby on the roll. Mary Helena Jones her name is. I call her Pig.
Q What did you do before Carter? A After he sent and got the blanks we went to Mattie and I had to be a witness--I was the midwife of the youngone, and Mattie Jackson and Levi Jackson was the two witnesses.
Q Wasn't the affidavit you made at that time relative to Silas Jones, another child of this woman? A How could it be? The child was a year and a half younger; she had bothe of them up here lasy year, a year ago--her last two children, if you all didn't look at her.
Q Did you leave this affidavit with Carter after it was filled out? A Yes, and he told us that he would send it here. It seems he sent it here and he got something that looks like this (indicating a letter) returned back. He had put it in the name of Mary (for Mary Helena) and it come back, and he had to fix this one and sent it back, C. B. (Carter) did. I am giving you straight goods; you see I had it in my hand. C. B. comes to her and says, "Mary, the baby is all right--on a paper like this--but they don't know the Baby, and he had to change it.
Q How old was this baby when this affidavit was made? A Six or seven months old I think; might not have been so old; I can't say it was that old or any younger?
Q After this affidavit was made did you do anything further to get this child enrolled? A No, I just told them to write; just been writing all the time.
Q I asked you if there was anything else done to get this child enrolled after this affidavit was made out? A We couldn't do nothing but write and if you all didn't send us an answer--
Q Did you write? A Yes, she has been writing all the time.
Q Did you receive any reply to your letters? A Once in shwile, but they wouldn't never enroll the child.
Q Have you got any of those letters? A Yes, I told them to bring them all; she ought to have brought every letter.
Q Have you any of those letters here today? A Yes, some of them.
Q You havn't any knowledge of any application having been made for this child except that affidavit and the fact that you have written to the Commission relative to this child? Is that so? A I don't write to no one; if I have got special business I get this gentleman here to write.

Examination by Mr. Lee:
Q How old are you? A Fifty-eight, past.
Q Do you read and write? A No sir.
Q Then if you ever have any letters written you have it done by someone else? A Yes, I go to white mens or womens and have it done, but the other daughter would write herself.
Q What day did you say Tenner Jones was born? A I can't remember.
Q 1900? A I reckon 1900.
Q What child is that there?(Indicating) A That's Tenner Jones.
Q How soon after that child was born did you go before Carter and have this affidavit made out? A About six or seven months, near as I can make out.

Q After that was done do you know what became of the affidavit? What Carter did with it? A Yes, I know what he said he was going to do with it.
Q What was done with it? A He said he was going to send it on here to the Dawes Commission.
Q Do you know whether there was anything else necessary to have this child enrolled after the affidavit was sent in?
A No, but I looked for one of them to come back from you all.
Q Who do you mean? A Dawes Commission; that's who they got a receipt from; they got one man to take the whole thing to the Dawes Commission.
Q Then after that was done I think you said that was sufficient then to enroll this child? A Yes sir.
Q How soon did you find out that this was not sufficient to enroll this child? A I don't recollect; I kept on talking to Shad and said, it looks like you ought to hear from the Dawes Commission for Tenner; something must be wrong, you better go to writing; he said, I will make the old lady write.
Q Who do you mean? The little girl's mother? A Yes.
Q Did she? A She told me she would write.
Q Then, as a matter of fact, did the mother of this little girl, after this affidavit was sent in, do everything she could?
A Yes, I made her take her to Wister.
Q And she found out the child was not approved? A Yes, this child was taken to Wister and this child had been brought here before, too.
Q When she was brought here before the Commission was the child onnthe rolls? A That's what they said; she was not; they couldn't find her on the roll.
Q And this little girl here is Tenner Jones? A Yes sir.

By the Commissioner:
Q Are you a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes, that's what they say; reckon I am; I don't know whether I am a citizen or freedman--adopted citizen.
Q Have you got an allotment in the Chickasaw Nation? A No, I wasn't able to get it there; my allotment is in the Choctaw Nation.
Q You said something about appearing at Wister, when was that?
A I don't know; I can't tell you, something over two years or three.
Q Who was with you at that time? A Silas Jones.
Q Was Mary Helena Jones there? A No, she had been there and come off; her and Shad Jones, her husband had a tent there; they had come off; I went by myself

Witness excused.

Mary Helena Jones being recalled, testified as follows:
By the Commissioner.
Q Since the date these affidavits were made before Carter, have you written to the Commission relative to this child?
A No.
Q You have not? A Mr. Carter is the only one that written.
Q He has done all the correspondence that has been done about this child? A Yes.
Q Your mother states that you appeared before the Commission at Wister; did you go there? A Yes, I went there with Silas

was a baby.
Q When was this? A I don't know; it was when Silas was a baby and he is younger than she is.
Q How many year ago? A Been about three years ago.
Q Did you go before the Commission at Wister? A Yes, I did.
Q For what purpose? A To enroll myself and the children.
Q How many of your children ? A Four.
Q Did you ask that this child, Tenner be enrolled at that time A Yes sir.
Q What did they tell you? A Told me they had lost the affidavit; found Silas' but they said they had lost Tenners.
Q How about the other two children? A They was all right, and Tenner was all right but they said they lost Tenners'; said they got misplaced someway or other in moving around.
Q What else did they say? A Told me they would look it up and send me his, and after I went back they wrote; I sent the affidavit and they sent it back.

By Mr. Lee.
Q When you went to Wister that time you say that you tried to have enrolled your four children. What four children?
A Elijah, Emma, Tenner and Silas.
Q You say you went there when Silas was a baby? A Yes.
Q How much younger is Silas than Tenner? A A year and six months.
Q What child is this you have here with you? A Tenner
Q After you made this application at Wister did you think that this child was enrolled? A Yes, I thought it was enrolled only on one account; they told me they could take the child all right since they got my name straight; I married in the name of Mary, and when grandfather enrolled me he said my name was Helena and they asked me how come I to marry under Mary and register under Helena and so I had to send the whole name in before I got the child straight.
Q And do you made application for this child at Wister when you went there to enroll yourself? A Yes sir. My father and Silas Jones and Shad Jones and Mary Ann Cole--I can't name all the people.
Q Quite a number went down there? A Yes.

By the Commissioner:
Q Where was the Commission located when you were there? A In the Mason's Hall.

Frances R. Lane upon oath states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly reported 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 November 27, 1903.

Edward Merrow
Notary Public.

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

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SAM EDMONDSON
LAWYER,
Justice of the Peace and Notary Public.
No. 11 South 5th Street.

Fort Smith, Ark., 7/9/3 20 1904

State of Arkansas
County of Sebastian

To the Dawes Commission
for the Five Civilized Tribes

This is to certify that the bearer Mary Helena Jones formerly Mary Helena Johnson is my own daughter and her mothers name is Maggie Johnson - I registered or filed her name with my family at Atoka I.T. and afterwards at Wister Junction I.T. and the matter was to be taken up at Muscogee I.T. before Dawes Commission - and I want to know if she is on doubtful list -

Truly
Silas Johnson
his x mark

attest Sam. Edmondson
Notary Public

P.S. I know Silas Johnson he is a character
Notary

Affidavit

To whom this may Concern
this is to Certify that I was present
when Shelter Jones and Mary
Ellen Johnson was married
Signed Albert Delk his
Sworned and Subscribed to before me
This May 8th 1901
C. B. Carter Notary Public
my com. Exp Feb 23-1904

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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Affidavit

To whom this may concern:-
this is to certify that I was present
when Sherrill Jones and Mary
Hellen Johnson were married.

Signed Lizzie Anderson her mark
A. Sworn and Subscribed to before me
this May 8th 1901
C. B. Carter Notary Public

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

JAV. [redacted] Jewer Jones

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved, May 3 1906

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 Tener Jones (Here insert name of child), born on the 3 day of September, 1900.

Name of Father: Frederick Jones, a citizen of the United States ~~Nation.~~

Name of Mother: Mary Hellena Jones citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-office, Durant, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Bennett District.

I, Mary Hellena Jones, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen, by Freedmanship, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Frederick Jones, who is a citizen, by Birth, of the United States ~~Nation~~, that a Female (male or female) child was born to me on the Third (3) day of September 1,900; that said child has been named Tener Jones, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK (Must be Two Witnesses)

Mary Hellena Jones

J. L. Jackson

Mattie Jackson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th *day of* April *1901.*

G. B. Carter notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING ~~PHYSICIAN~~, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Bennett District.

I, Maggie Johnson, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Tellen Jones, wife of Frederick Jones, on the third day of September, 1900; 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 Tener Jones

WITNESSES TO MARK: (Must be Two Witnesses)

Maggie Johnson her mark

J. L. Jackson

Mattie Jackson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th *day of* April *1901.*

G. B. Carter notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Comm. Expires Feb 23 1905

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COMMISSIONER.

Indian Territory.

Choctaw Nation.

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, within and for the Central District, Indian Territory, duly commissioned and acting, J. L. Jackson, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and under oath makes the foregoing statements:

That on or about _____ there was born to Mary Helena Jones, wife of Shed Jones, an Infant child said to be a girl, and that the name of said child is Tener Jones.

I futher swear that I was present the following morning after the birth of said child, and saw the said infant with my own eyes, also that said child is still living, and in good health.

J. L. Jackson

Subscribed and sworn to, before me a Notary Public, within and for the Central District Indian Territory, this the 15 of November, A.D. 1905.

W. M. Ashworth

Notary Public.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Silas Jones

as a citizen of

Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Nation, of Silas Jones (Here insert name of child.), born on the 10 day of March, 1902

Name of Father: Shedrick Jones a citizen of the United States Nation.

Name of Mother: Mary Hellenia Jones a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post-office Bradon, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Mary Hellia Jones, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen, by Freedmanship of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Shedrick Jones, who is a citizen, by Birth, of the United States Nation; that a male (male or female.) child was born to me on 10th day of March 1902 that said child has been named Silas Jones, and is now living.

Mary Hellenia Jones

WITNESSES TO MARK: (Must be Two Witnesses.) Lucy Gibbs, Minnie Hillburgh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 *day of* June 1902.

L. B. Carter Notary Public. NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District,

I, Maggie Johnson, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mary Hellia Jones, wife of Shedrick Jones on the 10th day of March, 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 Silas Jones.

Maggie Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK: (Must be Two Witnesses.) Lucy Gibbs, Minnie Hillburgh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 *day of* June 1902

L. B. Carter Notary Public. NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 18, 1908.

C. B. Carter,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo, enclosing affidavits of Albert Dalk and Lizzie Anderson as to the marriage of Shedrick Jones and Mary Nellen Johnson, and also enclosing the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Silas Jones, the infant son of Shedrick and Mary Nellenia Jones, born March 10, 1908.

The affidavits enclosed in your letter have been duly filed with the records of this office and the application for the enrollment of Silas Jones, being in proper form, has been duly filed with the records of this office as evidence of the birth of this child.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

Ayers & Losey,

Attorneys at Law,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 10, 1905, in which you state that Mary Helena Jones and her three children Elijah, Emma and Silas Jones have been enrolled and approved as Chickasaw Freedmen, but the name of her youngest child Tener Jones born September 3, 1900 has not been enrolled; you therefore wish to know the status of this child as shown by our records.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from our records that application has been made to this Commission for the enrollment of Tener Jones, child of Mary Helena Jones but if it is insisted that an application was made for the enrollment of this child, Mary Helena Jones may appear before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, accompanied by the person by whom such application was made and witnesses who have knowledge of the facts at which time their testimony will be taken relative thereto.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1469.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 24, 1906.

Mary Helena Jones,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 8, 1906, asking if your child, Tener Jones, has been approved.

In reply to your letter, you are advised that it appears from the records of this office that affidavits have been received to the birth of Tener Jones, child of Shedrick and Mary Helenia Jones, September 3, 1900, but it does not appear from the records of this office when said affidavits were received at this Post-Office.

You are requested to state when you first made application for the enrollment of this child, and how you forwarded same to this office.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 6, 1904.

Mary Hellenia Jones,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are requested to advise the Commission whether or not you have a minor daughter by the name of Tener Jones and if so whether or not you ever made application to this Commission for the enrollment of said child. If application was ever made, state the month and year in which the same was forwarded to this office returning your reply at your earliest convenience in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Respectfully,

Env.

Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedmen
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 31, 1904.

Mary Helena Jones,

Cavanaugh, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby requested to advise this office at once the names and ages of your children. This information is desired in the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your family as Chickasaw Freedmen. Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

in this case they will be notified of the action of the Commission.

You are further advised that you do not give the names of the members of the Cooper family concerning whom you inquire, and it is, therefore, impossible to give you any information relative to their enrollment.

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Respectfully,

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 27, 1903.

W. H. Edwards, Chairman.

Fort Smith, Arkansas, R. F. D. #3,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 20, giving information relative to the enrollment of Hellena or Mary Hellena Jones, and stating that the names of her children are Elijah, Emma, Teanah and Silas Jones. You ask relative to the enrollment of these persons, and also inquire if the Cooper family is enrolled.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from our records that Hilena Jones, daughter of Silas and Maggie [redacted] and wife of Khad Jones; and her children, Elijah, Emma and Silas Jones, have been listed among the doubtful claimants to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen and their final rights to such enrollment have not yet been determined. As soon as a decision is reached in this case they will be notified of the action of the Commission.

You are further advised that you do not give the names of the members of the Cooper family concerning whom you inquire, and it is, therefore, impossible to give you any information relative to their enrollment.

Respectfully,

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1901.

Mr. Shedrick Jones,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Tener Jones, the infant daughter of Shedrick and Hellen Jones, born September 3, 1900, and the same is returned to you herewith for the following reasons.

It is stated in the affidavit of the mother that her name is Hellen Jones, that she is twenty years of age and a Chickasaw freedman. If this is correct, you are requested to inform the Commission as to her maiden name, the time and place she appeared before the Commission as an applicant for enrollment, the names of other members of her family making application at the same time and such other information as you may have that will lead to her identification. The Commission has also to request that you furnish either the original or a certified copy of your marriage license and certificate to Hellen Jones, as authority for the changing of her name upon our records from her maiden name to that of Jones.

Upon receipt of the information requested above and the marriage certificate, or a certified copy thereof, and the return of the application, the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

L.S.W. 183.

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 7, 1904.

Thomas Boles,

Attorney at Law,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 1st inst., enclosing a sworn statement of Lucy Givens, relative to her residence and her owner, and the same has been duly filed with our records in the matter of her application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Wister, I. T., December 16th, 1902.

Original Freedman
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In the matter of the application of Lucy Givens for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Lucy Givens being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Lucy Givens.
Q How old are you? A I am about forty-eight.
Q What is your post office address? A Cavanaugh.
Q Is that in the Territory? A That's in the states--Arkansas.
Q What is the name of your father? A Louis Cooper.
Q Is he living or dead? A Dead.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Maria Cooper.
Q Is she living or dead? A Dead.
Q Where were you born? A Mississippi.
Q When did you come to the Territory? A When I was two years old.
Q Who did you belong to? A John Cooper.
Q Where were you set free? A Chickasaw Nation.
Q Was General Cooper a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation? A He wasn't more Chickasaw than he was Choctaw; he was adopted by the two Nations; just as much Choctaw as Chickasaw.
Q Are you a sister of Mary Ann Ellis who made application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman here to-day? A Yes sir.
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Q You have always resided in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have you? A Yes sir.

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Albert G. McMillan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January, 1903.

Charles Ostrander

Notary Public.

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Albert G. McMillan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2" day of January, 1903.

Charles Ketcherson

Notary Public.

United States of America
Western District of Arkansas } S.S.
Fort Smith Division

In the Matter Lucy Grieves'
claim of Citizenship in
the Choctaw and Chick=
asaw Nations of Indians,
as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Personally
appeared before me, Thomas Bolin, Clerk
of the United States Circuit Court within
and for the District and Division aforesaid, Lucy Grieves, who, after being
duly sworn that the testimony she should
give in the above entitled matter shall
be the truth, the whole truth and nothing
but the truth, states:

That her name is Lucy Grieves, that she
is 51 years old; that she is a negress;
that she is the daughter of Lewis Cooper
and his wife Maria Cooper, both of whom
were the negro slaves of Douglas H. Cooper
who was an adopted Citizen of the Chicka=
saw tribe of Indians; that for many years
before and during the late Civil War and the
United States and at the time the negro slaves
in the Indian Territory were set free in

the year 1865, she lived in the Chickasaw Nation I. T., with the other slaves of the said Douglas H. Cooper, that she had been duly enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman, first by her father, Lewis Cooper, at Fishtrap, I. T., five or six years ago, second, by herself at Wister Junction, Choctaw Nation, I. T. in December 1902, when Mrs. Jane Page a Choctaw Indian acted as one of her witnesses.

That she now lives in the Choctaw Nation, I. T. on N.E. ¼ of N.W. ¼ Sec. 4 Tp. 9 N. R. 27 East, forty acres, and that she has improved and is now cultivating and claiming the S.W. ¼ of the S.W. ¼ of the N.W. ¼ of Section 33 Tp. 10 N. R. 27 East, ten acres.

That she has lived in the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, I. T. ever since she was two years old.

That if necessary she can and will produce the evidence of Mrs. Nellie Hamilton and Miss Maggie Hamilton of Fort Smith, Arkansas, to the fact that she was a negro slave in the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians at the time the negroes were set

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free in 1865, and that she has lived in the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations ever since.

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Lucy x Grieves
Mark

Witnessed by—
Florence Kennedy } witnesses.
Thomas Boles }

Subscribed & Sworn to before me, this July 1. 1904.

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of said Court at office in the City of Fort Smith Ark.

Thomas Boles,
Clerk

Chic FR 1471

Trans from Chic FR cond D14

Chic FR 1471

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 21, 1901.

William Furr,

Bragan, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of John Alner Furr, the infant son of William and Annie Furr, born January 19th, 1901, and the same has been duly filed by the Commission as evidence of the birth of this child.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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19-D-14.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 26, 1902.

Annie Furr,

~~Braden, Indian Territory.~~

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and that of Esther Smith relative to the birth of Evvia Lenordia Furr, minor son of William and Annie Furr, November 6, 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, December 26, 1902.

Annie Furr,

Braden, ~~Indian Territory~~.

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Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Previously enrolled.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Olivia L. Furr

as a citizen of

Chickasaw 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 citizen of the Chickasaw Nation,
of Emma Lenerdia Furr (Here insert name of child.), born on the 6 day of November, 1898
Name of Father: William Furr a citizen of the United States ~~Nation~~.
Name of Mother: Annie Furr a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.
Post-office Braden, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY
Central District District.

I, Annie Furr, on oath state that I am 26 years of age and a citizen, by Freedmen ship, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of William Furr, who is a citizen, by Birth, of the United States ~~Nation~~; that a male (male or female.) child was born to me on 6 day of November, 1898 that said child has been named Emma Lenerdia Furr, and is now living.

Annie Furr

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) Annie Pyles
Matilda Furr

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 *day of* December 1902.
C. B. Carter Notary Public
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY;
Central District District,

I, Esther Smith, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Annie Furr, wife of William Furr on the 6 day of November, 1898 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 Emma Lenerdia Furr.

Esther Smith

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) Annie Pyles
Matilda Furr

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C. B. Carter Notary Public
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Com. Exp. Feb 23 — 1904

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

John Elmer Ware

as a citizen of

Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Nation,
of John Elmer Furr (Here insert name of child), born on the 19th day of January, 1901.
Name of Father: William Furr, ~~a citizen of the~~ U S ~~Nation.~~
Name of Mother: Annie Furr, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.
Post-office, Bradon, Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Annie Furr, on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a citizen, by Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of William Furr, who is ~~a citizen~~ non, by Birth, of the Chickasaw Nation, that a male (male or female) child was born to me on the 19th day of January 1901; that said child has been named John Elmer Furr, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK
(Must be Two Witnesses) { Louis Mah S John Sam
Matilda Furr her mark

her Annie Furr mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th *day of* March 1901.

C. B. Carter
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

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(Must be Two Witnesses) { Matilda Furr her mark
Louis S John Sam

her mark Esther Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th *day of* March 1901.

C. B. Carter
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Chic FR 1472

Trans from Chic FR D15

Chic FR 1472

Chickasaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 3, 1904.

Thomas Boles,

Attorney at Law,

Fort Smith, Arkansas,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 25, relative to the enrollment of Mary Ann Ellis, formerly Cole, and her children, Frances and Lillie Cole, and describing certain land which they desire to select in allotment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the Commission has not yet passed upon the application of Mary Ann Cole for the enrollment of herself and her children, Frances and Lillie Cole, as Chickasaw freedmen. As soon as a decision is reached in this case the applicants will be notified of the action taken therein.

The matter of the land referred to in your letter will be made the subject of another communication.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-D-15

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 18, 1904.

Mary Ann Ellis,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit relative to the name of your owner and the time and place you were freed, and your residence in the Choctaw Nation, and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for enrollment of Mary Ann Cole, and her minor children, Frances and Lillie Cole as Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Chickasaw Freedmen
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 24, 1904.

Thomas Bolee,
Attorney at Law,
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 13, referring to the application of Mary Ann Ellis and her children for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen, in which you state that Mary Ann Ellis was a slave of General Douglas H. Cooper, who was an adopted citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. You wish to be informed if a copy of the act of the Chickasaw legislature, adopting Douglas H. Cooper, has been filed with the Commission, and you also desire to be informed what other evidence is necessary in this case.

In reply to your letter, you are informed that a copy of the act of the Chickasaw legislature, approved May 25, 1861, adopting Douglas H. Cooper as a member of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians, has been filed with the Commission.

In the event further evidence is necessary to enable the Commission to pass upon the application of Mary Ann Ellis for enrollment of herself and children, Francis and Lillie Cole, as Chickasaw

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Freedmen, they will be further advised.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

19-D-15

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 16, 1904.

Thomas Boles,
Attorney at Law,
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 10th instant, requesting to be advised relative to the status of the application for enrollment of Mary Ann Ellis, formerly Cole, and others of Braden, Indian Territory, slaves of Douglas H. Cooper or their descendants.

You are informed that Mary Ann Cole and her two daughters Frances and Lillie Cole are applicants to the Commission for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, but their rights to final enrollment as such have not yet been determined. If you will specify the other parties by name concerning whose applications you desire to be informed, you will be duly advised in relation to the same.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-D-15

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 1, 1904.

E. A. Newman,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 28, 1904, requesting to be advised if further evidence will be necessary in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Mary Ellis et al as Chickasaw freedmen.

You are advised that if further evidence is deemed necessary in support of the application for enrollment of Mary Ann Ellis and her children as Chickasaw freedmen, she will be duly notified to that effect.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 20, 1907.

Lillie Cole,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 22, 1907, in which you ask for a blank birth certificate to enroll your infant child. You state that you are enrolled as Lillie Cole and your mother is on the roll as Mary Ann Ellis, and that you are Chickasaw freedmen.

In reply to your letter you are advised that you have been enrolled and approved as a Chickasaw freedman, and under a recent opinion of the Assistant Attorney General, 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 their children are not entitled to enrollment under said act as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
WISTER, I.T. Dec.16, 1902.

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In the matter of the application of Mary Ann Ellis for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Mary Ann Ellis being sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Mary Ann Ellis, now; it was Cole.
QQ How old are? A Forty even now; I will be forty one my birthday the 20th of February.
Q what is your post office address? A Braden.
Q Is that in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A About 35 years.
Q Did you live here continuously for the past 35 years? A Yes sir.
Q Never made your home anywhere else during that time? A No sir, never lived in the State only 2 months in my life; I was born in the Chickasaw Nation and raised in the Choctaw Nation.
Q To you claim to be a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Were you a slave? A Just born before the war commenced; I was only four days old when the war commenced.
Q What was the name of your father? A Louis Cooper.
Q Is he living or dead? A He is dead.
Q Was he a slave? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Maria Cooper.
Q Is she living or dead? A She's dead.
Q Was she a slave? A Yes sir.
Q Who was your father's owner? A General Co oper I suppose; Eli Mitchel's father bought him and put him into the Nation; General Cooper wasthe man he was freed under.
Q Who was General Cooper? A He was a white man I suppose; I don't know much about him.
Q Who was your mother's owner? A Eli Mitchells' father brought her in; I was too young.
Q Were your mother and father owned by the same parties? A Yes, Mr. Mitchel bought them in New Orleans.
Q when did Mitchell bring them in here? A I guess 47 years age;just a little time before the war? No, a good time before the war.
Q Where did they live after they were brought into the Territory? A On the Washita just a little above the ford till one year after the freedom;then we moved down here right near Mr. Page.
Q On whoseplace were you freed? A Gen.Cooper's it is now.
Q You say General Cooper was a white man? A I suppose he was.
Q was his wife Indian? A Part Indian.
Q What tribe did she belong to? A She was Choctaw I suppose; he was adopted Choctaw and Chickasaw too; I think she was Choctaw.
Q Was this family recognized as members of either one of these tribes? A I suppse so; they hold land down in the Chickasaw Nation now; his daughter Miss Lizzie.

2--MAEllis

Q Are they recognized and enrolled as Choctaws or Chickasaws? A
A I can't tell you.
Q What makes you think you have any right to enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation? A I don't know nothing else; I was owned by the Indians and adopted here.
Q You said your master was a white man. A Yes but my mistress was part Indian.
Q Do you know which tribe she belonged to? A I think it was Choctaw; my father's dead. I can't swear.
Q How long did your family live on this Cooper place before they were freed? A I can't tell you; I know they was living there until the second year of the war and we come up here, but how long before I don't know.
Q They were freed on this place? A In the Chickasaw Nation on General Cooper's place.
Q Then where did you go? A On Miss Page's place in the Choctaw Nation.
Q Did you stay there till-- the present time? A Till we bought places of our own in the Choctaw Nation.
Q Have you ever been recognized as a freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation? A At Skullyville by the Dawes Commission.
Q Are any of your family enrolled as freedmen? A Yes, and got off yesterday.
Q What relation are they to you? A My sister's daughter.
Q What is your sister's name? A Lucy Givens; and Maggie Johnson and Priscilla Clark.

Examination by Simon E. Lewis:

Q Did N't your folks belong to General Cooper? AYes sir.
Q The Chickasaws during the war adopted General Cooper; the Choctaw Nation never did approve of that act either and they only adopted Cooper; never did adopt the slaves; he had a wife and lot of children back in Mississippi that he had abandoned, and the biggest portion of those slaves were brought here after they were in danger of being trapped by the Federal Army; that's my understanding of it.

Applicant excused, and Jane E. Page called and sworn as a witness:

Examination by the Commissioner:

Q What is your name? A Jane E. Page.
Q How old are you? A If I live till the 12th day of next month I will be 70.
Q What is your post office address? A Pocola.
Q Are you a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Born and raised here and never was out of it; my birthplace was in S[illegible]yv[illegible]e.

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Q Are you acquainted with this applicant here, Mary A. Ellis? A Yes I knew her old parents before she was born.
Q Were they both slaves? A Both were slaves.
Q Who was their owner? A General Cooper, the Indian agent, used to be before the war.
Q He was a white man? A Yes sir.
Q Was General Cooper ever adopted by the Indians? A Yes, that's what I was told; I lived down here where I am living now, and his business and my husband's was as interpreter; I lived at Ft.Towson till I got burnt out.
Q Tell us what you know about his adoption by the Indians? A That's all I know; I never learned any further about that.
Q What tribe adopted him? A Chickasaws and Choctaws; that's what my husband told me that he was adopted by both tribes, seems like.
Q Was General Cooper married to an Indian? A I don't know whether she was Indian or not; she was dark complected and had dark hair and eyes; I never asked her whether she was Indian or what; she was from Mississippi.
Q When did Gen.Cooper bring these slaves up into the Territory? A I can't tell you what year; he brought the parents of her down to Ft. Towson; her parents had only three children and the others was born in the Territory.
Q Was that before the War that he brought these slaves up here? A Yes sir.
Q Were the parents of the applicant freed on Gen.Cooper's place in the Territory? A Yes, they was living on Wahita when they was freed.
Q Has this woman lived here in the Territory ever since? A Yes, near Ft.Smith there.

Witness excused and applicant recalled.

Q Have you any children? A Yes, two; Frances and Lillie.
Q How old is Frances? A She was 19 years old the 23rd of September.
Q How old is Lillie? A Fourteen the 28th of August.
Q Both living? A Yes sir.
Q Who was the father of the children? A William Cole.
Q Ishe a non-citizen? A Yes, State man--half Indian he was.

Henry G. Hains being sworn on his oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on December 16, 1902, and that this is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes in same.

Henry G. Hains

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of January, 1903.

Charles McCarroll

Notary Public.

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

In the Matter of the
Citizenship in the Choc-
taw and Chickasaw Nations
of Indians of Mary Ann
Ellis, formerly Mary Ann
Cole and her Children,
Frances and Lillie Cole.

Mary Ann Ellis, who, after
being duly sworn as a witness in the
above matter, testifies as follows.
That she was born on the McAnally
farm, about one mile of old
Fort Washita, in the Chickasaw
Nation, Indian Territory, on or about
the 28th day of February 1861; that
her father, Lewis Cooper, and mother
Maria Cooper, were both colored
people and at that time were the
slaves of Gen. Douglas H. Cooper,
who was an adopted citizen, as
she understands of the Choctaw
and Chickasaw Nations of Indians;
that Gen. Cooper had charge of said
McAnally farm at the time of
her birth as aforesaid. That she
has the following brothers and sisters:
Maggie Johnson, Lucy Brown and
Priscilla Clark, sisters, and Mahalom

her brother
Gordon, all children of the same parents, and all now residents of Stillwell ~~Ohio~~ County in the Choctaw Nation, and all of them have been enrolled as she understands by the above stated names.

That she was first enrolled at Fishtown, Chickasaw Nation by her father, Lewis Cooper, by her then name of May Ann Cole, in September 1898. That her father has since died.

That the second and last time she was enrolled, was at Wister, Choctaw Nation, in November or December 1902; when the made application in person, and when she also had her said children enrolled.

That she is a citizen by being a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation of Indians.

her
May Ann X Ellis
mark

Attest:—
Thomas Boles
Abraham Gordon

United States of America
Western District of Arkansas } ss.
Fort Smith Division

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this day 9th 1904; and I hereby certify that I am acquainted with the deponent, and that I believe her to be a credible person.

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto set my hand as Clerk of the United States Circuit Court for the Fort Smith Division of the Western District of Arkansas, and affixed the Seal of said Court at Office at Fort Smith, Arkansas, the day and year last above written.

Thomas Boles
Clerk

Chic FR 1473

Trans from Chic FR D16

Chic FR 1473

19-1473

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1906.

H. C. Clark,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 16, 1906, stating that you are a Choctaw freedman and was formerly the slave of Peter Folsom a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application was made by you or on your behalf for enrollment as a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman. However, if you insist that such an application has been made your testimony relative thereto will be taken upon your personal appearance at this office accompanied by witnesses who have knowledge of the facts, notice of the time of taking such testimony being first served upon the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

19-1473

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 4, 1904.

Silla Clark,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and the affidavit of Mary Ann Ellis relative to the birth of Frank Clark, son of Henry and Silla Clark March 8, 1899, and the same being in proper form have been filed with the records of the Commission as evidence of birth of the above named child.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choctaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 28, 1904.

Thomas Boles,

Attorney at Law,

Fort Smith, Arkansas,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 19, inclosing affidavits of Sylla Clark, Abraham Gorden and Dan Williams in support of their respective applications for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, and the same have been filed with the records in these cases.

Replying to that portion of your letter in which you ask if a copy of the act of Council admitting Douglass H. Cooper as a citizen of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation, you are advised that on May 24, 1904, a letter was addressed to you in which you were fully informed relative to this matter.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Frank Clark

~~Freedman~~

as a ~~citizen~~ of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved NOV 1 - 1904 190

Commissioner.

Child for whom application was made on May 1 1899.

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Chickasaw Freedman
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation,

of Frank Clark (Here insert name of child.), born on the 5th day of March, 1899

Name of Father: Henry Clark a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Silla Clark a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

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AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Creek DISTRICT.

I, Silla Clark, on oath state that I am 51 years of age and a ~~citizen~~ Freedman, by ....., of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry Clark, who is a ~~citizen~~ Freedman, by birth, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 5th day of March 1899; that said child has been named Frank Clark, and is now living.

her
Silla X Clark
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Joseph J Morse
H A Reynolds

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Nov 1904.

D McCarty
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Creek DISTRICT.

I, Mary Ann Ellis, a ....., on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Silla Clark, wife of Henry Clark on the 5th day of March 1899 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 Frank Clark

her
Mary Ann X Ellis
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Joseph J Morse
H A Reynolds

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Nov 1904.

D McCarty
Notary Public.

Citizenship Claim of
Sylla Clark, a
Chickasaw Negro
Slave.

Deposition of Claimant.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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In the Matter of the Claim
of Citizenship for the Chickasaw
Nation of Indians by Sylla Clark
and her Eight Children.

United States of America
Western District of Arkansas } S.S.
Fort Smith Division

On this day personally appeared before Thomas Johnson Clark of the United States Circuit Court within and for the District and Division aforesaid, Sylla Clark, who after being duly sworn deposes and says as follows:— That her name is Sylla Clark, that she is about fifty-one years old, that she was born before the Civil War, the daughter of Lewis and Maria Cooper, who were slaves of General Douglas H. Cooper, who was an adopted Citizen of the Chickasaw Nation of Indians; that when said war began she was on what was known as the McAnally farm near Fort Washita for the Chickasaw Nation, with other slaves who belonged to the said Gen. Cooper.

That five or six years ago, she understands her father, Lewis Cooper, enrolled or registered her and her children at

Tishomingo in the Chickasaw Nation I. T. with the Dawes Commission; that her said father has died since that time; that some time in the month of December 1902, at Wister, in the Choctaw Nation, I. T. she appeared before said Commission when she and her children were registered or enrolled by it.

That she married Henry Clark her husband, with whom she is now living. That she has now living the following children, to wit: Lewis Clark 23 years old, James, aged 22 years, Nelson aged 18 years, Minnie, aged 16 years, Lena aged 14 years, Ernest aged 11 years, Alice aged 8 years and Frank aged 5 years. That they all live in Choctaw Nation, I. T. near Braden Post Office, and that they all live with her except her son Lewis Cooper, who is married, but lives near her. That ever since she can remember she has lived in the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations.

That she claims the rights of citizenship in the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations by reason of being a Chickasaw freedman - having been a slave of General Douglas H. Cooper, who at

she claims was an adopted citizen of the Chickasaw Nation of Indians.

That she has improvements upon and is cultivating the following described land, which she claims and desires to file upon as soon as she is allowed her claim of citizenship, to wit:—

N½ of N.W.¼ of S.E.¼ and
N½ of N.E.¼ of S.E.¼ Sec. 33 Tp. 10 N. R 27 E., Upland; and S.E.¼ of S.E.¼, N.E.¼ 32 Tp 10 N. R. 27. E., Bottom land, making in all 50 acres, in Skullyville County, Choctaw Nation, I.T.

That she makes these statements of facts for the purpose of establishing her right to citizenship and securing the above-described land, upon which she has improvements.

her
Sylla x Clark
mark

Witness by
Thomas Coles.
Abraham Gordon

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 19th day of May 1904.

And I certify that I am acquainted with the applicant and that I believe she is a credible person.

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto set my hand and

Chic FR 1474

Trans from Chic FR D17

Chic FR 1474

Chickasaw Freedmen Cards D 17; and D 18.

IN RE application of Mary Hornback and others.

Sworn by Commissioner McKennon,

Isaac Johnson says:

I am 52. I am a U.S. citizen.

My wife Harriet deceased belonged to William Johnson. She left children:

Mary,26, wife of Burl Hornback a U.S. citizen. She has children:Harriet,2; and McKinly,1; and Isaac,1. 3 months.

Breedlove Johnson,18;John Johnson,16; and George L. Johnson,13.

Mary Hornback
Harriet Hornback
McKinley Hornback
Isaac L. Hornback
Breedlove Johnson
John Johnson
George L. Johnson

enrolled "W.C."

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Indian Territory,

Southern District.

On this day personally appeared Simon E. Lewis, who, after being duly sworn states: My name is Simon Lewis; I am 63 years old; my postoffice is McCee, I.T. I am a Choctaw Indian by blood. I was personally acquainted with William Johnson who was a Chickasaw Indian. He lived in Tobucksy County, Choctaw Nation sometime about 1862 or 1865. Johnson bought a slave woman from some white people moving through the Choctaw Nation. This woman's name was Harriett. She continued to live with Johnson until he was killed. She lived with Mrs. Johnson until she was set free at the close of the war. I have never seen her since she was set free. I have been reliably informed that she was dead, but she had married and left some children who are now living. William Johnson's widow who is still living is a Choctaw woman. Harriett's husband was a State raised darkey named Isaac Johnson. I have been informed that she has four children whose names are as follows: Mary Hornback, Breedlove Johnson, Johnny Johnson and Lunie Johnson. The postoffice of these parties is Brasil, I.T.

Simon E. Lewis

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Simon E. Lewis this the sixth day of July 1904.

F. A. Hydeck
Notary Public
Southern Dist. Ind. Ter.

CHICKASAW FREEDMEN. 20 19-D-17

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Burnett Hombrack

as a citizen of the

CHICKASAW Nation.

Approved, NOV -6 1900 190

Commissioner.

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CHICKASAW FREEDMEN.

D. 17.

Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Burnell Hornback (Here insert name of child), born on the 17th day of May, 1900

Name of Father: Burrel Hornback, Non citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Mary Hornback, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Postoffice, Brazil, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY. Central District.

I, Mary Hornback, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Burrell Hornback, who is a Non citizen, by , of the Nation; that a Female (male or female) child was born to me on the 17th day of May, 1900; that said child has been named Burnell Hornback, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Mary Hornback
A Freedman.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st *day of* September 1900

Frank Dorman
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Mar. 9, 1904

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY. Central District.

I, Patsey Nunley, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mary Hornback wife of Burrell Hornback, on the 17th day of May, 1900; 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 Burnell Hornback.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

her
Patsey X Nunley
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th *day of* September 1900

Frank Dorman
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Mar. 9, 1904

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Theodore R Hornback

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved JUN 27 1902 190

Commissioner.

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

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 1 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Theodor Roosevelt Hornback (Here insert name of child.) born on the 13 day of June, 1902

Name of Father: Bussel Hornback, a citizen of the ..... Nation.

Name of Mother: Mary Hornback, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post-office, Brazil Ind Ty

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Mary Hornback, on oath state that I am 31 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Mr Bussel Hornback, who is a citizen, by ....., of the ..... Nation, that a Male (male or female.) child was born to me on the 13th day of June 1902; that said child has been named Theadore Roosevelt, and is now living.

Mary Hornback

WITNESSES TO MARK (Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 *day of* June 1902

Frank Johnson NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Mar. 9, 1904

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Sarah Jones, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mary Hornback, wife of Mr Bussel Hornback on the 13th day of June, 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 Theadore Roosevelt.

her Sarah X Jones (mark)

WITNESSES TO MARK: (Must be Two Witnesses)

L. G. Choate

J. Jones

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 *day of* June 1902

My commission expires Mar. 9, 1904

DEPARTMENTOF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Muskogee, Ind. Ter. September 20, 1904.

In thematter of the application of Mary Hornback and her children Harriet, McKinley, Isaac L., Burnell and Theadore R. Hornback as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation..... 19-D-17

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Breedlove Johnson and his brother John Johnson and George L. Johnson as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation.....19-D-18.

Richard Brachears being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is yourname? A Richard Brashears.
Q How old are you? A Eighty-three.
Q What is your post office address? A Brazil, Choctaw Nation.
Q How long have you resided in the Choctaw Nation? A All my live sir, ever since I was born, I was born in 1821 and I have been right among the Choctaws all my life.
Q Do you know Breedlove Johnson, John, Johnson, George L. Johnson and Mary Hornback? A Yes, sir.
Q What relation are those people to each other? A Brothers and sister.
Q They had the same mother and same father? A Yes, sir.
Q Are they all living now? A Yes, sir, they are all living all four of them.
Q Were those four brothers I have just named living on September 25, 1902? A Yes, sir, they were.
Q Do you know the names of Mary Hornback's children? A They have so many children - I know some of them.
Q How many has she? A Seems like she has six.
Q How many did she have living on September 25, 1902? A I don't recollect how many there were now, there were five or six.
Q Who is themother of Breedlove Johnson and the other three named? A Her name was Harriet Johnson; man named Bill Johnson bought her; ~~from~~ some people was carrying her from Missouri and Bill Johnson bought her.
Q Some white people were passing through the Choctaw Nation during the time of the war and sold her to Bill Johnson? A Yes, sir.
Q And Bill Johnson was a Chickasaw? A Yes, sir, and his wife was a Choctaw, she was a Susan Walker before he married her.
Q Did Did Bill Johnson live until the close of the war? A No, sir, he got killed in the time of the war.
Q How long after the beginning of the war was it that Harriet Johnson was sold to Bill Johnson? A I don't recollect - seems like it was the second year after the war commenced.
Q Then did Harriet Johnson remain the slave of William Johnson up until the time William Johnson was killed? A Yes, sir.
Q How long before the close of thewar was it that Bill Johnson was killed? A He was killed the second year after the war was commenced.

Q Then he was killed the same year he bought Harriet Johnson? A Yes, sir, killed that same year.
Q Now what became of Harried Johnson after Bill Johnson was killed? A She remained with his widow.
Q Did she remain the slave of Susan Walker in the Choctaw Nation from the time of Bill Johnson's death, in the second year of the war, until 1865 when all the slaves were freed? A Yes, sir, she did I know that.
Q Did you live near them at that time? A Lived within about fifteen miles .
Q You saw them frequently? A Yes, sir, I was going backwards and forwards between Texas and I passed right by where they were all during the war. Judge Lewis told me he saw her three days after Bill Johnson bought her and he said he didn't see how in the world they got her on the doubtful.
Q Is Harriet Johnson living now? A No, sir, she is dead, has been dead some time.
Q Who is the father of Breedlove Johnson, George L. Johnson and Mary Hornback? A Isaac Johnson.
Q A Noncitizen? A Yes, sir.
Q Was George L. Johnson ever known by the name of Lunie? A Lem.
Q They called him Lem? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you ever her him called Lunie? A No, sir.
Q Do you know where Harriet Johnson lived after the close of the war? A I don't know exactly where she lived after the close of the war but when the Choctaws registered she was there and registered
Q Did she ever leave the Choctaw-Chickasaw country after the close of the war and establish a residence outside of the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A I don't know whether she did or not but I know when we all registered she was there, I didn't ask herm where she was living.
Q Do you know where her children have been living since they were born? A Right there in the Choctaw Nation ever sim e I first saw them, ever since she registered.
Q Since 1885? A Yes, sir.
Q You didn't know where they lived before 1885? A No, sir.
Q But since 1885 the whole family have continuously resided in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country up to the present time? A Yes, sir, she died.
Q And have never made their home outside of the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A No, sir.
Q Did Harriet Johnson the mother of these applicants live in the Choctaw Nation continuously from the time she was sold to Bill Johnson until the end of the war? A Yes, sir, she did.
Q And lived there until the death of Bill Johnson and until the slaves were freed as the slavex of Susan Johnson, nee Walker? A Yes, sir.
Q You know that of your own knowledge? A Yes, sir, I do.

Witness excused.

Chas. T. Difendafer being first duly sworn states that the

above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcriptof his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

Chas. G. Defendafer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of September 1904.

J. Campbell
Notary Public.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 6, 1900.

Burrel Hornback,

Brazil, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Burnell Hornback, the infant son of Burrel and Mary Hornback, born May 17th, 1900, and the same has been accepted by the Commission as evidence of the birth of this child.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Chickasaw Freed.
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 27, 1902.

Burrel Hornback,

Brazil, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Theodore Roosevelt Hornback, the infant son of Burrel and Mary Hornback, born June 13, 1902, and the same being in proper form has been accepted by the Commission and filed as evidence of the birth of this child.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in charge.

Chickasaw Freedmen
D 17

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 28, 1903.

Mary Hornbeck,

Brazil, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 13, in which you state that you understand that you and your children are listed among the doubtful claimants to enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen, and you wish to be advised whether all the Chickasaw Freedmen are listed as doubtful claimants. You also ask to be permitted to introduce additional testimony in your case.

In reply to your letter you are advised that not all the Chickasaw Freedmen are listed as doubtful claimants to enrollment. You are further advised that if you desire to introduce additional testimony in your case, the Commission will hear the testimony of such witnesses as may present themselves at its office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, within thirty days from this date.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Trans from Chic FR D18

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 14, 1904.

Mary Hornbeck,

Brazil, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Simon E. Lewis, relative to the Cherokee owner of your mother, and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for enrollment of Mary Hornbeck, et al., and Breedlove Johnson, et al.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-D-18

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 28, 1904.

Freedlove Johnson,

Brazil, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 22nd instant, enclosing your affidavit relative to the place of your birth and your residence in the Choctaw Nation, and the same has been duly filed with the records of the Commission in the matter of the application for enrollment of Freedlove Johnson and his brothers John and George L. Johnson as Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
Muskogee, Ind. Ter. September 28, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Mary Hornback and her children Harriet, McKinley, Isaac L., Burnell and Theodore L. Hornback as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation.....19-B-17

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Breedlove Johnson and his brother John Johnson and George L. Johnson as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation.....19-B-18.

Richard Brashears being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is yourname? A Richard Brashears.
Q How old are you? A Eighty-three.
Q What is your post office address? A Ernail, Chester Nation.
Q How long have you resided in the Chester Nation? A All my live sir, ever since I was born, I was born in 1821 and I have been right among the Choctaws all my life.
Q Do you know Breedlove Johnson, John, Johnson, George L. Johnson and Mary Hornback? A Yes, sir.
Q What relation are these people to each other? A Brothers and sister.
Q They had the same mother and same father? A Yes, sir.
Q Are they all living now? A Yes, sir, they are all living all four of them.
Q Were these four brothers I have just named living on September 28, 1902? A Yes, sir, they were.
Q Do you know the names of Mary Hornback's children? A They have so many children - I know some of them.
Q How many has she? A Seems like she has six.
Q How many did she have living on September 28, 1902? A I don't recollect how many there were now, there were five or six.
Q Who is themother of Breedlove Johnson and the other three named? A Her name was Harriet Johnson; man named Bill Johnson bought her; some people was carrying her from Missouri and Bill Johnson bought her.
Q Some white people were passing through the Choctaw Nation during the time of the war and sold her to Bill Johnson? A Yes, sir.
Q And Bill Johnson was a Chickasaw? A Yes, sir, and his wife was a Choctaw, she was a Buzzard Walker before he married her.
Q Did Bad Bill Johnson live until the close of the war? A No, sir, he got killed in the time of the war.
Q How long after the beginning of the war was it that Harriet M Johnson was sold to Bill Johnson? A I don't recollect - seems likei it was the second year after the war commenced.
Q Did Bad Harriet Johnson remain the slave of William Johnson up until the time William Johnson was killed? A Yes, sir.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
Muskogee, Ind. Ter, September 29, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Mary Hornback and her children Harriet, McKinley, Isaac L., Burnell and Theodore R. Hornback as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation..... 19-B-17

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Q Are they all living now? A Yes, sir, they are all living all four of them.
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Q And have never made their home outside of the Choctaw-Chickasaw country? A No, sir.
Q Did Harriet Johnson the mother of these applicants live in the Choctaw Nation continuously from the time she was sold to Bill Johnson until the end of the war? A Yes, sir, she did.
Q And lived there until the death of Bill Johnson and until the slaves were freed as the slaves of Susan Johnson, nee Walker? A Yes, sir.
Q You know that of your own knowledge? A Yes, sir, I do.

Witness excused.

Chas. T. Difuniafer 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of September 1906.

J M Campbell
Notary Public.

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

SMITH 2.9-22-04
subscribed and sworn
to before me a Notary
Public for and in the
Central District of
the Territory 9-22-04

C. A. Shepherd
Notary

My commission exp January 2th
1908

Brazil Ind Ter
Sep 22 - 1904

Dawes Commision of Muskogee

I was very small when my mother Brought me Back here But we We childerns was Born in the Choctaw nation But we was Born in ~~[illegible]~~ arkinsaw She would have come Back at once But father Keep from Comeing Back But she did not Know that would Be a danger to here in site when she requested at Fort at Broom Creek the Clerk of the Board advise here to Come Back to the nation And the return in short she never was satisfide untill she got Back here

here owner was Bill Johnson a
Chickasaw Miss Johnson was
a choctaw She remains with Miss
Dusa Johnson untill She
was free Mr Bill Johnson
was Kill so said my mother
if there is wrong there being
out of the nation father said
that he was the cause of it Know
Plear take this in consideration
and do the Best you can for
us all yours respectfully
Dawes Commission

Post office is
Brazil Indian
Reed Love Jr
Reed Love Johnson
Reed Love Johnson
his
Judie X Johnson
mark

Chic FR 1476.

Trans from Chic FR 07

Chic FR 1476

Colbert, Indian Territory, June 16, 1900.

Mr. Tom Alberson,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of the affidavit of Mrs. Louisa Burney in the matter of your enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, and the same has been filed with the records of the commission.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

In reply to this letter,
please refer to 19- D 7

In the matter of the application of Tom Alberson for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman.

Tom Alberson being sworn says: (Ardmore, September 22 1913)

I belonged to Mrs. Louisa Burney. I went to Fort Gibson after I was set free. I think I went away in the fall. It was before Christmas. I was turned loose before I went away. I remained here about a year before I went away. I made a crop after I was freed and before I went away.

I went with Dave Burney and Sam Jones.

(Sam Jones states that after he came home Tom Alberson and some other boys , some 21 in n umber, wanted to go to Fort Gibson, and he took them in the Spring of 1866.

My wife Emily, age 55, belonged to Betsy Eastman. I have no children.

The Chickasaw Nation
County of Pickens

Be it remembered that on this the 9th day of June AD 1900 personally appeared Mrs Louisa Burney who being duly sworn deposes as follows:
I am personally well acquainted with Tom Alberson having known him since my infancy and during his slavery days he belonged to me & having heired him from my Father Capt Alberson's Estate.
Tom Alberson was set free by me directly after the close of the War in 1865 and did not run away to gain his freedom as is claimed by some parties
Witness my hand this the 9th day of June 1900.

X
Louisa Burney.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 9th day of June AD 1900
J Scarbrough Notary Public
for Southern Dist Indian

Chickasaw freedman D-7.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
COLBERT, IND. TER., JUNE 11, 1900.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Tom Alberson as a Chickasaw freedman, said Alberson being sworn testified:
(Sworn by Comr Needles.)

Q What is your name? A Tom Alberson.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Burwyn, I.T.
Q How old are you? A I don't know my age.
Q About how old? A Was about five years old when the Chickasaws emigrated to this country.
Q Were you a slave? A Yes.
Q Whom did you belong to? A Captain Alberson.
Q What was Captain Alberson? A He was a half breed Chickasaw.
Q Did you belong to Captain Alberson when you were turned free? A I belonged to his daughter after his daughter-- (death?)
Q Who was his daughter? A Mrs. Louisa Burney.
Q Were you turned free in the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes.

Q Where did you go then? A I stayed right here a good whilem, and they commened bothering me and she told me to go off until times got better. They wanted to kill me and they told me to go off.
Q Do you know what year that was in? A No sir.
Q Where did you go to? A From the Creek Nation and Gibson and backwards and forwards. Never was in the states or never was sold.
Q How long did you stay with Mrs. Burney after you were turned free? A I was knocking around here about a year.
Q Do you recollect when you were turned free? Was it before the war or after the war? A It was after the war.
Q How long do you think you were here after the war? A Just about a year.
Q In the Chickasaw Nation? A In the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Where have you been living ever since? A On Spring Creek in the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Are you married? A Yes.
Q Have you any children under 21 ? A No sir.
Q Your wife is living? A Yes.
Q Is she a freedman or a state woman? A She is a freedman.
Q Has she been enrolled? A I think so.
Q What is her name? A Emily Alberson.

Chickasaw freedman D-7.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
COLBERT, IND. TER., JUNE 11, 1900.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Tom Alberson as a Chickasaw freedman, ~~said~~ Charles Cohee being sworn by Commissioner Needles testified, as follows:

Q Do you know Tom Alberson? A Yes.
Q How long have you known him? A Ever since I can recollect.
Q Did you know him when he was a slave? A Yes.
Q Do you know when he was freed there? A Yes.
Q Do you know where he went after that? A He went over to Fort Gibson and stayed there a good long while before he went away.
Q You do not know the date he was set free or what time he left the Chickasaw Nation? A I know about the year they were set free. That was in '65.
Q Do you know how long he stayed in the Chickasaw Nation after being set free? A I think something like 12 months or over.
Q You know he was the slave of Louisa Burney? A Yes.
Q And Louisa Burney was a Chickasaw? A Yes.

Brown McDonald, being first sworn by Acting Chairman Bixby, says that as Stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported in full the testimony of the witnesses Tom Alberson and Charles Cohee, and that the foregoing is a true and ~~xxxxx~~ complete transcript of his notes.

Brown McDonald

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June, 1900, at Colbert, Indian Territory.

Acting Chairman.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
TISHOMINGO, INDIAN TERRITORY,
September 8, 1904.

19-D-7.

In the matter of the enrollment of Tom Alberson as a Chickasaw freedman.

Tom Alberson, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Tom Alberson.
Q. How old are you? A. I don't know, pretty old. I was a little boy when my people came from Mississippi.
Q. About sixty-five? A. I reckon about that.
Q. Were you a slave? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Who was your owner? A. Captain Alberson, and I fell to his daughter, Louisa Burney.
Q. She was a Chickasaw? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Did you belong to her at the beginning of the war? A. Yes, sir freed under her.
Q. You didn't run away? A. No, sir, she set me free.
Q. Where were you freed? A. In the Chickasaw Nation, on Washita.
Q. Where have you lived since then? A. In the Chickasaw Nation.
Q. Have you lived anywhere else? A. No, sir.
Q. In the states somewhere? A. No, sir.

Witness excused.

Charles Cohee, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Charles Cohee.
Q. Where do you live? A. Berwyn.
Q. How old are you? A. Fifty-six.
Q. Lived in the Nation all your life? A. Yes, sir, Chickasaw Nation.
Q. Do you know Tom Alberson? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Do you know he was a slave? A. Yes, sir.
Q. To whom did he belong? A. Louisa Burney.
Q. Is she living? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Chickasaw Indian? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Do you know whether he was a slave with her during the war? A. Yes, sir.
Q. At the end of the war was he freed there? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Where has he lived since then? A. Chickasaw Nation.

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 10 day of September, 1904.

W B Campbell

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In the matter of the application of Arlee Jemima Neal.

Arlee Jemima Neal being sworn says: (Called October 14th 1898)

I am about 43 years old.

My mother was Susan . She belonged to Billy Kemp. I have been living here and in Denison.

(Letter of Mrs. Kemp introduced stating that Susie belonged to Billy Kemp)

Letter is as follows:

"

This is to certify that Susie Kemp , the mother of Jemima Neal, was a slave belonging to Billy Kemp, when the slaves were freed. This is given as a testimonial by me. Eliza Kemp"

I have no children. My husband John Neal is a United States citizen.

Isaac Kemp being sworn says: (Called October 19th 1898)

I remember that there was a colored woman that Bill Kemp came in possession of that was called or phan property.

Billy Kemp was the guardian for some orphan child and this woman was its property.

This woman jemima Neal was one of the children of this woman.

That was about the beginning of the war. I heard Billy Kemp say this.

Dick Colbert being sworn says: (Colbert, October 12th 1898)

When my mother went from here to Bonham, Texas, this woman Su san the mother of Jemima Ned went with mother and sister Elsie there . She died at Sister Elsie,s house. She had no husband. That was since the war . She left t his child at my sister's. She took care of her for some time.

Fenton Kemp being sworn says: (Colbert, October 12th 1898)

I know Arlee Jemima Neal. I knew her mother Susan. She belonged to Billy Kemp.

I know he kept her during the war. She had one child. They were with him when the slaves were freed.

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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 Rafe McLish as a Chickasaw Freedman.

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Chickasaw Freedmen Card D 37.

IN RE application of Maria Hopkins.

Sworn by Commissioner McKennon,

Maria Hopkins says:

I am 60. I belonged to Rev. Harvey Bacon.

I have a child:Rafe McLish,35. His family are Cherokee.

Maria H opkins

enrolled"W C ".

(tus depends upon that of Wm. H. Bacon, Chickasaw)

Chickasaw Freedmen Card d 37.

Maria Hopkins says:

I have a son Rafe McLish. His family are Cherokee.

I belonged to Rev. Harvey Bacon.

Maria Hopkins is enrolled.

Why is the son not enrolled.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY,
JULY 26, 1906.

IN THE MATTER of the application for the enrollment of Rafe McLish as a Chickasaw Freedman.

APPEARANCES: Rafe McLish appears in person, postoffice address, Woodford, Indian Territory.
No appearance on behalf of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations:

RAFE McLISH, being duly sworn testified as follows:

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Rafe McLish is what I go by.
Q How old are you? A I don't know just how old I am.
Q What is your postoffice? A Woodford.
Q Were you born before or after the war of the rebellion?
A Was born before the war.
Q Before the war? A Yes sir.
Q To whom did you belong? A Whom did I belong ?
Q Yes? A Harvey Bacon.
Q What was he? A I don't know what he was---I think.
Q Was he a white man? A I think he was a white man and his wife was an Indian.
Q What relation was Harvey Bacon to William H. Bacon?
A He was his daddy. Bill Bacon, and Harvey Bacon was his daddy. Harvey Bacon was William's father.
Q Is William Bacon living at this time? A Yes sir.
Q Where does he live? A Lives down on Red River, three miles east of Colbert Station.
Q Where did you live during the war? A I lived down there with him.
Q Whereabouts? A East of Colbert Station.
Q Where were you living at the time of freedom?
A I was living down there.
Q Your mother didn't belong to the same man you did?
A Yes sir, she belonged to the same family I did.
Q Same man you did? A Yes sir.
Q Didn't she belong to William Bacon? - What do you know about that? A I don't know anything about that.
Q About how old were you at the close of the war?
A I don't know sir, I can't tell anything about how old I was. I don't know.
Q Do you remember the war? A I remember some of it.
Q Were you as much as seven or eight years old at that time?
A I expect I was.
Q Were you old enough to do any work? A I was old enough to herd calves and such things, and carry water.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Maliah.

Mariah what? A Mariah Hopkins.
Q What is the name of your father? A Nero Perry.
Q What was Nero Perry, a freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q To whom did he belong? A He belonged to a fellow by the name of Jim McLish, I believe.
Q Where did you get your name, McLish? A I got it from his master.
Q Where did you go to after you were freed? A Up to the Cherokee Nation.
Q Who took you up there? A My uncle.
Q What is his name? A Cornelius Bacon.
Q Cornelius Bacon your mother's brother? A Yes sir.
Q How long did you stay upin the Cherokee Nation? A I went up there when I was about eight years old and staid there until I was a man grown.
Q Where did you go after you left the Cherokee Nation?
A Come back down here.
Q Down where? A Down to Ardmore, or to Woodford, 18 miles west of Ardmore.
Q How many years ago was it you went down there?
A Last February as a year ago.
Q So you lived in the Cherokee Nation, have you, after you were freed up until about a year ago?
A No sir, I come down to Colbert and went back.
Q After your uncle took you to the Cherokee Nation, how many years did you live there? A Cherokee Nation?
Q Yes? A I guess I lived there about eighteen years, before I come back down again.
Q When was the first time you went back down there? A Down here
Q Down to the Cherokee Nation? A I don't remember just what year.
Q How many years ago? A About twenty years ago. I don't know just what year.
Q You went back before you went up? A Back where?
Q Back to the Chickasaw Nation before you went to the Cherokee Nation, is that it? A You have got it wrong.
Q Do you know what year this is? A No sir, not exactly; I have never paid no attention to the year.
Q How long have you been living at Woodford this last time?
A Year ago last February.
Q Where did you live before you went to Woodford?
A Where did I live?
Q Where did you live before you lived at Woodford?
A On Hickory Creek.
Q Where is that? A Close to Woodford on Gaddo Creek.
Q How long did you live there? A Couple of years.
Q Where did you live before you went to that Creek?
A Cherokee Nation.
Q What place in the Cherokee Nation? A Nowata.
Q Have you made application as a Cherokee freedman? A No sir.
Q Has any body for you? A Not as I know of.
Q Were you ever enrolled in the Cherokee Nation as a Cherokee freedman? A No sir.
Q Have any of your people any rights in the Cherokee Nation as freedmen? A Not as I know of.
Q What was your uncle doing up there? A Well he married up there, but they didn't give him any rights.

Q Did you ever live in Kansas? A No sir.
Q Texas? A No sir.
Q Arkansas? A No sir.
Q Have you lived in the Indian Territory all your life?
A Yes sir.
Q Ever been outside? A Been out and back.
Q Where did you go? A Went to Coffeyville and back the same day.
Q While you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, twenty miles from where I lived.

(Witness dismissed).

MARIAH HOPKINS, being duly sworn testified as follows:

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Mariah Hopkins.
Q You have been enrolled as a Chickasaw Freedman, haven't you?
A Yes sir.

THE COMMISSIONER: The witness is identified upon Chickasaw freedman card 1478, opposite No.4570, approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904.

Q Are you the mother of Rafe McLish, who has just testified?
A I am his mother.
Q Who did you belong to during the war? A Harvey Bacon, Bill Bacon's father.
Q Didn't you testify at one time that you belonged to William Bacon? A No sir, never did belong to him, I belonged to his father.
Q Harvey Bacon was a white man, wasn't he? A Yes sir, he was a white man. His wife was an Indian, and I belonged to her, of course.
Q What was his wife's name? A Polley Bacon.
Q Isn't it a fact that Polley was a white woman, too?
A Not as I know of, no.
Q What was the mother of William Bacon? - -
Q Did you ever hear that Harvey Bacon was an adopted Chickasaw?
A His wife I heard was an adopted Chickasaw freedman.
Q Who did your son McLish belong to? A Belonged to Bacon.
Q Which Bacon? A Harvey Bacon.
Q Was Rafe born before the war? A Yes sir.
Q How old was he at the close of the war? A He was about eight years old.
Q Where did you live during the war? A Lived at Colbert.

Q Which side of the river? A Red River?
Q Yes? A I lived on this side, or I wouldn't have been at Colbert. Colbert is in the Chickasaw Nation and the other side is in Texas.
Q Did you leave the Chickasaw Nation during the war?
A No sir, never have left it.
Q How does it come that Rafe McLish left the Chickasaw Nation right after the war? A He went off with his uncle.
Q Did you let him go? A Yes, I let him go.
Q When did he leave? A When?
Q Yes? A I can't tell you that.
Q Left before he was freed? A No sir.
Q When did he leave? A Left after he was freed. How could he be a freedman if he left before he was freed?
Q I am asking you the questions. When did Rafe McLish come back to the Chickasaw Nation? A He come back about six years ago and staid awhile and then went back to Nowata.
Q When did he come back again? A Last February a year ago.
Q Come back to your place? A Back to his father's.
Q Back to your place where you lived? A No sir, he never come--
Q How do you know when he came back? A Because I have seen him when he come back.
Q Were you there? A Yes sir.
Q How many children did Harvey Bacon have? A Had six, I believe
Q Give their names? A John, Freeman, Joel, Martha, Thomas, Bailiff and William.
Q How many of these children are living now? A Not but one.
Q Which one? A Billie Bacon.
Q What is his postoffice address? A Bacon's?
Q Yes? A Colbert.
Q Lives at Colbert? A Yes sir.
Q Have you seen him lately? A No sir, haven't seen him lately.
Q Where did you come from when you come to the Territory ?
A I lived in Mississippi. I always was in the Territory. I have never been out of the Territory.
Q Were you born in the Territory? A Yes, born and raised in the Territory.
Q Where was your bother Cornelius born? A He was born in the Territory.
Q You know that, do you? A I think I know it.
Q If he testified here on August 30, 1904 that he was born in Mississippi, does he know anything about it?
A No sir, he don't know anything about Mississippi. He was born there and I was born there.
Q What did you say you were born in the Territory for?
A That was the Territory. Mississippi was only a Territory. That is the Territory yet. That is where these Mississippi Indians are coming from now, and it must be a Territory, they can't come from a State.
Q Do you know how long after Rafe was freed before he left?
A Before he left?
Q For the Cherokee Nation? A I can't recollect how many years it was before---
Q About how long was it? A About four or five years--may be longer.
Q Was it as much as a year? A Sir?
Q Was it as much as a year? A Over a year, I know.

Q Do you know what year this is? A No sir, I don't know what year.
Q Do you know what month this is? A It is either August or July.
Q Do you know what date this is? A No sir.
Q Do you know what day of the week this is? A I think it is Thursday.
Q Are you sure about that? A Yes, I think it is Thursday. I wont swear it is Thursday.

(Witness dismissed).

RAFE McLISH, recalled:

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q You are a full-blood colored person, are'nt you? A I guess I am.

S. T. Wright, being duly sworn, states that as Stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, he recorded in shorthand the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

S T Wright

Sworn to and subscribed before me this August First, 1906.

Edward Merrick
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Rafe McLish as a Chickasaw freedman.

DECISION.

It appears from the census card record in this case that on October 13, 1898, Maria Hopkins appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment of herself and her son, Rafe McLish, as Chickasaw freedmen. Further proceedings were had in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Rafe McLish at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on July 26, 1906.

The right of Maria Hopkins to enrollment has already been determined, and her name appears opposite number 4570 upon a list prepared by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904.

The evidence in this case shows that the applicant, Rafe McLish, was, at the close of the War of the Rebellion, the slave of a Chickasaw citizen; that at the date of the Treaty of Fort Smith, he was a resident of the Chickasaw Nation; and that on June 28, 1898, he was a resident in good faith of Indian Territory.

I am of the opinion that Rafe McLish should be enrolled as a Chickasaw 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,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 4, 1906.

COPY.

Rafe McLish,

Woodford, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered September 4, 1906, granting the application for your enrollment as a Chickasaw 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 your enrollment. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, the name of Rafe McLish will be placed upon the final roll of Chickasaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Wm. O. Beall.
Acting Commissioner.

Registered.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 4, 1906.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered September 4, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Rafe McLish as a Chickasaw freedman.

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

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Wm. C. Beall,

Acting Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 19-1478

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
Cherokee Freedman
D-1129.

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

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 7, 1905.

Chief Clerk,

Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division.

Dear Sir:

You are requested to advise the Cherokee Enrollment Division whether or not application has been made for the enrollment, as a Chickasaw freedman, of Charley McLish, minor child of Rafe McLish, a Chickasaw freedman, and Lula McLish, an applicant for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, and if so, the status of the application. If his name appears upon the partial roll of Chickasaw freedmen you are requested to advise the number opposite which his name appears and the date of the approval of the schedule containing his name. If any allotment selection has been made for him in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations you are requested to advise whether the same was voluntarily or arbitrarily made.

Respectfully,

W. O. Beall

Acting Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 10, 1905.

Clerk in Charge,

Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 7, 1905, asking if application has been made for the enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman of Charley McLish, child of Rafe McLish a Chickasaw freedman and Lula McLish an applicant for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, and if so the status of this case.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application has been made for the enrollment of Charley McLish, child of Rafe and Lula McLish as a Chickasaw freedman.

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 19, 1905.

Rafe McLish,

Colbert, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that before any further action can be taken in the matter of your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with a sworn statement showing your residence from the date of your birth up to and including September 25, 1902.

For this purpose there is inclosed you herewith a blank affidavit which you are requested to take before some Notary Public and answer under oath the questions therein propounded, returning the same in the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

W. O. Beall

Acting Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 8, 1905.

Lula McLish,

Nowata, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

A letter addressed to your husband, Rafe McLish, at Colbert, Indian Territory, and one addressed to him at Nowata, Indian Territory, have been returned unclaimed.

You are requested to inform this office as to his present post-office address. An envelope, which requires no postage, is inclosed.

An early reply is requested.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Inc. Env.

Nowata, Ind. Ter. Dec. 14, 1905.

Comission to the five Civilized Tribes,

Dear Sirs:

Rafe McLish is in the Chickasaw nation his last address was Woodford, I. T. his father name is Nero Perry Direct his letters in care of Nero Perry Rafe's mother is at Berwyn, her name is Maria Hopkins

the reason I explained this was so if you didn't find him you would find his mother or father I rather think he is at Woodford.

Yours respectfully,

Loula McLish.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 20, 1905.

Lula McLish,

Nowata, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 14, 1905, stating that the last known post office address of Rafe McLish was Woodford, Indian Territory, in care of his father Ne[illegible] Perry; you state his mother is named Maria Hopkins and her post office is Berwyn, Indian Territory.

You have the thanks of this office for your attention in the matter.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Freedmen

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 4 - 20 1899.

Name Mose Hopkins

Choctaw ? County Red River Year No. 1566

Chickasaw ? yes County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

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applicant requested to appear
before Commission at Durant
to offer further proof

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Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 30th, 1904.

In the matter of the applications of Cornelius Bacon, Joanna Smith and Maria Hopkins for enrollment as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Cornelius Bacon having been first duly sworn upon his oath testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Cornelius Bacon.
Q How old are you? A I am 66 or 67 years old; I have been giving my age at 66 years old.
Q Where were you born? A I was born down in Mississippi.
Q Were you born a slave? A Yessir I was born a slave.
Q To whom d id you belong? A I belonged to Harvey Bacon.
Q Harvey Bacon was a missionary white man wasn't he? A yes sir he was a white man.
Q He was adopted by the Chickasaw Indians? Yes sir I think he was but I didn't know about that.
Q How did you belong to Harvey Bacon or Harvey Bacon's wife?
A I belonged to Harvey Bacon's wife and she was an Indian woman. Harvey Bacon was a white man but he was married to an Indian woman.
Q Was she a Choctaw or a Chickasaw? A She was a Chickasaw.
Q Did Harvey Bacon have any children? A Yes sir.
Q What are their names? A Joel, Martha, Thomas, Bailey and Bill; I don't think Joel is on the rolls.
Q Do you claim these children have Chickasaw blood in them?
A Yes sir.
Q They don't claim that they have any Indian blood themselves? A They don't; what do they claim.
Q They claim they are white; None of the Bacon family claim any Indian blood? A Well my old boss, Harvey Bacon was a white man and he married Polly Allen, I think her name

was Polly Allen.
Q You say she was an Indian? A Yes sir she was an Idian.
Q Did she look like an Indian? A Yes sir.
Q When did you come to the Choctaw Nation? A I come here when I was a little child; I don't remember when I come I was to little to remember.
Q W here were you at the begining of the war? A I was right down there on the Red River about three miles from Corbett's Ferry at the breaking out of the war.
Q To whom did you belong at that time? I belonged to Harvey Bacon.
Q Where did you stay during the war? A Right there on the place at Harvey Bacons ; at my old home place.
Q How didn't you run away from there? A No sir I never did run away.
Q Didn't you run away with Tom Bacon? A No sir, I never did run away ; well, if you call it running away Tom Bacon and I come up to the Cherokee Nation .
Q When was that? A Well that was about '67
Q Do you remember when the war ended? A Yes sir
Q Where were you living then? A Right down there on Red River.
Q How soon after the war ended did you go to the Cherokee Nation. A About a year and a half; I was turned loose in 66
Q What time in '66? A It was in February 1866.
Q You was turned loose by Harvey Bacon in 1866? A Yes sir.
Q When did Harvey Bacon die? A I really don't know when he did die; Tom Bacon was the man who told me I was free and that I could go where I wanted to.
Q Is Tom Bacon living? A No sir he is dead.
Q Are any of the family living that know you? A Polly Bacon is living and Martha Bacon, she is married now, is living.
Q Your wife is a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.
Q You have made no application as a Cherokee freedman yourself? A No sir I never have.
Q Have you any children? A One child.
Q Have you made any application for that child as a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman? A No sir.
Q Who was Martha Black? A She is Tom Bacon's wife.

Q Is she living now?A Yes sir.
Q Where is she living now? A At Starret.
Q What Nation, A Chcikasaw Nation.
Q Now how long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been there since '67; I went there in the fall of '67.
Q You have staid there ever since? A Yes sir.
Q Have you lived anywhere else than in the Indian territory? A No sir.
Q Have you a sister called Sophia? A No sir I have a sister Maria.
Q She is on the rolls? A Yes sir, I have two other sisters not on the rolls.
Q Now Havn't you a sister Sophia? No sir I have a sister Sophy; Sophy Bateman.
Q She lives in the State of Kansas? A Yes sir.
Q Did dhe always live there? A No sir she has been there about 15 years I think; I took her there from the Chickasaw Nation to the Cherokee nation and she staid there until she was a young woman; she got married and went to Winfield to live and went to cooking.
Q Were you ever sold? A No sir.
Q What relation is Maria Hopkins t o you? A She is my sister.
Q Same father and mother? A No sir the same mother but not the same father.
Q Was she a slave? A Yes sir.
Q To whom did she belong? A Harvey Bacon.
Q Where did she live during the war? A Right at home with the family.
Q Did she ever leave them? A She never did leave them; she never did leave the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Since the beginning of the war? A No sir she never did leave there at all.
Q Where is she living now; what is her post office address? A Her post office address is Burwin.
Q What relation is Jeanna Smith to you? A She is my sister.
Q Where does she live? A She is living at Winfield,Kansas.
Q Since when has she been living at Winfield,Kansas? A About 15 years; no not quite 15 years; she lived at Independence for a while and there she married a porter and then she went to Winfield,Kansas.
Q Where was she during the war? A Right at home.
Q She didn't leave until after the war was over? A No sir she didn't leave until the year after the war.
Q When did she leave the Chickasaw Nation? A I think it was in '72; I went down there after my mother and the children;

she was living down there at that time ; I went down there after my mother and her children.
Q Now since 1872 she has been living away from the Chickasaw nation? A Yes sir.
Q Where has she been living since that time? A She has been living a part of the time in the Cherokee Nation and part of the time at Winfield,Kansas.
Q What is your post office address now? A Nowata.
Q Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir in the Cherokee Nation.

Mattie V. Vaughn, being first duly sworn, upon her oath states: That as a stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she reported in full all the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 30th day of August, 1904, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of her stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Mattie V. Vaughn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August, 1904.

Chas. H. Garvin
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7, 1901.

Sophia Bateman,

Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo acknowledging receipt of the Commission's letter of the 23rd of that month and in which you state that you appeared before the Commission at Cadda, Indian Territory, on August 16th, 1898. That your name was Sophia Bacon, aged 38 years, and that you were formerly the slave of Harvey Bacon, a Chickasaw Indian. That your brother, Cornelius Bacon, was with you at the time you appeared before the Commission and that the evidence you offered at that time was considered sufficient for the enrollment of you and your brother.

Replying to your letter you are informed that a careful search of the records of the Commission does not disclose the fact that you have ever made application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

It does appear, however, that on August 23rd, 1899, Cornelius Bacon, 39 years of age, whose post-office address was given as Nowata, in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory and whose father was Jim Bacon and mother Lucy Bacon, made application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman. He stated at that time that he was the slave of Harvey Bacon. In his testimony given at that time there is no mention made of any person by the name of Sophia Bacon.

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The Commission has therefore to request that you inform us if at the time you made this application that you claim, if you were duly sworn and testified before the Commission at the time your brother made his application.

Upon receipt of this information the Commission will give your request further consideration.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 4, 1901.

Sophia Bateman,
427 South Seventh Street,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 26th of February relative to your rights to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

You state in your letter that in 1899 it was your intention to appear before the Commission at Durant, Indian Territory, but as no colored people were allowed to stop in that town you and your sister, Joanna Smith, went to Caddo and there met Colonel Needles in front of his tent and stated to him your case. He said that he would go and find out and return in five minutes but that he never did come back. The next day your brother, Cornelius Bacon, made application and came back and told you that he had given in your names and that the names would have to go to Washington and that in due time you would have information as to any action that had been taken by the Commission in regard to your case. You state this was on the 23rd of August, 1899.

Replying to your letter the Commission has again to inform you that there is no record of any application ever having been made either by you or on your behalf for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman. At Caddo, Indian Territory on the 22nd day of August, 1899, Cornelius Bacon appeared before the Commission and made appli-

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cation for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman. There is enclosed you herewith the testimony of Cornelius Bacon at the time of his appearance and such testimony is the only record we have in the matter of this application.

It appears from your letter that you did not in person appear before the Commission as an applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman and duly sworn and testified but that you supposed that such application was made by your brother, Cornelius Bacon. It appears that no such application was made and if you now desire that a record be made of your case, it will be necessary for you to present yourself in person before the Commission as an applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

Such appearance can be made at the office of the Commission in Muskogee, Indian Territory, at any time prior to the submission of the rolls of the citizen and freedman of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations to the Secretary of the Interior.

In view of the desire of the Commission and of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribal authorities to submit these rolls at as early a date as practicable, it is advised that you make such an appearance as soon as you possibly can.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

19-D-59.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 22, 1902.

Edmond Colbert,

Grayson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, making certain statements relative to your right to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

The Commission will hear any statements you may desire to make, or hear any witnesses you may produce in the matter of your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, at one of the appointments of the Commission designated in the circular enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Chickasaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 12, 1903.

Kornelius Bacon,

Nowata, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 15, 1902, relative to your enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman, and inclosing the statement of Martha Black, which has been filed with the record in your case.

You are advised that it appears from our records that you are listed among the doubtful claimants to enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman and that your final right to such enrollment has not as yet been determined. As soon as a decision is reached in your case you will be notified of the action of the Commission.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

19-D-89.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 25, 1904.

Cornelius Bacon,

Nowata, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself, as a freedman of the Chickasaw 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 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,

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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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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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

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

I am 58 or 59. I belonged to Harvey Bacon, a white man, and my mistress was a Chickasaw. I have been living in the Cherokee Nation since I was set free. I have been back and forth to the Chickasaw Nation, but I have lived in the Cherokee Nation. I never claimed any right in the Cherokee Nation. I went up to the Cherokee Nation with Tom (Bacon?). Tom went back and I stayed there. Tom just went up there to be going I reckon. I was turned loose in the Chickasaw Nation. I was turned loose in March '66. I never was sold. I was on Red River, on this side of it, when I was turned loose. They brought me from Mississippi when I was a baby. I went to the Cherokee Nation with Tom Bacon in '67 and stayed, I think, until '78 and went back to the Chickasaw Nation, stayed there awhile and turned round and went back up in the Cherokee Nation, but I never was a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and my young master, Bill Bacon, is in the Chickasaw Nation at Colbert Station. I live in the Cherokee Nation now. I am not married. My wife is dead. I have two children. My wife is what is called a "Too Late". She was a black woman . She was not a (word omitted in stenographic notes) she was a citizen. She drew some money from the Cherokee Nation. She drew some for two children. The Children are not now on the roll; they are waiting until the Commission comes there.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Tishomingo, Indian Territory, November 4, 1902.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Cornelius Bacon as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Bungy Factor, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Bungy Factor.
Q How old are you? A About sixty-two.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tishomingo.
Q How long have you lived in the Chickasaw Nation? A All my days.
Q Are you a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know a man by the name of Cornelius Bacon? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you known him? A Ever since he was a little fellow.
Q Did you know him before the war? A Yes sir.
Q Did you know him during the war? A Yes sir.
Q Where did he live at that time? A Down on the Red River, close to Bloomfield Academy.
Q Is that in the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Did he live there all during the war? A Yes sir.
Q Where was he living at the time of the freeing of the slaves? A Right there close to the Academy--about six or seven miles from the Academy.
Q Living in the Chickasaw Nation at that time? A Yes sir.
Q How long did he live there? A He stayed there and made a crop in the same field I was freed at. After that he come up close to Colbert.
Q Still in the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q How long did he stay there? A A year before he left there.
Q Then where did he go? A To the Cherokee Nation with Tom Bacon.
Q Then he put in two crops down here in the Chickasaw Nation before he went to the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Was Cornelius Bacon a slave? A Yes sir.
Q What was his master's name? A Harvey Bacon.
Q Was he a Chickasaw Indian? A No sir.
Q What was he? A White man.
Q Did Cornelius Bacon ever belong to anyone else? A No sir.
Q He was the slave of Harvey Bacon? A Yes sir.
Q Are you sure that Harvey Bacon was a white man? A They say he was.
Q He never made any claim to be a Chickasaw Indian? A No sir.
Q Who was Harvey Bacon's wife, do you know that? A No sir, I don't really know it but I think they claim her a Cherokee.
Q You didn't know her? A No sir.
Q Didn't know anything about her? A No sir.

Witness excused.

Charles Smith, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Charles Smith.
Q How old are you? A Eighty-four years old the ninth day of next January--born in 1819.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Colbert Station.
Q How long have you lived in the Chickasaw Nation? A I come here in forty-four.
Q Been here ever since? A Yes sir.
Q Are you a Chickasaw freedman? A Yes sir, I come with the Chickasaws to this country.
Q Are you acquainted with Cornelius Bacon? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you known him? A Ever since he was a child--knowed him in Mississippi before he come here.
Q Did you know him before the war? A Yes sir.
Q Did you know himduring the war? A Yes sir.
Q Where did he live during the war? A Close to Colbert Station--they lived at Boggy when they first came here.
Q Did he live in the Chickasaw Nation all during the war? A Yes sir.
Q Right near where you were? A Yes sir, right where I was; then he moved about a mile and half or two miles.
Q Was he living in the Chickasaw Nation when the slaves were freed? A Yes sir.
Q Then what did he do? A He made a crop down there and then he come back and made a crop for my young master, Wyatt Love; he made a crop there and then he went off to the Cherokee Nation.
Q Who was Cornelius Bacon's master? A Harvey Bacon.
Q Was he a Chickasaw Indian? A No sir, he was a white man.
Q He never made any claim to be a Chickasaw? A No sir, his wife was a Cherokee though.
Q What was her name? A She was an Allen.
Allen was her name before she married? A Yes sir.
Q They were Cherokee's were they? A They were said to be Cherokees.
Q You were well acquainted with his family? A Yes sir, knowed them when I was a boy--they lived on the Mississippi River.
Q How long did Cornelius Bacon live down in the Chickasaw Nation after the war? A He made two crops there.
Q Then where did he go? A He went with Tom Bacon to the Cherokee Nation.
Q Was Tom Bacon a Cherokee? A On his mother's side.
Q He claimed to be a Cherokee? A Yes sir.

Witness excused.

Cornelius Bacon, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Cornelius Bacon.
Q What is your age? A I've been calling myself sixty years old.
Q Where do you live now? A Nowater, Cherokee Nation.
Q How long have you been living in the Cherokee Nation? A Since 1867.
Q Where did you live before that? A On Red River.
Q In the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.

Q How long did you live in the Chickasaw Nation? A Well I lived there--they said I was a year old; I don't recollect coming from Mississippi but they said I was a year old when I come to this country and I lived in the Chickasaw Nation until the Fall of '67 and went from there to the Cherokee Nation.
Q Were you living in the Chickasaw Nation during the war? A Yes sir.
Q Were you there at the close of the war? A Yes sir.
Q There when the slaves were freed? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your master? A Harvey Bacon.
Q Was he a white man? A Yes sir.
Q He made no claim to Indian blood? A No sir, no more than by adoption--he held a judgeship there.
Q What was the name of his wife? A Polly Bacon.
Q Did she claim to be an Indian? A Yes sir.
Q What tribe? A Claimed to be Chickasaw. When the old settlers' payment was at Ft. Gibson she went to get her money and she came back to the Chickasaw Nation. My young master had held office.
Q Your master held office in the Chickasaw N ation? A Yes sir, he was a sheriff and held office, and something else.
Q Didn't they go up to the Cherokee Nation, your master and his family? A Tom Bacon did, he married a Cherokee.
Q Did the rest of his family stay here in the Chickasaw Nation? A ~~Ye~~ Yes sir, they're still here. Bailey Bacon and Bill Bacon stayed here.
Q Do they claim tobe Chickasaws? A Yes sir.
Q Are they recognized and enrolled by the Chickasaws as citizens of the Tribe? A I don't know--Bill Bacon was here and enrolled here yesterday.
Q This Bill Bacon is the son of your master? A Yes sir.

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Ira S. Miles, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause, heard at Tishomingo, Indian Territory, November 4, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said proceedings on said date.

Ira S. Miles

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 7 day of November, 1902.

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Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 30th, 1904.

In the matter of the applications of Cornelius Bacon, Joanna Smith and Maria Hopkins for enrollment as freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Cornelius Bacon having been first duly sworn upon his oath testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Cornelius Bacon.
Q How old are you? A I am 66 or 67 years old; I have been giving my age at 66 years old.
Q Where were you born? A I was born down in Mississippi.
Q Were you born a slave? A Yessir I was born a slave.
Q To whom d id you belong? A I belonged to Harvey Bacon.
Q Harvey Bacon was a missionary white man wasn't he? A yes sir he was a white man.
Q He was adopted by the Chickasaw Indians? Yes sir I think he was but I didn't know about that.
Q Now did you belong to Harvey Bacon or Harvey Bacon's wife? A I belonged to Harvey Bacon's wife and she was an Indian woman. Harvey Bacon was a white man but he was married to an Indian woman.
Q Was she a Choctaw or a Chickasaw? A She was a Chickasaw.
Q Did Harvey Bacon have any children? A Yes sir.
Q What are their names? A Joel, Martha, Thomas, Bailey and Bill; I don't think Joel is on the rolls.
Q Do you claim these children have Chickasaw blood in them? A Yes sir.
Q They don't claim that they have any Indian blood themselves? A They don't; what do they claim.
Q They claim they are white; None of the Bacon family claim any Indian blood? A Well my old boss, Harvey Bacon was a white man and he married Polly Allen, I think her name

was Polly Allen.
Q You say she was an Indian? A Yes sir she was an Idian.
Q Did she look like an Indian? A Yes sir.
Q When did you come to the Choctaw Nation? A I come here when I was a little child; I don't remember when I come I was to little to remember.
Q W here were you at the begining of the war? A I was right down there on the Red River about three miles from Corbett's Ferry at the breaking out of the war.
Q To whom did you belong at that time? I belonged to Harvey Bacon.
Q Where did you stay during the war? A Right there on the place at Harvey Bacons ; at my old home place.
Q Now didn't you run away from there? A No sir I never did run away.
Q Didn't you run away with Tom Bacon? A No sir, I never did run away ; well, if you call it running away Tom Bacon and I come up to the Cherokee Nation .
Q When was that? A Well that was about '67
Q Do you remember when the war ended? A Yes sir
Q Where were you living then? A Right down there on Red River.
Q How soon after the war ended did you go to the Cherokee Nation. A About a year and a half; I was turned loose in 66
Q What time in '66? A It was in February 1866.
Q You was turned loose by Harvey Bacon in 1866? A Yes sir.
Q When did Harvey Bacon die? A I really don't know when he did die; Tom Bacon was the man who told me I was free and that I could go where I wanted to.
Q Is Tom Bacon living? A No sir he is dead.
Q Are any of the family living that know you? A Polly Bacon is living and Martha Bacon, she is married now, is living.
Q Your wife is a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.
Q You have made no application as a Cherokee freedman yourself? A No sir I never have.
Q Have you any children? A One child.
Q Have you made any application for that child as a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman? A No sir.
Q Who was Martha Black? A She is Tom Bacon's wife.

Q Is she living now?A Yes sir.
Q Where is she living now? A At Starret.
Q What Nation, A Chcikasaw Nation.
Q Now how long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been there since '67; I went there in the fall of '67.
Q You have staid there ever since? A Yes sir.
Q Have you lived anywhere else than in the Indian Territory? A No sir.
Q Have you a sister called Sophia? A No sir I have a sister Maria.
Q She is on the rolls? A Yes sir, I have two other sisters not on the rolls.
Q Now Havn't you a sister Sophia? No sir I have a sister Sophy; Sophy Bateman.
Q She lives in the State of Kansas? A Yes sir.
Q Did dhe always live there? A No sir she has been there about 15 years I think; I took her there from the Chickasaw Nation to the Cherokee Nation and she staid there until she was a young woman; she got married and went to Winfield to live and went to cooking.
Q Were you ever sold? A No sir.
Q What relation is Maria Hopkins to you? A She is my sister.
Q Same father and mother? A No sir the same mother but not the same father.
Q Was she a slave? A Yes sir.
Q To whom did she belong? A Harvey Bacon.
Q Where did she live during the war? A Right at home with the family.
Q Did she ever leave them? A She never did leave them; she never did leave the Chickasaw Nation.
Q Since the beginning of the war? A No sir she never did leave there at all.
Q Where is she living now; what is her post office address? A Her post office address is Burwin.
Q What relation is Joanna Smith to you? A She is my sister.
Q Where does she live? A She is living at Winfield,Kansas.
Q Since when has she been living at Winfield,Kansas? A About 15 years; no not quite 15 years; she lived at Independence for a while and there she married a porter and then she went to Winfield,Kansas.
Q Where was she during the war? A Right at home.
Q She didn't leave until after the war was over? A No sir she didn't leave until the year after the war.
Q When did she leave the Chickasaw Nation? A I think it was in '72; I went down there after my mother and the children;

she was living down there at that time ; I went down there after my mother and her children.
Q Now since 1872 she has been living away from the Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Where has she been living since that time? A She has been living a part of the time in the Cherokee Nation and part of the time at Winfield,Kansas.
Q What is your post office address now? A Nowata.
Q Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir in the Cherokee Nation.

Mattie V. Vaughn, being first duly sworn, upon her oath states: That as a stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she reported in full all the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 30th day of August, 1904, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of her stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Mattie V Vaughn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August, 1904.

Charles W. Sawyer
Notary Public,

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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 freedman of the Chickasaw Nation of:

LEE LEWIS 17-D-26.

Chickasaw Freedman
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Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Antlers, I. T., December 4th, 1902.

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In the matter of the application of William Lewis for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

William Lewis being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A William Lewis.
Q How old are you? A Thirty-four.
Q What is your post office address? A Grant.
Q Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your father? A Ni Lewis.
Q Is he living or dead? A He's dead.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Caroline Lewis.
Q Is she living or dead? A She's living.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your wife? A Hattie Lewis.
Q Is this the first time you ever appeared before the Commission to make application for enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman?
A Yes sir, first time.
Q Was your father the slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A No sir.
Q Was your mother the slave of a Chickasaw Indian? A My mother was.
Q You claim your right through your mother? A Yes sir.
Q Where was you born? A I was born in the Territory in the Choctaw Nation in Jackson County.
Q What was the name of the Chickasaw Indian that your mother belonged to? A Zack Colbert.
Q Why have you never made any application for enrollment before this time? A Why when the Dawes Commission was at Goodland I was sick at the time and not able to come.
Q Have you always lived in the Territory? A Yes sir.
Q Never made your home anywhere else? A No sir, never made my home anywhere else except right here in the Territory.
Q Have you any children? A Yes sir, have one child.
Q What is its name? A Iola Lewis.
Q How old is it? A Three years old the 18th day of this coming August.
Q Was the mother of this child a Chickasaw freedman? A She's Choctaw.
Q Is your wife regularly listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman? A Chickasaw.
Q What was her maiden name? A Hattie Homer.

Q When was you married to Hattie? A Why I married to Hattie this November past, three years ago if I don't make no mistake, the 26th day of November.

Q What is she, a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman? A She's a Chickasaw freedman.

The wife of this applicant appears on Chickasaw freedman card, No. 1262, as Hattie Colbert; the name of the applicant's child, Iola Lewis, appears upon the same card.

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Albert G. McMillan 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 on the 4th day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

Albert G McMillan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of December, 1902.

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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 of Caroline Lewis, Andrew Johnson and Willie and Roy Rose, for enrollment as Chickasaw Freedmen.

ANDREW JOHNSON, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Andrew Johnson.
Q How old are you? A Forty-four.
Q What is your post-office? A Bluff, I. T.
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A I have been here all my days.
Q Never lived anywhere else? A yes, I was at oneeplace--that is, awhile--in Texas.
Q Where were you born? A Bred and born at Fort Towson.
Q I asked you if you had always lived in the Choctaw Nation, and you said you had been in Texas? A Yes, sir, I staid in Texas a little while; not very long.
Q When was that little while? A That was when I was a small kid of a child.
Q What were you doing in Texas? A Why, master had my mother hired over across the river for a short space of time, and while he had her hired over there I staid with her, and then he sent after her and we have been living right here ever since.
Q You know what year you were born, don't you? A No, sir, I can't tell nothing at all about that.
Q Are you married? A No, sir, I am not married; I am a single man.
Q Have you any children? A yes, sir.
Q Were you ever married? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you have a child? A Yes, sir.
Q What was your wife's name? A Sophie Johnson.
Q A state nigger? A Yes, sir.
Q What was your daughter's name? A Edna Johnson.
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.
Q What is her age? A She is 11 years old the 13th day of July past.
Q When were you married to Sophie Johnson? A I don't know; I have my marriage license and certificate here.
Q You said your wife's name was Sophie? A That is my first wife.
Q This is a marriage license to marry Easter Robertson. Well, what date were you married to Sophia? A I don't remember; I can bring witnesses to show.
Q What was your mother's name? A Caroline Lewis.
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.
Q How old is she now? A She has called herself 100 year old, but I guess she's something like ninety-odd years old.

Q Was she the slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes, sir.
Q Who? A Zach Colbert.
Q Who did you belong to? A I belonged to Zach Colbert
Q You say you are about 44 years old? A Yes, sir.
Q Were you born at the beginning of the war? A Well, I guess so.
Q That would make it about 1860 if you are 44 now? A Yes, sir, I guess that must be right.
Q Where were you living all during the war? A I was too little to impersonate anything about that; I was too small to tell anything about where I was living then.
Q Wasn't it a fact that you went over into Texas with your mother, during the time of the war? A If she did I didn't know anything about it.
Q Didn't you say that when you were a little baby your mother went over to Texas? A Yes, sir, I said that.
Q What was she doing over in Texas? A Zach Colbert hired my mother over there; that is what she stated to me -- for a short space of time -- and when this time was out he sent one of his slave-holders over after her, and we have been right here in the territory ever since.

Witness excused.

DICK WILLIAMS, having been called as a witness on behalf of the applicants, and after being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Dick Williams.
Q How old are you? A Sixty-odd years of age.
Q Where do you live? A Choctaw Nation. Up here at Boggy Depot.
Q Have you lived here all your life? A Yes, sir, raised here.
Q Are you a Choctaw or Chickasaw Freedmen? A Choctaw.
Q Who did you belong to? A Judge Folsom's father raised me.
Q Have you been enrolled as a Choctaw Freedmen? A Yes, sir.
Q Have you got your allotment? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you know Caroline Lewis? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you know her during the war? A Yes, sir.
Q Where did you know her? A Down here on Horse Prairie.
Q Who did she belong to? A Zach Colbert
Q Did you know her when the war broke out? A Yes, sir.
Q How big a girl was she then? A She was a grown woman.
Q Did she remain here in the territory during the war? A Yes.
Q Did you see her all the time? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you ever hear of her going into Texas? A No, sir.
Q Did you see her after the slaves were freed? A Yes, sir.
Q Where? A Down here on Spring Bluff.
Q How many years after the war? A Some seven or eight or twelve years.
Q You didn't see her from the time of the war until 7 or 8 or 12 years afterwards.
A No, sir.
Q How did you know her then? You said you knew her when the war began? A I did.

Q Now, the war lasted four years,--how many times during that four years did you see her? How many times did you personally see this woman from the time the war began until the slaves were freed? A Some five or six years.
Q How many times dud you see her during the time the war was going on? A I seen her?
Q Yes, how many times? A Five or six times.
Q Five or six times thatyou actually saw her and talked with her, and she was living in the Indian Territory? A Yes, sir.
Q You never heard of her going to Texas? A No, sir.
Q How much older is this Caroline Lewis than you are? A I couldn't tell you anything about her age at all.

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 on said date in said cause.

Mary E Rogers

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 16 day of September, 1904.

David Shelly
Notary Public.

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Caroline Lewis, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Goodland, May 8th, 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, she testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Caroline Lewis.

Q. Who was your master? A. Zack Colbert.

Q. Are you married? A. Been married twice, but both of my husbands are dead.

Q. Didn't Zack Colbert sell you over into Texas? A. No sir.

Q. Were you in Texas when you were Freed? A. I was here in 1865, Zack Colbert came over there and told me to come home, and got Amos Johnson to bring me home. Zack Colbert told me he didn't sell me. He hired me out over thre in Texas. He told me if I didn't come back here in 1865 I would lose my rights, and he got Amos Johnson to Bring me back.

Amos Johnson being duly sworn testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Amos Johnson.

Q. Do you know Caroline Lewis. A. Yes sir.

Q. What do you know about her? A. I knew she belonged to Zack Colbert.

Q. Wasn't she sold out before the surrender? A. No sir, my understanding is she was hired out.

Q. Where was Zack Colbert when the war ended? A. Right here in the Territory.

Q. Didn't he sell about all the slaves he had before they got free? A. He sold some of them?

Q. Do you know whether this woman came back or not? A. Yes sir she came back in 1865.

Q. How do you know? A. Me and my father brought her back

Q. Why did you bring her back? A. She wanted to come back.

Q. Has she been living here ever since? A. Yes sir.

Q. Are you kin to her in any way? A. No sir.

Q. What time in 1865 did you bring her back? A. It was along in the fall.

Q. Do you know what month it was? A. No sir. It was along in cold weather.

Q. Did you tell her anything about having to come over here to save her rights? A. No sir, I never thought anything about that.

Caroline Lewis re-examined.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir.

Q. Were they with you in Texas? A. No sir.

Mr. Cohees raises the point that if she was hired there in Texas, and placed there by her master, and not of her own accord should she not be entitled to citizenship.

Amos Johnson states that lots of these people were not turned loose at the same time, some of them were held for six months after they should have been freed.

We will put you on what is called a White card and decide your case later on.

Department of the ...
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 A Smiley

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Andrew Johnson, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I.T., May 8th 1899, for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Andrew Johnson.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Caroline Lewis.

Q. Who did she belong to? A. Zack Colbert.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is your wife a state woman? A. yes sir.

Q. Have you got any children? A. Yes sir, one living.

Q. Where were your born? A. In the Choctaw Nation.

Q. After your mother came back from Texas? A. No sir, before she ever went to Texas.

Q. Did you go to Texas with her? A. I was her baby.

Q. And she took you with her? A. Yes sir.

Q. And when she came back she brought you back, A. Yes sir.

(See testimony of Caroline Lewis)

(Put on white card)

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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 A Smiley

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Lew Lewis, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I. T. May 10th. 1899 for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him et al he testified as follows:--

Q. What is you name? A. Lee Lewis.

Q. Who was your mother? A. Caroline Lewis.

Q. Where were you born? A. Here in the Territory I reckon.

Q. Have you been living here ever since. A. Yes sir.

Q. Who did your mother belong to. A. Zack Colbert?

Q. Were you with your mother when she was over in Texas? A. Not that I reccollect of I was born since then I reckon.

Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir.

Q. Is your wife a statewoman? A. No sir.

Q. What is her name? A. Lena Lewis.

Q. Who was her mother? A. Mathilda Williams.

Q. Whose slave was she? A. Eliza Turnbull's.

Q. Have you got any children. A. Yes sir but my wife registered them.

Q. You have never been on the books have you? A. No sir.

Q. What was your wife's name before she married you? A. Lena Bu Buckner.

(Enrolled Lee Lewis on white card as Choctaw 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.

W A Smiley

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

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lee Lewis as a Choctaw freedman.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on May 10, 1899, at Goodland, Indian Territory, Lee Lewis (29 years of age) appeared before the Commission and made application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant is a son of Caroline Lewis, a recognized and enrolled Chickasaw freedman whose name appears as number 4573 upon the lists prepared by this Commission, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 16, 1904; that the applicant claims his right to enrollment solely through his mother, the said Caroline Lewis; and that he was born in Indian Territory and had resided therein from the date of his birth up to and including May 10, 1899.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Lee Lewis should be enrolled as a Chickasaw 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,

MAR 2 3 1905

Commissioner.

United States Of America.

Indian Territory

Central District.

Affidavit of

Caroline.Johnson.

Bluff..Ind.Ter.

This is to certify that Caroline.Johnson of Bluff Indian Territory personally appeared before me a Notary Public Within and for the Central District of the Indian Territory and after being sworn according to law reposes and says:--

I am the daughter of Andy,and Sally McGee,and was born to them in the State of Alabama U.S.A,about one hundred year ago;I have no certain record of my birth,and am stating my age upon the recolection of what my Mother told me;we lived in Alabama until I was near the age of ten or twelve years old,at which time we all moved to the Choctaw Indian Territory;we were located near old Doaksville Choctaw Indian Territory,and was the slaves of Pittman Colbert,who was the Brother of Zack.Colbert,and who were both Chickasaw Indians by blood;upon the death of Pittman.Colbert,we became the slaves of his Brother Zack.Colbert;I cannot say what the date of my marriage was to July.Johnson,but can say that at the time we were married,he July.Johnson was the slave of Gibson Yarkomba,who was a Chickasaw Indian by blood,and who was the living about four miles from Old Doaksville;and I was then living with my Master Zack.Colbert on Horse prairie;Syphonia Folsom, (the mother of Jordon.Folsom),Patsy.Colbert,and my Husbands Father were present at the marriage of myself and July Johnson at Old Doaksville Indian Territory;all of the marriage witnesses are now dead;we were married by Carpa Travis,a colored preacher,and a slave of Pitman.and Zack Colbert;I cannot say where Carpa.Travis is at now,cant say whether or not is living;there were three children born to us,two boys and one girl..

they were named Steven,Virginia,and Andrew Johnson;Andrew Johnson is alive and now living at Bluff in the Choctaw Indian Territory;I cannot say how old Andrew is,but believe he is past forty years;he was born four or five years before Master Zack.Colbert died,and he has been dead about thirty six years;my husband is dead,having died in the Penitentiary at Little Rock Arkansas about twenty five years ago;I am sure and certain in my statement that my Son Andrew was born on Horse Prarie,and that he was born to me while I was a slave of Zack Colbert a Chickasaw Indian;....

My Husband was the slave of Gibson Yarkomba,and was brought to this country from Mississippi by Gibson Yarkomba who was a full blood Chickasaw Indian;they came here before the war of the rebellion;we were all freed as the result of the war of secession;we all registered upon the Tribal Rolls at old Goodland,cant say what date,but the only survivor of Zack.Colbert people was there and registered the same day we did;her name was Harriet.Colbert,but was often called by name Lizzie.Colbert..

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Caroline X Johnson
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Witnesses to Mark.
J O Nelson
Robert Young

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 8th day of August.A.D.1904.

J O Nelson

My term expires
August 26th.1907.

Affidavit of Jordan Johnson
Southern District
Choctaw Nation

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United States Of America.

Indian Territory

Central District.

AFFIDAVIT OF

JORDON..FOLSOM..

Ft.Towson..Ind.Ter.

This is to certify that Jordon.Folsom a Choctaw Freedman of Ft.Towson Choctaw Indian Territory personally appeared before me a Notary Public within and for the Central District of the Indian Territory,and after being sworn according to law,reports and says:—

that he personally knew Gibson.Yarkomba a Chickasaw Indian by blood during his life time,and that he himself lived about four miles from Gibson.Yarkomba,who then lived about four miles North West of Old Boggyville In the Choctaw Indian Nation Towson County,on what is now known as the old Yarkomba field;that he also personally knew July.Johnson a Negro man who was a slave of Gibson.Yarkomba,and knew him at the time of the birth of his youngest Son,Andrew Johnson who was the issue of July.Johnson and Caroline Johnson nee Lewis.

That the said Andrew Johnson was born at Horse Prairie during the slavery period,but cannot give the dates,but do personally know that he is the youngest Son of July.Johnson who was the Slave of Gibson.Yarkomba a Chickasaw Indian by blood..

He further states that the said Andrew Johnson is now alive and living with his family at Bluff Indian Territory Jackson County in the Choctaw Nation,and is the same person who has applied for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman,and who it now appears from the record of the department is upon the doubtfull list as such..

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Jordon X Folsom
Mark.

Witnesses to mark.

T.D.Nelson

R.L.Young

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 28th day of July A.D.1906..

T.D.Nelson

My term expires
August 28th.1907.

Affidavit of
Andrew Johnson

Doubtful list
of Choctaw Freedmen

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Affidavit of
Andrew Johnson..

Bluff..Ind..Ter..

This is to certify that Andrew Johnson applicant for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, of Bluff Indian Territory personally appeared before me a Notary Public within and for the Central District of the Indian Territory, and after being sworn according to law, repeats and says:— that he is about forty four years of age, and is the Son of July. Johnson, and Caroline Johnson, the former being the Slave of Gibson Yarkombe a Chickasaw Indian by blood, who lived about four miles North West of Old Doaksville in the Choctaw Indian Territory Towson County, but who is now dead.. That he is the Father of Edna Johnson who has made ~~was~~ has with him made application to be enrolled as Chickasaw Freedman, and whose names appear to be upon the doubtfull list, as such.. That his Mother Caroline Johnson was a Slave of Zack. Colbert who was a Chickasaw Indian by blood, and who lived at Morris prairie during his lifetime, and at which place he was born to his mother Caroline. Johnson..

That he is now living at Bluff, Jackson County, in the Choctaw Indian Territory with his family; and that he has all during his lifetime since a small boy been intimately acquainted with one Pink. Thompson, and one Jordan. Folson who were Choctaw Freedmen and who now live near Old Doaksville Ind. Ter

That he knows his claim as a Chickasaw Freedman is just, and that his application together with the application of Edna. Johnson his minor child should be allowed upon the record of his being the Son of July. Johnson who was the Slave of Gibson. Yarkombe a Chickasaw Indian by blood.

Andrew Johnson

Witness. D. D. Nelson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 28th day of July A.D. 1904

D. D. Nelson

Affidavit of
Pink Thompson
Doubtful list
Choctaw freedman

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United States Of America

Indian Territory

Central District.

AFFIDAVIT OF PINK.THOMPSON.

Ft.Towson..Ind..Ter..

This is to certify that Pink Thompson a Choctaw Indian Freedman of Ft.Towson Indian Territory, personally appear ed before me, a Notary Public in and for the Central District, Indian Territory, and after being sworn according to law re-poses and says:—

that he is past fifty years old, was born and raised in the Choctaw Indian Territory near old Doaksville Towson County; that he personally knew Gibson. Yarkomba during his life time, & knew him as a Chickasaw Indian by blood and knew him at the time he lived on what is now known as the old Yarkomba field about four miles North West of Old Doaksville in the Choctaw Nation, Towson County; he personally knew July.Johnson, a Negro who was a Slave of Gibson.Yarkomba, and was well acquainted with July.Johnson after the birth of Andrew Johnson, when he Andrew was about five or six years old; He Also knew that July.Johnson was the husband of Caroline.Johnson, who was Caroline.Lewis Mr Gibson prior to her marriage to July.Johnson, and that Caroline.and July Johnson claimed Andrew Johnson as their youngest Son, and did in fact raise him to manhood; that July Johnson was an own Uncle of himself Pink.Thompson the affiant

He further states that Andrew Johnson, the Son of July Johnson is alive, and living at Eliff, Jackson County Choctaw Indian Territory; that he is the same person who has applied for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman, and who it now appears from the records of the Department is upon the dawtfull list as such..

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Pink X Thompson
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Witnesses to mark.

T.O.Nelson

Robert Young

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 25th day of July.A.D.1904

T.O.Nelson

My term expires
August.26th.1907.

Goodland, I.T. May 9th, 1899

In Re Application of Caroline Lewis, for enrollment, Continued.

W. V. Alexander, being duly sworn testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. W. V. Alexander.

Q. Do you know Caroline Lewis? A. Yes sir, I did.

Q. Was she sold over into Texas? A. It was my understanding that she was, I couldn't say positively.

Q. Didn't you always understand that Zack Colbert sold about all his slaves? A. Yes sir.

Q. You lived right close by Zack didn't you? A. Yes sir. Zack was over there about the time they was all sold into Texas.

Q. Do you remember whether this Caroline Lewis was in Texas at the time she was turned loose? A. No sir, I couldn't tell that.

Q. She stated here yesterday that she was hired out? A. I don't think he owned any negroes at that time.

Q. Wasn't he in considerable trouble, and sold his slaves to raise money? A. Yes sir, I think he did.

Q. She said she was hired to a man by the name of Pitts? A. Yes sir, this man Pitts lived four or five miles over the line in Texas.

Q. Did you say that Zack Colbert sold all of his darkies? A. That is my understanding, I don't think he owned any at the time they were turned loose.

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 A Smiley

In re application of Caroline Lewis for enrollment.

Harriet Burnett being duly sworn testified as follows:----

Q. What is your name? A. Harriet Burnett.

Q. Do you know Caroline Lewis? A. Yes sir.

Q. What do you know about her? A. Her master hired her out she was never sold.

Q. How old were you when she was hired out. A. I was quite small.

Q. Did you know all about your Uncle's business whether he sold his slaves or not? A. Yes sir whenever he sold them, my father bought them.

Q. Wasn't your Uncle scouting around a good deal during that time? A. No sir.

Q. You were not over ten or twelve years old were you when this woman was hired out? A. I guess I was about that old I don't recollect just how old I was.

Q. You do not know what was done with her after she was hired out do you? A. The man he hired her out to died, and they still kept her hired out over there.

Q. Who was she hired to? A. Pitts was the first one she was hired to.

Q. How far was that from where you lived? A. About three miles.

Q. Did your Uncle live there with you? A. No sir he had a farm of his own?

Q. Did he have a wife at that time? A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you remember about him killing a man and scouting about? A. Yes sir he killed a man over in Texas.

Q. Didn't he kill a man up at Tishemingo? A. Yes sir Martin Allen

Q. Wasn't he scouting from them a good deal? A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know what year it was she went over there. A. No sir I cannot recollect the year.

Q. Do you know when she came back? A. I think it was in 1865.

Q. It was in the winter of 1865 wasn't it? A. I cannot reccolect just the time?

Q. How old are you? A. Forty nine.

Q. Has this old woman been living here ever since she came back from Texas. ? A. I don't know whether she stayed here all the time or not.

Caroline Lewis re-examined.

Q. Where have you been living all the time, since you came back?

A. Right here at Spring Bluff.

Q. Never lived outside of the Nation since you came back from Texas? A. No sir I never left the Territory after I came back.

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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 A Smiley

No. 270.

Certificate of Record of Marriages.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE INDIAN TERRITORY,
CENTRAL DISTRICT. } SCT.

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. Andrew Johnson and

M. Cinda Robertson —

was filed in my office in said Territory and District the 8 day of October — A.D. 1900 and duly recorded in Book 1 of Marriage Record, Page 135

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at Antlers — this 8 day of October — A. D. 1900.

E. J. FANNIN,
Clerk.

By Thos. A. Frazier Deputy.

CLARKE & [illegible]TH, MFG. STATIONERS, GALVESTON 700

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 Mr. Andrew Johnson of Garrette Bluff Texas ~~in the Indian Territory~~, aged 40 years, and Mr Easter Robertson of Garrette Bluff Texas ~~in the Indian Territory~~, aged 25 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 day of September A.D. 1900.

Geo. A. Gorham
Deputy.

E. J. Gannin
Clerk of the United States Court.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
CENTRAL DISTRICT. } SS.

I, Rev. R. H. Hill a Minister of the Gospel do hereby CERTIFY, that on the 12 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 15 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 ____, Page 184.

R. H. Hill
a Minister of the Gospel.

[redacted] This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, [illegible] 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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Oct. 27th 1904.

To whom this may concern.

This certifies,

That J. Wm Hamilton did join Mr. Andrew Johnson to Sophie Johnson in marriage in the year of our Lord A.D. 1892, about Sept 12

Wm Hamilton M. G.

Eaton Lane witness

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, this 29th day of Oct A.D. 1904.

J. A. Morrend
Notary
Com. exp. Oct 7th

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/8 1899.

Name Andrew Johnson

Choctaw ? County Year No. Not on roll

Chickasaw ? yes County Pickens Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw residing

Intermarried citizen ? in Choctaw Nation

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name, Put on white card

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day

Names of children:

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MEMORANDA.

Name Caroline Lewis (Date) 5/8 1899.

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? yes County Jackson Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship Chickasaw residing in Choctaw Nation

Intermarried citizen ?

Married under what law ?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw ? County Year No.

Chickasaw ? County Year Page

Citizen by blood ? Mother's citizenship

Intermarried citizen ?

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MEMORANDA.

[redacted] (Date) 5/10 1899.

Name Lee Lewis

Choctaw? yes County ~~[illegible]~~ Year No.

Chickasaw? County Jackson Year Page

Citizen by blood? Mother's citizenship Choctaw Freedman

Intermarried citizen?

Married under what law?

License filed this day,

Wife's name,

Choctaw? County Year No.

Chickasaw? County Year Page

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Son of Caroline Lewis

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 5, 1903.

Lee Lewis,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 24 inst., enclosing plats describing certain tracts of lands which you state you desire to take in allotment for yourself and your two minor children; and the same are returned to you herewith.

In reply thereto, you are advised that the Commission has at this time no means of recording selections of land by citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Matters of this character will receive consideration upon the establishment of land offices in said nations, at which time citizens may appear at the land office of the nation in which their land is located and make formal application for the tracts they desire to select in allotment.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 4, 1904.

Charles McPherron,

Attorney at Law,

Gaddo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 29, 1904, requesting information relative to the status of the applications for enrollment of Caroline Lewis and Andrew Johnson.

You are informed it appears from our records that Caroline Lewis, now about 23 years of age, of Garretts Bluff, Indian Territory, and Andrew Johnson, now about 45 years of age, of Garretts Bluff, Indian Territory, are applicants to this Commission for enrollment as Chickasaw freedmen, but their rights to final enrollment as such have not yet been determined.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1904.

Lee Lewis,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 11, asking if the enrollment of yourself and Caroline Lewis has been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the Commission has not yet passed upon the applications of Caroline Lewis and Lee Lewis for enrollment as freedmen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. As soon as decisions are reached in these cases you will both be duly notified of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in charge.

17-D-26.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 17, 1904.

Lee Lewis,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of yourself and your mother, Caroline Lewis, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, it will be advisable for you and your said mother to appear before the Commission for the purpose of giving your testimony relative to your rights as such freedmen.

You are, therefore, requested to appear before the Commission at its general office, 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.

19-3-44-110.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 22, 1904.

Caroline Lewis,

Garrett's Bluff, Texas.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself and your child William Lewis, as freedman 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 5-7, 1904, or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo Indian Territory, September 8-9, 1904.

Respectfully,

19-047.

Muskogee, Indian Territory August 25, 1904.

Andrew Johnson,

Garretts Bluff, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enrollment of yourself as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation it will be necessary for you to appear before the Commission and testify relative to your right as such citizen.

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,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 21, 1904.

Andrew Johnson,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your daughter, Edna Johnson, as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission with evidence of your marriage to Sophie Johnson, the non-citizen mother of said child.

Such evidence of marriage may consist either of the original or a certified copy of your marriage license and certificate or in case you are unable to obtain the original or certified copy of the marriage license and certificate, the affidavits of two eye-witnesses of the marriage.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

19-1480

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 18, 1904.

Andrew Johnson,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 15, 1904, in which you state that you forwarded the marriage certificate between Andrew Johnson and Sophia Johnson in the matter of the enrollment of your daughter Rena Johnson as a Chickasaw freedman, and you are advised that the same has been filed with the record in this case.

The letter of the Commission of October 21, 1904, enclosed with your communication is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

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Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1904.

W. M. Lewis,

Oberlin, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 5, in which you state that you have two children, Maggie Lewis, born June 3, 1902, and the other born October 31, 1903, and you ask if you can have these two children enrolled.

In reply to your letter you are advised that under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, the Commission is now without authority to receive or consider applications for enrollment in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

However, if you desire to make the birth of these children a matter of record there are inclosed herewith two blanks for this purpose.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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children, you are advised
of the act of Congress approved July 1,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 31, 1905.

Lee Lewis,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 23, 1905, asking what you should do in the matter of your enrollment. You also ask for three blanks for the enrollment of your children.

In reply to your letter you are informed that you should appear before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory in company with your mother Caroline Lewis for the purpose of testifying relative to your right to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Replying to that part of your letter in which you ask for three blanks for the enrollment of your children, you are advised that under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, no children born to citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations subsequent to September 25, 1902, the date of the ratification of said act, are entitled to enrollment and allotment in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Commission to the Five Civilizie Tribes Muskogee, ind terw
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Lee Lewis

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 14, 1905.

Lee Lewis,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 9, 1905, in which you state that your mother is unable to appear in support of your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

This information has been made a matter of record.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1905.

Lee Lewis,

Bluff, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 23, 1905, granting your application for enrollment as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, your name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-D-26.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 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 23, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Lee Lewis as a Chickasaw 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 Chickasaw Freedman. If at the expiration of that time no protest has been filed, his name will be placed upon the final rolls of the Chickasaw Freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 19-D-26.

See 19-671 for registry receipt for this letter.

19-1480

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 16, 1905.

Lee Lewis,

Bluff, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 12, 1905, stating that you have a daughter, Maggie Lewis, now about sixteen years of age, who was born and raised in the Choctaw Nation, and you wish to know how to proceed in order to have her enrolled as a Chickasaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application has been made for the enrollment of your daughter, Maggie Lewis, and under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, this office is now without authority to receive original applications for enrollment in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations.

You are further advised that at the time you appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, on May 10, 1899, it appears you only made application for your own enrollment as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Antlers, I. T., December 3rd, 1902.

Chickasaw Freedman
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In the matter of the application of Charley Johnson for enrollment as a freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Charley Johnson being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q Your name is Charley Johnson? A Yes sir.
Q How old are you? A About forty years old.
Q What is your post office address? A Grant.
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A I was raised here.
Q Did you ever make your home outside of the Nation? A Yes sir, about two years.
Q When was that? A When I was free; I made my home one time in the state prison; that's why I wasn't here.
Q When was that? A When the last Commission wasn't here, I wasn't here.
Q Is that the only time you have been outside the Nation?
A Yes sir, and I came back.
Q As soon as you were freed you came back? A Well, I stayed about a year over there.
Q Over where? A Below Paris, south of Paris.
Q When was that you were outside of the Nation? A When I was away from here?
Q Yes? A I don't know sir what year it was.
Q How long have you been back here? A I have been back about two years.
Q What is the name of your father? A Andrew Johnson.
Q Is he living or dead? A Dead.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Polly Johnson.
Q Is she living or dead? A She's dead.
Q Were both of your parents freedmen? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your father's owner? A Pitman Colbert.
Q Was he an Indian or a white man? A Why, as well as I remember as being told he was an Indian.
Q What tribe of Indians was he a member of? A Chickasaw I think he was.
Q What was the name of your mother's owner? A Both belonged to the same man.
Q Pitman Colbert? A Yes sir, I think.
Q Where did he live? A Lived down here on the river at that time.
Q Red river? A Yes sir.
Q Which side of the river? A This side.

Q Were you a slave? A Well, I was four years old when they was set free.
Q Where were your mother and father when the slaves were freed?
A They were here in the Nation.
Q On Pitman Colbert's place? A Yes sir.
Q How long had they lived on that place before the freeing of the slaves? A I don't know sir; I don't know sir; I wasn't old enough to tell.
Q Where did your family go after they were freed? A Well, I can't tell that, but I can tell after I got up big enough to tell; after I got my eyes opened to know.
Q Did your parents leave the Choctaw Nation? A No sir.
Q They lived and died here in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir, yes sir.
Q You have lived here all your life with the exception of the time you were out in States prison? A Yes sir.
Q Were either your parents or yourself ever recognized or enrolled as freedmen of either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations?
A Yes sir, my father's enrolled there and I think my mother was dead when the Choctaws first enrolled as freedmen; father his name is enrolled with the Choctaw list.
Q Do you know when that was? A Well, that's been - - no sir, I don't; I don't know exactly when that was.
Q Have you got any brothers or sisters? A Yes sir.
Q What are their names? A I have got one - -my oldest sister that's living is Annie.
Q Annie what? A Annie Smith; she was here Monday.
Q What is the next one? A Next one - - - she's a dead.
Q Well, just the living ones I want? A Isabelle Calhoun, Mary Rhone - - - brothers, Wellington and Jimmie Johnson, and my name is Charley Johnson.
Q Are all your living brothers and sisters enrolled as freedmen?
A Yes sir.
Q At the time you were enrolled? A I was away.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your wife? A My wife that I have got now -- I have been married twice.
Q What is the name of your first wife? A First wife named Harriet.
Q Harriet what? A Harriet Johnson then, but she is now Harriet Keith.
Q What is the name of your second wife? A Name Donie.
Q Were either one of these women freedmen? A Both of them freedmen.
Q Both of them enrolled as freedmen? A Oh, no sir; this last wife I got was a non-citizen.
Q Was the first wife a freedman? A Yes sir, she was a citizen.
Q Was she enrolled as a freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Choctaw or Chickasaw? A Well, I don't know; I didn't enroll her; I don't know which she is under; she enrolled while I was away.
Q Do you know what name she was enrolled under? A She was enrolled as Harriet Keith, and the children is I and herself.

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Q Did she enroll the children? A Yes sir.
Q What are the children's names? A Nicey and Willie Johnson.
Q Have you any other children? A Well, I haven't got no more living; I had one by this last wife but she died.
Q That's all that's living? A Yes sir.
Q How old is Nicey? A Nicey was born in '86.
Q How old is Willie? A Born in '89.

The applicant's former wife Harriet Keith and his two children above referred to, Nicey and Willie Johnson, appear upon Chickasaw freedman card, No. 1370. His two brothers Jim and Wellington Johnson and his two sisters Isabelle Calhoun and Mary Rhone appear upon Chickasaw freedman cards Nos. 1311, 1041, 1266 and 1287.

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Albert G. McMillan 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 on the 3rd day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

Albert G. McMillan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of January, 1903.

Charles W. Sawyer

Notary Public.

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MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/11 1899.

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