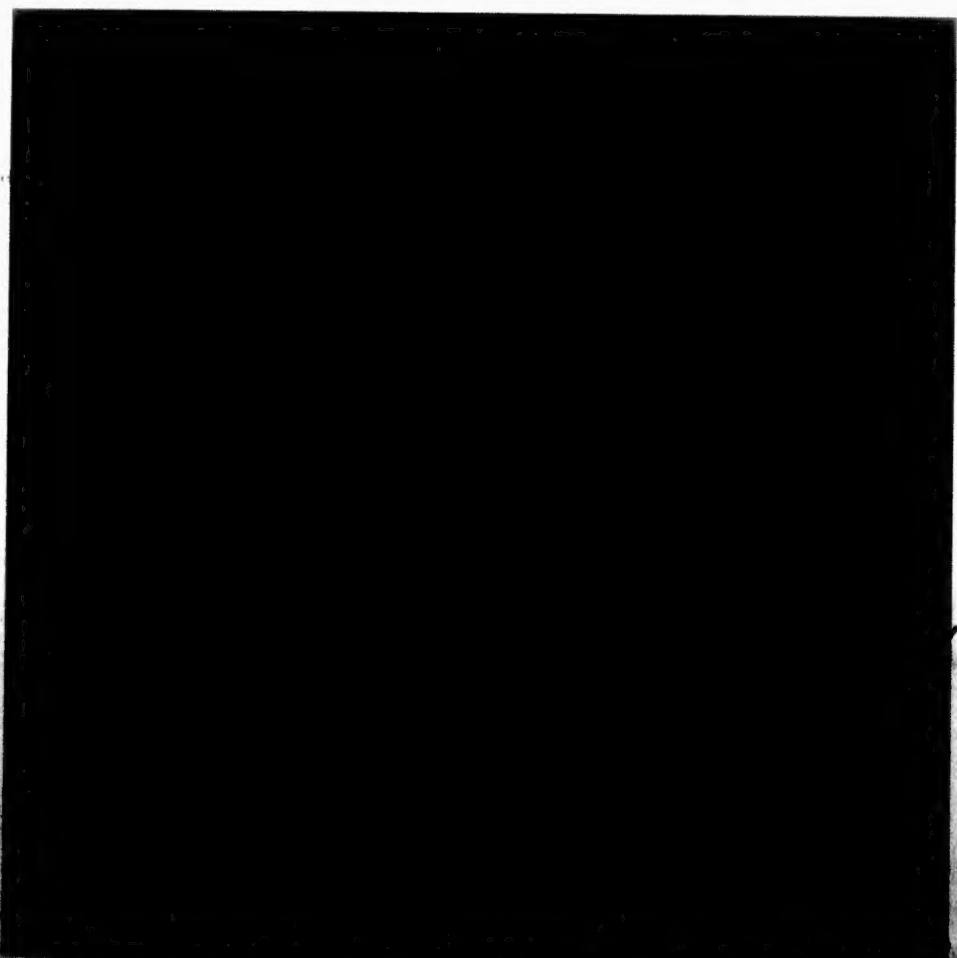
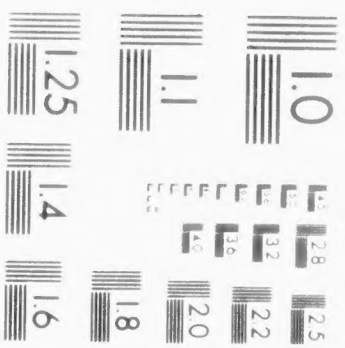
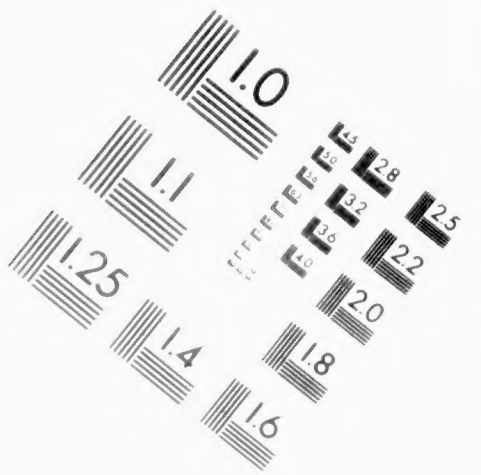
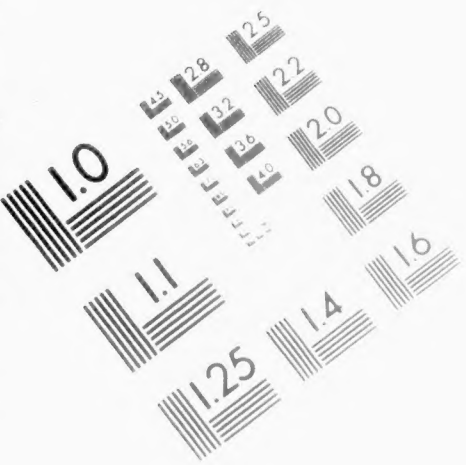


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On the 54 rolls of this microfilm publication, M1650, are reproduced applications for enrollment in the Five Civilized Tribes under the act of June 10, 1896. These applications, housed in the National Archives-Southwest Region, Fort Worth, Texas, were maintained by the Muskogee Area Office and are part of Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Record Group 75.

Background

On March 3, 1893, Congress authorized the establishment of a commission to negotiate agreements with each of the Five Civilized Tribes-- Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole. The Dawes Commission, named for its chairman, Senator Henry Dawes of Massachusetts, undertook the compilation of a complete Indian census that could be used as the basis for the allotment of tribal lands to individual Indians.

Prior to 1896, the tribes exercised sole jurisdiction over tribal citizenship, but in that year Congress passed an act allowing the Commission to hear and "determine the applications of all persons who may apply to them for citizenship and...determine the right of such applicant to be admitted and enrolled." The Dawes Commission issued notices on July 8, 1896, announcing that it would accept applications for citizenship until September 10, 1896. The application had to be a signed and sworn statement containing all the facts supporting the claim, and the applicant had to provide proof that a copy had been furnished to the tribal chief. Congress required the Commission to make its decision within 90 days of receipt of the application and authorized an appeal process through the recently established U. S. Court in Indian Territory.

The application and appeal process had been underway for two years when Congress passed the Curtis Act on June 28, 1898, (30 Stat. 495). The act authorized the Commission to prepare for each tribe new citizenship rolls that incorporated names



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of successful applicants. This "Final Roll" became the only roll used for allotment purposes.

Records Description

This microfilm publication comprises the applications for enrollment of Cherokees, Chickasaws, Choctaws, and Creeks, as well as those of former slaves (freedmen) of the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes. The National Archives has not located any Seminole applications. Applicants to the Commission included Indians by blood; spouses of Indians, although the spouses themselves were not Indians by blood; and freedmen who had formerly belonged to members of the Five Civilized Tribes.

When they were in active use, most applications were filed numerically according to application numbers assigned by the Commission. Applications from Chickasaw and Choctaw freedmen were filed separately from those of other applicants for citizenship in the two tribes. The Commission maintained some applications, called Choctaw-Chickasaw Duplicates, in alphabetical arrangement. Despite their title, these files do not duplicate any of the applications filed numerically.

To facilitate access to the numerically-filed applications, the Commission prepared several indexes. These have been consolidated into one index and are reproduced on roll 1 of this publication.

Typical application files include supporting affidavits, depositions, letters, memorials, answers of tribal attorneys objecting to enrollment, lists of evidence, and receipts for service of papers. Also included are notices of appeal to the U.S. Court in Indian Territory at either South McAlester or Ardmore and a reference to the case number assigned by the court. While several files contain only a receipt for papers signed by the Clerk of the U.S. Court, a few files document in greater detail the applicant's life. Occasionally there are marriage licenses, photographs, and judgments issued by the U. S. court. Some records provide background information on the applicant including name, post office address, age, degree of blood, lists of children and their ages, and other relatives. Every

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document within the application files has been microfilmed.

On the last roll of microfilm are miscellaneous files and applications that were received too late for consideration. These records are not included in the index on roll 1.

Related Records

Related records are found in other series within the Bureau of Indian Affairs, RG 75. The Final Rolls, also known as the "Dawes Rolls," have been reproduced as Enrollment Cards for the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914 (M1186). These enrollment cards include both individuals with tribal citizenship before 1896 and those who were approved for citizenship by the Dawes Commission. The applications for enrollment on the Final Rolls have been reproduced as Applications for Enrollment of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914 (M1301). Records relating to enrollment and allotment for the Five Civilized Tribes, including appeals to the U. S. Court in Indian Territory and cases heard before the Choctaw-Chickasaw Citizenship Court in Tishomingo and McAlester, are housed at the National Archives-Southwest Region (entries #60A-101, and 114-126). Related records for the Five Civilized Tribes are housed at the Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City.

Meg Hacker wrote these introductory remarks and prepared the records for filming. Volunteers at the National Archives-Southwest Region created the consolidated index.



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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Miller do solemnly swear that on the 5th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Maves, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 370 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Wm. Bennett and of the affidavits of James Bennett and James A. Walker and Geo. W. Lane in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5th day of September, 1896.

State Ark  
County Sebastian

Wm. A. Latham  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

No. 5474  
IN THE MATTER OF 486

Mrs. Bennett

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
H. M. Jackson  
clerk

Rejected

Joseph P. ...  
[Signature]



## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

<p>Amos Bennett..... Et Al, PETITIONER,</p>	VS.	} APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.
<p>Cherokee ..... Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT.</p>		

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:.....

Your petitioner **Amos Bennett** states that **Elizabeth Ross and Joseph Asbill** was a **Cherokee** Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in **in the old Cherokee Nation in North Carolina** and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and annuities of other **Cherokee** Indians by blood in the said **Cherokee** Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said **Elizabeth Ross and Joseph Asbill** appears, or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said **Cherokee** Indians for the year.....

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said **Elizabeth Ross and Joseph Asbill** to-wit:

That the post-office address of your petitioner is **Sall town, N. T.** That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, the late **Lydia Bennett nee Asbill**, and was the daughter of the late **Joseph Asbill and Elizabeth Ross**. That the said **Elizabeth Ross and Joseph Asbill** were members of the **Cherokee** tribe of Indians, in the old Cherokee Nation, in North Carolina—the said **Elizabeth Ross** being a full blood Cherokee Indian.

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said **Cherokee** Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said **Cherokee** Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other **Cherokee** Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner **six** persons, as follows, to-wit:

<b>Josephine Johnson nee Bennet</b>	a	daughter	and	<b>35</b>	years of age
<b>Rosetta L. Brown</b>	a	"	and	<b>30</b>	years of age
<b>Joseph W. Bennett</b>	a	son	and	<b>29</b>	years of age
<b>Fannie Ridge</b>	a	daughter	and	<b>26</b>	years of age
<b>Dora Watson</b>	a	"	and	<b>24</b>	years of age
<b>Oda W. Roe</b>	a	"	and	<b>28</b>	years of age
<i>Grandchildren</i>	a				
<i>Jerry Johnson</i>	a		and	<b>10</b>	years of age
<i>Betty Johnson</i>	a		and	<b>3</b>	years of age
<i>Minnie Watson</i>	a		and	<b>4</b>	years of age
<i>Amos A. Ridge</i>	a		and	<b>2</b>	years of age
	a		and		years of age

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that **his** name, with those of

his said descendants, to wit  
Josephine, Ronetta L. Joseph T. Pappie, Grand Oda  
and himself  
be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges  
and immunities of other Cherokee Indians, in and to the Cherokee Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

*Andrew Bennett*  
Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner *Amos Benet* says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

*Andrew Bennett*  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *20* day of *Aug* 189*4*

*J. B. Brown*

*Commission Expires Feb 1899* Notary Public

No. ....  
Application of

..... E. AL.  
FOR

Enrollment in..... Nation

Filed on the..... day of..... 189...

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

.....

I, Amos Bennett, an applicant for Cherokee citizenship, do hereby further state in connection with my claim that, when Chief Bushhead, in the year of 1882-4 made his summons, commanding all applicants to produce proof of their Cherokee blood, I responded to this call, but the Cherokee authorities ~~was~~ failed to take action thereon. I further state that I have continued to make application ever since for the past fourteen years, to the Cherokee authorities for the purpose of having my rights to Cherokee Indian citizenship properly adjusted.

Amos Bennett

1888.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 2nd day of Sept.,

B. B. Bennett  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on Feb., 1899.

Affidavit of Witness.

state of Arkansas,  
County of Crawford.

Before me the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Nancy J. Wilder, who after being by me duly sworn, states:- That she is 64 years of age; and was born in the old Cherokee Nation, and that she is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Affiant states that she was personally acquainted with John and Ross Asbill, and further that she was acquainted with Joe and Jim Purdoo, old Indians, and they claimed John and Ross Asbill as Cherokee Indians. This was in the years of 1847-48. But Thos. Asbill they never claimed him; but called him Tom Conihceat, and all of the Cherokees that were acquainted with John and Ross Asbill recognized them as Cherokee Indian by blood; and Amos Bennet was recognized as a nephew of John and Ross Asbill.

Nancy J. Wilder

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the June 10th, 1896.  
W. L. Taylor.  
Notary Public.

Copy



Affidavit of Witness.

State of Arkansas,  
County of Crawford.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally B. E. Sneed, who, after being by me duly sworn, states:- That he is 83 years of age, and a resident of Crawford County, Arkansas. That he is personally acquainted with Amos Bennett, who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that was acquainted with Ross and John Asbill who were brothers, and claimed claimant, Amos Bennett, as their nephew, their sister's child, Lydia Bennett, and I have heard them says that they were Indians by blood. I became acquainted with John Asbill in the year of 1848, and Ross in 1858, and lived neighbors to each of them; and have heard them speak of Amos Bennett, as being their nephew, a child of Lydia Bennett, and have heard them says that they were part Indian by blood.

B. E. Sneed.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 8th day of June,  
1890.

J. C. Wood.  
N. P.

Affidavit of Witness.

May 9th, 1896.

State of Arkansas,  
County of Crawford.

I, Mary A. Walker, do this day state on oath that I am a Cherokee by blood. I knew Ross Asbill, and knew him to be a Cherokee and was recognized as a Cherokee Indian by the people who knew him. It has been about thirty five years since I first became acquainted with him. My father, Will am King, and Ross Asbill were talking of going to the Nation when the war came up.

(signed)

<sup>her</sup>  
Mary/ A. Walker.  
mark

witness states that the above facts x that the above parties lived near Arkloa, Crawford Co., Ark.

subscribed and sworn to before me this the May 9th, 1896.

Wm L. Taylor.  
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Witness

state of Arkansas  
County of Crawford

On this day appeared before me, a justice of the peace, duly commissioned and acting in and for the County aforesaid, J. C. Wood, aged 54 years; and deposes and says: That he is acquainted with Amos Bennet, a claimant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation; have been acquainted with the said claimant for fifty years or more, and know that he is a nephew of Ross and John Asbill. His mother was Lydia Bennet, a sister of Ross and John Asbill. I have seen his father and mother both. I lived neighbors to them for my father did when I was a boy. My father and mother were acquainted with them in Kentucky, before they went to the State of Missouri. The Asbill family left Mo., and went to Crawford Co., Ark., about the year of 1847 or '48, and my father came to Crawford Co., Ark., Feb., '53, and we lived a close neighbor to Ross and John Asbill there; and I have heard John Asbill that he was part Indian by blood. The Asbill family claimed Indian blood; and Amos Bennett as the sister's child.

(signed)

J. C. Wood.

J. R. MAYFIELD, Postmaster

OFFICE OF

J. C. BUCHANAN, Ass't Postmaster

⊕ J. R. MAYFIELD, ⊕  
DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Noddy's Falls, I. T. C. Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1886

To Whom it May Concern:

I am acquainted  
with Amos Bennett, *Amos Bennett*  
Examined his Application for Citizenship  
and from the evidence he has an  
ill at Intelligible Civ. Intelligible  
has a good case, and will be  
admitted whenever he gets a hearing  
of his case

John A. [Signature]

Applicant of  
J. C. Wood



*Affidavit of Witness*

state of Ark  
Crawford Co }  
in this <sup>ad</sup> appeared before me a Justice of the Peace  
Duly commissioned an acting in and for the county aforesaid  
J. C. Wood age 54 years of age and the Deponent and  
says that he is acquainted with Amos Bennett a  
claimant for land in the Cherokee nation and  
has been acquainted with said claimant for 50 years or more  
and knows that he was a stepson of Ross & John Ashbill  
his mother was Liddie Bennett a sister of Ross &  
John Ashbill & have seen his father and mother both  
& lived neighbor to them or my father did when I  
was a boy my father & mother was acquainted  
with them in Ky before they went to the state of Mo  
the Ashbill family left Mo and went to Crawford Co  
about the year of 1849 or 5 and my father came to  
Crawford Co Ark Feb 1853 and we live a close neighbor  
to Ross & John Ashbill there and I have heard from  
Ashbill say that he was part Indian by blood the  
Ashbill family having claimed Indian blood and  
Amos Bennett as the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> child

*J. C. Wood*

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1896  
Walter Henny J.P.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRACY.**

STATE OF ARKANSAS, }  
County of Crawford } ss.

I, W. C. Bostick County Clerk in and for the County and  
State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That Walter Henny whose  
genuine signature appears to the above and foregoing instrument of writing is and was  
at the time he signed the same, a Justice of the Peace duly commissioned  
and sworn, and that his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of Office

this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1896.

W. C. Bostick Clerk.

By J. P. Stewart D. C.

May, the 9<sup>th</sup> 1896

State of Arkansas  
County of Crawford  
I Mary A Walker do this  
day, state on oath that I  
am a Cherokee by blood  
I was up. knew Bass Still  
and knew him to be a Cherokee  
and was Recognised as a  
Cherokee Indian by the peo-  
ple who knew him it has  
been about 35 years since I  
first got acquainted with  
him my father Wm King and  
Bass Still were talking  
of going to the nation when  
the war came up

Attest:

Mary A Walker  
her mark

S. H. Jacks

Witness stated that  
all above parties lived  
near Arkaloe in Crawford  
Co. Ark, at that time  
Wm L. Taylor Not. P.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this May 9, 1896

Wm L. Taylor Not. P.  
Crawford Co. Ark

1 Affidavit of  
B. E. Seed



Affidavit of Witness

State of Ark  
County of Crawford

Before me the undersigned notary public in  
and for the county and state aforesaid personally  
appeared B. E. Reed who after being by me duly sworn  
states that he is 83 years old and a resident of  
Crawford co and state of Ark that he is personally  
acquainted with Amos Bennett who is an applicant for  
Citizenship in the Cherokee nation affiant further states  
that he was acquainted with Ross & John Abbill  
who was brothers and claimed the deceased Amos  
Bennett as their nephew their sister child Liddie Bennett  
and I have heard them say that they were Indians  
by blood & he came acquainted with John Abbill  
in the year 1845 and Ross about 1858 and lived  
neighbors to each of them and have heard them  
speak of Amos Bennett as being their nephew a  
child of Liddie Bennett and have heard them  
say that they were part Indian by blood

B. E. Reed

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 8<sup>th</sup>  
day of June 1896

J. C. Wood Not  
Commission Expires Feb 20/96

Affidavit of Witness

State of Ark

County of Crawford

Before me the undersigned  
Notary Public in and for  
the County and State aforesaid  
Personally appeared Nancy Wilden  
who after being by me duly sworn  
states that she is 64 years old  
and was born back in the  
old <sup>Cherokee</sup> station and she is a  
Citizen of the Cherokee  
Nation affiant states  
that she was personally  
acquainted with John & Ross  
Asbell and further she was  
acquainted with Joel & Jim  
Lerdue & old Indians &  
The claimed John & Ross Asbell  
as Cherokee Indians this was  
in 47 & 48 But Tom Asbell  
the new claimed him but call-  
ed him Tom Conihcet  
and all the Cherokees that  
were acquainted with John  
& Ross Asbell Recognised them  
as Cherokee Indian by blood  
and Amos Bennett was Recognised  
as a Nephew of John & Ross Asbell  
(over)

Nancy J. Wilder  
mak

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this June 10, 1896

Wm. Taylor

Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COMMISSION EXPIRES  
JAN. 1, 1897



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Amos Bennett FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory COUNTY OF Northern Div. } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared John Ross who, after being by me duly sworn, states That he is 75 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. and postoffice address is Wauhatchie, I. T. that he is personally acquainted with Amos Bennett who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That this affiant was a chief of the Cherokees in the old Cherokee Nation in North Carolina; that he is a full blood Cherokee Indian; that he came in from North Carolina to the Cherokee Nation in 1880, and has lived in Flint District continuously ever since.

Affiant further states that he knows that the said Amos Bennett is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, the late Lydia Bennet nee Asbill. That affiant further states that he knew well the said Lydia Bennett nee Asbill, and affiant knows that she was a half-blood Cherokee Indian, spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. That the said Lydia Asbill was the daughter of the late Elizabeth Ross and Joseph Asbill. That the said Elizabeth Ross affiant knew well, and he knows that she intermarried with Joseph Asbill, who was a half-blood Cherokee Indian, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians; and that the said Elizabeth Ross was a full blood Cherokee Indian; and spoke the Cherokee Indian language; and was a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe. Affiant further states that she was an aunt of this affiant, and this affiant positively knows that she was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states that he knows that the said Amos Bennett is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is a direct lineal descendant of the late Elizabeth Ross and Joseph Asbill Cherokee Indian families; and that the said affiant knows that the said Amos Bennett is the identical person that he represents himself to be in his application; and that the said Amos Bennett and his descendants are rightfully entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of his Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Amos Bennett for the past 14 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Amos Bennett indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Amos Bennett he believes the said Amos Bennett to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said Elizabeth Ross and Joseph Asbill

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of May 1894

My Commission expires Feb 1899 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Amos Bennett .....  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee ..... NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory  
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally  
appeared Geo. V. Vann ..... who, being by me duly sworn states:  
That he is 31 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation ..... and County  
of Sequoyah Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with Amos Bennett  
who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee ..... Nation. Affiant further states.  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Amos Bennett is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, the late Lydia Bennett. That affiant knew well the said Lydia Bennett, and he knows that her complexion and physical appearance indicated that she was of Cherokee blood. That she was the daughter of the late Elizabeth Ross. Affiant further states that he knew well the said Elizabeth Ross, and lived within ten miles of her, and affiant knows that she lived in the old Cherokee Nation in the State of North Carolina; and that she was recognized by the neighbors and the people generally in that section of country as being a full blood Cherokee Indian woman; and affiant says that he saw her continually for more than twenty years; and he knows that she spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and that she was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and affiant had lived among the Cherokees all of his life, and he knows a Cherokee when he sees one; and he knows that the said Elizabeth Ross was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that he knows that the said Amos Bennett is the identical person that he represents himself to be in his application for Cherokee citizenship; and that he is a direct lineal descendant of the late Elizabeth Ross and Joseph Asbill Cherokee Indian families; and that the said Amos Bennett and his children are rightfully entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation by virtue of his Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he ..... has known the said Amos Bennett ..... for the past 40 years, and knows that he ..... has been and is recognized by his ..... neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee ..... Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Amos Bennett ..... indicate that he ..... is of Cherokee ..... Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Amos Bennett ..... he believes the said Amos Bennett ..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee ..... Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July, 1896.  
Geo. V. Vann

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Feb. 18. 97.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Amos Bennett FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Thos. J. Taylor who, being by me duly sworn states:

That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with Amos Bennett who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states.

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Amos Bennett is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states that he was born in Meigs County Tenn. in the year of 1829; and that he lived in Tenn. for 35 years.

Affiant has been credibly informed that the said Amos Bennet derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, the late Lydia Bennet nee Asbill, who was the daughter of the late Elizabeth Asbill and Joseph Asbill. That the said Joseph Asbill has often seen, and he knows that he was a half-blood Cherokee Indian, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Affiant further states that he was well acquainted with the wife of the said Joseph Asbill, Elizabeth Asbill, whose maiden name was Ross. Affiant further says that he knows full well that the said Elizabeth Ross was a full blood Cherokee Indian and spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a member and citizen of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in the old Cherokee Nation in Tenn. N.C. Affiant further states that the said Elizabeth ~~Asbill~~ nee Ross and the said Joseph Asbill had some children but affiant does not remember their names. But from what this affiant has learned he believes that one of the children was the said Lydia Bennet nee Asbill, who was the mother of the said Amos Bennett.

Affiant further states that the said Amos Bennet and his children are of Cherokee blood and descent, being descendants of the said Elizabeth Asbill nee Ross and Joseph Asbill, and they are rightfully entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Amos Bennett for the past 35 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Amos Bennett indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Amos Bennett he believes the said Amos Bennett to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Thomas J. Taylor  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Aug 1894.  
B. B. Brewer

NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My commission expires Feb 1899



REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at Jr Smith Ave  
Registered  Letter Parcel No. 370 Rec'd 9/5 1896  
of J. P. Muller  
#1  
addressed to Sault Ste Marie  
Michigans  
Tom. Ben. Garrett. P. M.

Nation's No. 2918

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Amos Bennett /  
et al*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEP 21 1896. 27

A. S. KENNON



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Amos Bennett  
et al*

Nation's No. *2915*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Elizabeth Ross*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Assting, Hutchings & Bantline* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Mary J. Br...

Application and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

of the Cherokee Nation, 1896

Filed Sept 1896

H.M. [unclear]

clerk

Replied

Joseph H. Muller

Atty



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 2  
day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel  
Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 378 received  
from postmaster hereto attached, is a receipt for said package which contained true copies of the application of  
Mary J. Bradley and of the  
affidavit of Patricia M. Bradley  
in support of same. Vester Mullen

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 2th day of September, 1896.

John A. Smith

NOTARY PUBLIC.

State of Ark.  
Co. of Sebastian

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON,  
THOS. B. CABANISS, and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commis-  
sioners authorized by act of Congress of July 10th, 1896, to hear and  
determine the claims of Cherokee citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.  
GENTLEMEN:

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of her-  
self ~~and family~~ this day makes application to you for the purpose of  
being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, ~~and of those~~  
allowed to share in the funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee  
Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. Her grounds upon which she  
claims her rights to citizenship are as follows:

Petitioner says that her name is Mary J. Bradley; that she  
is 68 years of age; that her post-office address is Bennett, T. T.  
That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-  
fourth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her  
father, the late Samuel McDaniel, who was a Cherokee Indian by blood,  
and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and who lived  
and died in the old Cherokee Nation. That the said McDaniel was born  
about the year of 1806, and died about the year of 1849. That the said  
Samuel McDaniel intermarried with Rachel Cox, and by which marriage,  
your petitioner, was born. That your petitioner intermarried with  
T. R. Bradley, in the year of 1866, and with whom she now lives.  
Affiant herewith submits the affidavits of \_\_\_\_\_

in support of her claim  
and your petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place  
when and where her application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary J. Bradley*

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGES</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
Mary J. Bradley (applicant)	68	wife

Indian Territory,  
Northern Division,  
I, Mary J. Bradley, say that I believe the statements in the  
foregoing applications and petition are true.

*Mary J. Bradley*  
applicant.

subscribed and sworn to before me this the 15th day of July, 1896.  
*B. Bennett*  
Notary Public.  
My commission expires Feb. 28th, 1899.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.**

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF **Mary J. Bradley** .....  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE **Cherokee** ..... NATION.

STATE OF **Indian Territory** .....  
COUNTY OF **Sugar Loaf, Choctaw Nation,**

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared **Patsy Martin** ..... who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That **she** is **73** years of age, and a resident of the State of **Choctaw Nation** and County of **Sugar Loaf** and that **she** is personally acquainted with **Mary J. Bradley** who is an applicant for citizenship in the **Cherokee** ..... Nation. Affiant further states:  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said **Mary J. Bradley** is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That **she** is a sister of affiant, and that **she** is the daughter of the late **Samuel McDaniel** who ~~she~~ lived in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of **Tenn.** and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Affiant further states that **she** knows that the said **Mary J. Bradley** is the identical person that **she** represents herself to be, and that the said **Mary J. Bradley** is of Cherokee blood and descent.

Affiant further states: That **she** ..... has known the said **Mary J. Bradley** ..... for the past **23** years, and knows that **she** ..... has been and is recognized by **her** neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having **Cherokee** Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said **Mary J. Bradley** ..... indicate that **she** is of **Cherokee** Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said **Mary J. Bradley** ..... **she** believes the said **Mary J. Bradley** ..... to be a descendant by blood of the **Cherokee** Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **12th** day of **August** 189**9**

My Commission expires **May 11 1899**

*Patsy Martin*  
*Jas. H. Wright*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Nation's No. 2645  
Commission's No .....  
In re Application of

Mary J. Bradley et al

Demurrer and Answer.

FILED SEPT. 28 1896  
A. S. MCKENNA







**End**

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No. 2537488  
Malinda Belle

v.  
Cherries

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
H.M. Jacobson  
clerk

Repealed

Joseph R. Miller

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## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CARANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of herself and her children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which her claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is Malinda Bell, that her post office address is Van Buren, Ark. that she is 84 years of age that she is an admixture of negro and Cherokee blood and is at least 1/8 Cherokee blood that she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother the late Lydia Greenlee who was the daughter of the late Gilla Gardner who was the daughter of the late Lettace Gardner, who was a full blood Cherokee Indian and a recognized citizen in the Old Cherokee Nation east and the Cherokee Nation west, and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and ~~was~~ born in the Old Cherokee Nation now South Carolina and who died in the Cherokee Nation east in the year of 182....1. a

Applicant further says that she has living brother and a sister who are admixtures of negro and Cherokee blood and ~~are~~ at least 1/8 Cherokee blood and are rightfully entitled to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Applicant further says that she intermarried with Andy Bell and that by such marriage the children mentioned herein below were born and are now living and that the said children are admixtures of negro and Cherokee blood

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavit of herself and M. Stark.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Malinda Bell*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
<i>Harry Preston</i>	7	son
<i>Gertrude</i>	6	daughter
<i>Willie H.</i>	3	daughter
<i>Lillie</i>	2	daughter
<i>George F. Greenlee</i>	16	brother
<i>America</i>	16	sister

*State of Arkansas*  
*Washington County*

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the *County and State* and aforesaid *Malinda Bell*, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *1* day of *Sept* 1899

My commission expires on the *1* day of *Jan* 1899

*Malinda Bell*  
*R. L. Matlock*  
Notary Public.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Malinda Bell  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Crawford SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Malinda Bell who, being by me duly sworn states:  
That she is 34 years of age, a resident of the State of Arkansas and County of Crawford and that she is personally acquainted with Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That her post office address is Van Buren, Ark., that she is an admixture of negro and Cherokee blood and is at least 1/8 Cherokee blood that she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother the late Lydia Greenlee, whose maiden name is Gardener and who was the daughter of the late Cilla Gardener, who was the daughter of the late Lettace Gardener who was a full blood Cherokee Indian and a recognized citizen of the Old Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe and who was born in the Old Cherokee Nation and died in the Cherokee Nation, west in the year of 18.....

Affiant further says that she intermarried with Andy Bell, and that by such marriage four children were born and are now living mentioned in affiant's application and that the said children are admixtures of negro and Cherokee blood.

Affiant further says that the said George F. Greenlee and Americus Greenlee are her sister and brother and are admixtures of negro and Cherokee blood and are rightfully entitled to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Cherokee for the past 34 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Cherokee indicate that Cherokee is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Lettace Gardener Cherokee he believes the said Cherokee to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of Sept 1896.

Malinda Bell  
E. L. Matlock  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission Expires Jan. 5, 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Malinda Bell
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.
STATE OF Arkansas
COUNTY OF Crawford

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared M. Stark who, being by me duly sworn states:
That he is 55 years of age, a resident of the State of Arkansas and County of Crawford and that he is personally acquainted with Malinda Bell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That his post office address is Van Buren, Ark., that he is personally acquainted with Malinda Bell, who is an admixture of negro and Cherokee blood and is at least 1/8 Cherokee blood, and who derives her Cherokee blood from her father Lydia Greenlee whose maiden name was Gardener and was the daughter of Celia Gardener who was a Cherokee Indian by blood and at least 1/2 Cherokee blood and who was a recognized in the Old Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe and who was born in the state of South Carolina then the Old Cherokee Nation and died in the Old Cherokee Nation, now South Carolina, in 18.....

Affiant further says that the said Americus and George F. Greenlee are the sister and brother of the said Malinda Bell and are admixtures of negro and Cherokee blood and are rightfully entitled to citizenship, with the said Malinda Bell, in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Malinda Bell for the past years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Malinda Bell indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Celia Gardener he believes the said Malinda Bell to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Sept 1896..

M Stark
E L Mattoon
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission Expires Jan. 8. 1899.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 4th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 378 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Melinda Bell and of the affidavit of Melinda Bell Vester Mullen in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5th day of September, 1896.

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Wm. D. Latta  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at Ir Smith care  
Registered <sup>Letter</sup> Parcel No. 978 Rec'd. 9/5 1896  
of J. Muller  
addressed to Stan Sewil Mayes  
Palmyra N.Y.  
Tom Ben Garrett P.M.



Nation's No. 2672 -  
Commission's No .....

In re Application of

Melvin du Bell  
et al -

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 24 1896. E.

A. S. MCKENNON

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Melinda Bull*  
*et al*

Nation's No. *2672*  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurral, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that:

*Jacob Garney*  
through whom the petitioner *he* claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hestings, Hutchins & Baulist* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Sept* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 2530

IN THE MATTER OF

*Oda M. Row*

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

... FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 7 Sept 1896*  
*H.M. Jernigan*  
*clerk*

*Rejected*

*John H. Miller*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 05 day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 370 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Edg. M. Ross and of the affidavits of Wm. Bennett in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5th day of September, 1896.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Wm. D. Smith  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

## APPLICATION & ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of herself and her children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which her claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is Oda M. Roe; that she is 28 years of age; that her post-office address is Van Buren, Ark. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, Amos Bennett, who is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood, and who is the son of the late Lydia Bennett nee Asbill, and who was born in North Carolina, and who was married in Ky., and who spoke the Cherokee language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and who was a daughter of Joseph Asbill, who was also a Cherokee Indian, and lived and died in the State of North Carolina, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe Indians. That the said said Joseph Asbill intermarried with Elizabeth Ross, who was a full blood Cherokee Indian woman, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and who lived and died in the State of North Carolina, and by said intermarriage, there was born the said Lydia Bennett, who intermarried with Ezekiel Bennett, and by such intermarriage there was born Amos Bennett, who is the father of applicant.

That petitioner intermarried with                      Roe, with whom she now lives.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

**Affidavit of Amos Bennett.**

I and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Oda M. Roe*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Oda M. Roe (applicant)	28	Mother and wife.

Indian Territory,  
N. W. District.  
 Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the   and aforesaid  who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as  he verily believes.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *21st* day of *Aug* 1896.  
My commission expires on the  day of  1898.  
 Notary Public.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Oda M. Roe FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Arkansas COUNTY OF Crawford ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Amos Bennett who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 34 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County Sequoyah Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with Oda M. Roe who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Oda M. Roe is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, Amos Bennett, affiant, who is one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who is the son of the late Lydia Bennett, with whom affiant was raised, and he knows that her complexion and physical appearance indicated that she was a Cherokee Indian by blood. That she was born in North Carolina, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. From his earliest infancy, affiant has been taught by his mother, the said Lydia Bennett, that the said Lydia Bennett was the daughter of the late Josep Asbill and Elizabeth Ross, and that the said Elizabeth Ross was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. That she said Oda M. Roe intermarried with Roe with whom she now lives.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Oda M. Roe for the past 33 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Oda M. Roe indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Oda M. Roe he believes the said Oda M. Roe to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Amos Bennett

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of Aug 1899

B. Brewer NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires Jul 1899



Nation's No. 2913 -

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

Oda M. Rose  
et al

Demurrer and Answer.

FILED 8 19 1913  
S. I. K. ...

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Ola M. Powell et al*

Nation's No. *2913*  
Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Elizabeth Powell*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Archie Hatcher & Bondurant* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *23* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*J. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No 25-42  
Geo. Thorton

v-490

Cherokee

Filed Sept 7 1896  
H M Jacobson

Accepted

Joseph M. [unclear]  
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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 378 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Geo. Short and of the affidavits of Anna Short Vester Muller in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September, 1896.

State Ark  
Co Sebastian

W. B. Short  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.**

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CARANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1898, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—  
 I, *NET* The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is *Cannie* Shorter that she is a negro that she is the mother of George Shorter who is an admixture of negro and Cherokee blood and who said *Cannie* Shorter asks Cherokee citizenship for his father being dead. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his father the late Gebren Shorter who was the son of Peter Shorter, who is an admixture of negro and Cherokee blood and who was at least 1/8 Cherokee blood and who was a recognized citizen in the Old Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe and who was born in the state of ..... and died in the state of ..... in 18 ... ..

Applicant further says that the said George Shorter post office address is Van Buren, Ark. that he is 16 years of age that he is an admixture of negro and Cherokee blood and is at least 1/8 Cherokee blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
 Respectfully submitted,

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
<i>George Shorter</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Son</i>

*State of Arkansas*  
*Lawrence County*  
 Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the .....  
*Cannie Shorter* and aforesaid ..... who after being  
 duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.  
*Witness H. A. Borro*  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this the ... day of ... 1899.  
*C. L. Matlock*  
 My commission expires on the ... day of ... 1899.  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF George Shorter  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.  
STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Crawford

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Carrie Shorter who, being by me duly sworn states:

That she is 45 years of age, a resident of the State of Arkansas and County of Arkansas and that she is personally acquainted with George Shorter who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That her post office address is Van Buren, Ark. that she is personally acquainted with George Shorter, being his mother who is an admixture of negr and Cherokee blood and is at least 1/8 Cherokee blood derivi ng his Cherokee blood from his father the late Gebren Shorter who was the son of the late Peter Shorter who was a Cherokee Indian by blood and st least 1/ 2 Cherokee blood and who was arec ognized citizen in the Old Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe and who ~~xxx~~ lived and died in the state of Mo. in 18.....

Affiant further says that the ~~says~~ George Shorter is rightfully entitled to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said George Shorter for the past 10 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said George Shorter indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Peter Shorter he believes the said George Shorter to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Witness H. A. Brooks

Carrie Shorter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 month day of Sept 1896.

E. P. Madlock  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires July 8th 1899.



Nation's No. 2666

Commission's No .....

In re Application of

*Yud Shorley*  
*et al -*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 8 1896

A. S. MCKENNON

COM'R

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Geo Shortley*  
*et al*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. *2666*  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant...  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his ~~answer~~ *Geo Shortley* demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

... through whom the petitioner... claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Adair, Hutchings & Sandlin* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *23* day of *Sept* 1896.

*J. F. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 2th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 370 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Fannie Ridge and of the affidavits of Miss Bennett in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 2th day of September, 1896.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Thos. B. Luthan

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

No. 2527491

IN THE MATTER OF

*Jennie Ridge*

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896

*H.M. Jacobson*  
*clerk*

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*Reported*

*Joseph Miller*  
*Att'y*

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON, THOS. B. CARANIS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1898, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of herself and her children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which her claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That, her name is Fannie Ridge; that she is twenty five years of age; that her post-office address is Van Buren, Ark. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, Amos Bennett, who is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who is the son of the late Lydia Bennett, nee Asbill, and who was born in North Carolina, and who was raised in Kentucky, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and who was the daughter of Joseph Asbill who was also a Cherokee Indian, and who lived and died in the State of North Carolina, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. That the said Joseph Asbill intermarried with Elizabeth Ross, who was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and who lived and died in the State of North Carolina, and by such intermarriage the said Lydia Bennett, nee Asbill was born. That the said Lydia Bennett intermarried with Ezekiel Bennett, and by such marriage Amos Bennett was born, and who is the father of petitioner.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

### Affidavit of Amos Bennett.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

Fannie Ridge  
Applicant.

NAME	AGES	RELATIONSHIP
Fannie Ridge (applicant)	25	Mother and wife.
Amos Ridge	3	son.

State of Ark  
County of Crawford

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County of Crawford and State of Ark and aforesaid Fannie Ridge who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 13 day of July, 1898.

My commission expires on the 20 day of Feb, 1899.

Fannie Ridge  
J. H. Wood  
Notary Public.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL Fannie Ridge  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Arkansas )  
COUNTY OF Crawford ) SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Amos Bennett who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 64 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with Fannie Ridge who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Fannie Ridge is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, affiant, who is one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who is the son of the late Lydia Bennett, with whom affiant was raised, and he knows that her complexion and physical appearance indicated that she was a Cherokee blood. That she was born in North Carolina, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Affiant has been taught by his mother, Lydia Bennett, from his earliest infancy that said Lydia Bennett, was the daughter of the late Joseph Asbill and Elizabeth Ross. That the said Elizabeth Ross was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. That she intermarried with Ridge, and by such intermarriage there was born, and is now living, the child set forth in said Fannie Ridge's application. That said child is of Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Fannie Ridge for the past 25 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Fannie Ridge indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Fannie Ridge he believes the said Fannie Ridge to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of Aug 1896  
Amos Bennett  
B. Brewer  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My Commission expires Feb 6 99

CHALLENGED BY AND FOR



Nation's No. 2417

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Fannie Ridge  
et al*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 8 1896

A. S. MCKENNON

COM'Y

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Jonnie Ridge*  
*et al*

Nation's No.

*2917*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Elizabeth Ross*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive

*her*

right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hastings Hutchings Beaulieu* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 2464

IN THE MATTER OF

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Nancy Shields

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
H.M. Jackson  
C.K.

Rejected

Joseph P. Mullen  
Atty

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Rester Miller do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of Sept 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at St. Smiths addressed to Samuel Hayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tullessee Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 365 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Francis Shields and of the affidavits of John Ross Geo. J. Taylor and Geo. W. Vane in support of same. State Ark County Washington Rester Miller

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of Sept 1896.  
Wm. C. ... Notary Public  
Wm. C. ... 14 March 1907.

## Application for Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

<p><b>Francis Shields</b>..... Et Al, PETITIONER,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VS.</p> <p><b>Cherokee</b>..... Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT.</p>	}	APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.
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TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:.....

Your petitioner **Francis Shields**..... states that **William Howell**.....  
 was a **Cherokee**..... Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
 in the old Cherokee Nation in Tenn..... and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits  
 and annuities of other **Cherokee**..... Indians by blood in the said **Cherokee**  
 Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said **William Howell**..... appears,  
 or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said **Cherokee**..... Indians for the year.....

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said **William Howell**..... to-wit:  
**That the post-office address of your petitioner is Bekeshe, I T. That she is 42 years of age. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derive her Cherokee blood from her father, the late Riley G. Howell, who was born in the State of Tenn. and who was the son of the late William Howell who was born in Hamilton County, Tenn., and in about the year of 1793, and who died in the same county in about the year of 1856. That the said William Howell was one-half Cherokee blood, and lived with and among the Cherokees all of his life, and who was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation and of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in the old Cherokee Nation in Tenn. Affiant further states that she intermarried with John Shields, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living the herein below mentioned children. That said children are of Cherokee blood and descent.**

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said **Cherokee**..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said **Cherokee**..... Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other **Cherokee**..... Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner **eight**..... persons, as follows, to-wit:

<b>James G. Shields</b>	, a	son	, and	<b>23</b>	years of age
<b>Emma Horn See Shields</b>	, a	daughter	, and	<b>20</b>	years of age
<b>William R.</b>	, a	son		<b>17</b>	
<b>Rosa</b>	, a	daughter	, and	<b>16</b>	years of age
<b>Cora</b>	, a	.	, and	<b>18</b>	years of age
<b>Adella</b>	, a	.	, and	<b>22</b>	years of age
<b>John</b>	, a	son	, and	<b>4</b>	years of age
<b>Belle</b>	, a	daughter	, and	<b>6</b>	years of age
	, a		, and		years of age
	, a		, and		years of age
	, a		, and		years of age
	, a		, and		years of age

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that..... **her**..... name, with those of





AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Francis Shields
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.
STATE OF Indian Territory
COUNTY OF Northern Dist.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Thos. J. Taylor who, being by me duly sworn states:

That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of Georgia and County of Sequoyah Dist. that he is personally acquainted with Francis Shields who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant says that he was born in the old Cherokee Nation in Tenn, and this affiant continued to live in the old Cherokee Nation until he was 32 years of age. During that time he traveled all over the Cherokee Nation in Tenn. and North Carolina. Affiant further states that he was well acquainted with William Howell whom he knew well, and he knows that the said William Howell was half-blood Cherokee, and was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that the said William Howell lived with in five or six miles of this affiant, and affiant was well acquainted with the said William Howell and affiant knows that the said William Howell lived among the Cherokee when this affiant was born. Affiant knows full well that the said William Howell was a recognized citizen and member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and of the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that after conversing with her brothers, this affiant verily believes that the said Francis Shields is a direct lineal descendant of the late William Howell. Affiant believes that the said Francis Shields and her descendants are rightfully and justly entitled to their right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, being a direct lineal descendant of the late William Howell Cherokee Indian family.

Affiant further states: That has known the said for the past years, and knows that has been and is recognized by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said indicate that of Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Francis Shields he believes the said Francis Shields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Aug 1896. Thomas J. Taylor Notary Public

My commission expires Feb 1898

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Francis Shields
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.
STATE OF Indian Territory
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared John Ross who, being by me duly sworn states:
That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Flint Dist. and that is personally acquainted with
who is an applicant for citizenship in the Nation. Affiant further states
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That this affiant was chief of the Cherokees in the old Cherokee Nation in North Carolina for a period of eight years and while among the Cherokees in that country, and while in the discharge of his official capacities he had a great opportunity of becoming acquainted with a great number of Cherokees; and among this number was William Howell. Affiant further states that the said William Howell resided for a time in the Cherokee Nation in North Carolina, that being the place where affiant became acquainted with him, and that the said William Howell immigrated to Hamilton County, Tenn. that thereafter this affiant often saw the said Howell afterwards. Affiant further states that he knew the said William Howell well and knew that he had a family but this affiant was not acquainted with any of them. Affiant further states that he knows full well that the said William Howell was a half-breed Cherokee, and was a recognized member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in the what are now the States of North Carolina and Tenn. Affiant further states that after conversing with the brothers of the said Francis Shields this affiant verily believes that they and she are direct lineal descendants of the late William Howell Cherokee Indian family, and that she and her descendants are rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That has known the said for the past years and knows that has been and is recognized by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said indicate that is of Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Francis Shields he believes the said Francis Shields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Aug. 1896.
John Ross
NOTARY PUBLIC.
My commission expires Feb. 1899.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Francis Shields
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.
STATE OF Arkansas
COUNTY OF Madison

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Geo. W. Vann who, being by me duly sworn states:
That he is 81 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah. That he is personally acquainted with Francis Shields who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant states that while residing in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn. he became acquainted with William Howell. Affiant further states that he knows full well that the said William Howell was a half-blood Cherokee Indian, and spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and that he was a recognized member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, in the State of Tenn. Affiant knows that the said William Howell received all of the benefits and annuities as such member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Affiant further states that after conversing with Giddeen Howell, a brother to the said Francis Shields, this affiant most earnestly believes that the said Francis Shields and her descendants are rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, being a direct lineal descendant of the late William Howell Cherokee Indian family.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Francis Shields for the past 20 years, and knows that he has been well recognized by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Francis Shields indicate that he is of Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Francis Shields he believes the said Francis Shields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of August 1896.
Geo. W. Vann
Notary Public.
My commission expires March 15 1900



Nation's No. 2934

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Henry Shields*

*et al.*

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Nancy Shields et al*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. *2454*  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that  
*Nancy Shields*  
through whom the petitioner claims to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *W. L. Adair, Executive Secretary* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*J. J. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Miller do solemnly swear that on the 4  
day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Hon. Samuel Mayo  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Sahlequah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 365 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Jos B Howell and of the  
affidavits of Wesley Vanaunderjohn and Thos Taylor  
in support of same. Vester Miller

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of September, 1896.

State Ark.  
County Sebastian

Jos B. Latham Notary Public  
My Com. expires March 14 - 1900



No. 2473  
IN THE MATTER OF

Thomas B. Howell

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896

H. M. *Quinn*

*Rejected*

Joseph P. Miller -  
Atty.

## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

<p><b>Thomas B. Howell</b>..... Et Al, PETITIONER,</p>	}	APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.
VS.		
<p><b>Cherokee</b>..... Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT.</p>	}	

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:.....

Your petitioner, **Thomas B. Howell**..... states that **William Howell**.....  
 was a **Cherokee**..... Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
 in the **old Cherokee Nation in Tenn.**..... and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits  
 and annuities of other **Cherokee**..... Indians by blood in the said **Cherokee**.....  
 Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said **William Howell**..... appears,  
 or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said **Cherokee**..... Indians for the year.....  
 That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said **William Howell**..... to-wit:

That the post-office address of your petitioner is Ward, I. T. That he is 49 years of age. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his father, the late Riley G. Howell, who was born in Tenn., and who was one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who was the son of the late William Howell, who was born about the year of 1798 in Hamilton County, Tenn., and who died in the same county in about the year of 1856. That the said William Howell was an ~~un~~ recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation and of the Cherokee tribe of Indians; and was a half-blood Cherokee, and lived with and among the Cherokees all of his life. Affiant further states that he intermarried with Mary C. Campbell, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living the children herein below mentioned. That said children are of Cherokee blood.

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said **Cherokee**..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said **Cherokee**..... Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other **Cherokee**..... Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner..... **eleven**..... persons, as follows, to-wit:

<b>John W. Howell</b>	, a	<b>son</b>	, and	<b>27</b>	years of age
<b>Mitchell E. Howell</b>	, a	<b>son</b>	, and	<b>25</b>	years of age
<b>Nevada Sanders nee Howell</b>	, a	<b>daughter</b>	, and	<b>23</b>	years of age
<b>Mary J. Marshall Lett nee Howell</b>	, a	<b>daughter</b>	, and	<b>21</b>	years of age
<b>Thos.</b>	, a	<b>son</b>	, and	<b>18</b>	years of age
<b>James K. Howell</b>	, a	<b>son</b>	, and	<b>16</b>	years of age
<b>Martha Howell</b>	, a	<b>daughter</b>	, and	<b>12</b>	years of age
<b>Gideon</b>	, a	<b>son</b>	, and	<b>10</b>	years of age
<b>Susan</b>	, a	<b>daughter</b>	, and	<b>8</b>	years of age
<b>Francis</b>	, a	<b>son</b>	, and	<b>4</b>	years of age
<b>Geo. W. Howell</b>	, a	<b>son</b>	, and	<b>2</b>	years of age
	, a		, and		years of age
	, a		, and		years of age
	, a		, and		years of age

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that..... **his**..... **as**..... name, with those of

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.....his.....said descendants, to-wit:.....  
 .....John W. Mitchell, Nevada, Mary, Thomas, James W. Matha, Giddens,.....  
 .....Susan or Francis and Geo. W. Wall.....  
 and.....himself.....be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits, privileges  
 and immunities of other.....Indians, in and to the.....Nation  
 or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner.....says that the state-  
 ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

*Geo. W. Wall*  
 Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this.....day of.....189.....

*B. Brewer*  
 Notary Public

*Carroll County Office Feb 18 99*

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No. ....	Application of
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Enrollment in.....	Nation.
Filed on the.....day of.....189.....	
Sec. U.S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.	
Attorney for Petitioner.	

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF ~~Thos. J. Taylor~~ Thos. B. Howell  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.  
STATE OF Indian Territory  
Northern Dist.  
COUNTY OF

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Thos. J. Taylor who, being by me duly sworn states:

That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of and County Sequoyah Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with Thos. B. Howell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant states that he was born in the old Cherokee Nation in Tenn., and that this affiant continued to live in the old Cherokee Nation until he was 23 years of age. During that time he traveled all over the Cherokee Nation in Tenn. and in North Carolina. Affiant further states that he was well acquainted with William Howell, whom he knew well, and he knows that the said William Howell was a half-blood Cherokee, and was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that the said William Howell lived within five or six miles of this affiant, and this affiant was well acquainted with the said William Howell and this affiant knows that he lived with and among the Cherokees ever since this affiant knew him. This affiant knows full well that he was a recognized citizen and a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians and of the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that after conversing with the said Thos. B. Howell this affiant verily believes that the said Thos. B. Howell is a direct lineal descendant of the late William Howell, and this affiant says that the said Thos. B. Howell and his descendants are rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of a Cherokee citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, being direct lineal descendants of the late William Howell Cherokee Indian family.

Affiant further states: That has known the said for the past years, and knows that has been and is recognized by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Thos. B. Howell indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Thos. B. Howell he believes the said Thos. B. Howell to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Aug 1896  
Thomas P. Taylor  
B. B. Brewer

NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My commission expires 26th 1898



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Thomas B. Howell  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory  
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared John Ross who, being by me duly sworn states:

That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Clinton Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with Thomas B. Howell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant says that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Thomas B. Howell indicate that he is of Cherokee blood and descent. Affiant was acquainted with William Howell in North Carolina and Tenn. and knew that ~~that~~ he was a half breed Cherokee Indian, and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and that the said William Howell was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation in North Carolina and Tenn. That the said William Howell moved away from where this affiant became acquainted with him. Affiant knows that the said ~~William Howell~~ had a family, but this affiant was not acquainted with any of them. Affiant further says that after conversing with the said ~~Thos. B. Howell~~ this affiant believes that the said ~~Thos. B. Howell~~ is a direct lineal descendant of the late William Howell Cherokee Indian family. Affiant states that the said ~~William Howell~~ Thos

B. Howell and his descendants are rightfully entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. Affiant further states that he was a chief of the Cherokees in North Carolina a or eight years and he this affair had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with a great number of Cherokee men and among them the said ~~William Howell~~ Howell.

Affiant further states: That ~~he~~ has known the said ~~Thos. B. Howell~~ for the past ~~75~~ years, and knows that ~~he~~ has been and is recognized by ~~his~~ neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having ~~Cherokee~~ Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said ~~Thos. B. Howell~~ indicate that ~~he~~ is of ~~Cherokee~~ Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said ~~Thos. B. Howell~~ he believes the said ~~Thos. B. Howell~~ to be a descendant by blood of the ~~Cherokee~~ Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Aug 1896.  
John Ross  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Feb. 1899



Nation's No. 2437

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

Thomas B. Howell  
et al.

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Thomas B. Howell*  
*et al*

Nation's No. *2437*  
Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his afor<sup>said</sup> demurser, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*William Howell*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Adair, Hutchings & Baudinet* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



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No. 2504  
A. David Webb

Cherokee Nation

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
H. M. Jacoway  
clerk

Rejected

Joseph P. Muller  
Clerk

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 371 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of A. David Webb and of the affidavits of David Webb and Lucinda E. Webb in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5th day of September, 1896.

State Ark  
County Sebastian

J. A. [Signature]

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:— The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of himself and his children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which his claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That his name is Dvid Webb; that he is 31 years of age; that his post-office address is Plantersville, Lee County, Miss. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee; and that he is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Lucinda Eneline Webb, whose maiden name is Evans, and who is the daughter of the late William Thomas Evans, who lived in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn., and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was the son of the late James Evans who was also born and raised in Hamilton County, State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That petitioner intermarried with Rebecca Webb and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living the herein below mentioned children. That said children are Cherokees by blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavits of himself and David Evans.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

David Webb  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
David Webb (petitioner and applicant)		Husband and father.
		Mother and wife.

children:

Arriet Webb  
Earliest Webb

*The State of Mississippi*  
*Lee County*

Indian Territory. Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State of Mississippi David Webb, who after being duly sworn states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.

David Webb

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 15 day of Aug 1896.

Stobin Jones  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 1 day of Jan 1900.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of David Webb for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

State of Mississippi,  
County of Lee.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared DAVID WEBB, who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 37 years of age; and is a resident of Lee County, State of Mississippi, and that his post-office address is Plantersville, Miss. Affiant further states that he is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth th Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Lucinda Emeline Webb, who is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans, who, as affiant has been taught by his relatives and by others who knew the said William Thos. Evans in his life-time that the complexion, habits, manners and etc. indicated that he was at least one-fourth Cherokee blood; and that he lived and died in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn. then a part of the Cherokee Nation. That the said William Thos. Evans was the son of the late James Evans who also lived in Hamilton county, State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood and a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states: That he knows that he ~~has~~ knows that he has been recognized by his neighbors and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the physical appearance and complexion of himself indicate that he is of Cherokee blood and descent. Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the families of the said James and William Thos Evans he believes himself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

*David Webb*.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 15 day of August ~~July~~, 1898.

*Notarin Jones*.....  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 15 day of January, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF David Webb FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory )
COUNTY OF Northern Div. ) SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Lucinda E. Webb who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. that she is personally acquainted with David Webb who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

that the said David Webb is an admixture of white and Cherokee and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Lucinda Emeline, Webb, affiant, who is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she, affiant, is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans, who, as affiant has always been taught, was of Cherokee blood, and who lived and died in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation; and who was the son of the late James Evans, who also lived and died in what is now the City of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing, in what is now the County of Hamilton, State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that she has known the said David Webb is the identical person that she represents himself to be in his application for Cherokee citizenship; and affiant knows that he is a direct lineal descendant of the late James Evans Cherokee Indian family; and that the said David Webb is rightfully entitled to rights to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of his Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said David Webb for the past years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said David Webb indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said David Webb she believes the said David Webb to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Lucinda E. Webb

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Aug. 1894

J. B. J. [Signature] NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires 1894

Nation's No. 2057

Commission's No .....

In re Application of

*David H. H. H.*

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*H. David White*

Nation's No. *2657*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*James W. White*  
through whom the petitioner claims to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Wallace & Perkins* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *21* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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**End**

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No. 2493

IN THE MATTER OF

*Malissa J. Logan*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 7 Sept 1896*  
*H. M. Jacobson*  
*at*

*Rejected*

*Joseph P. Muller*  
*at*



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. .... received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Malissa Jane Soyau and of the affidavits of David Coates and M. J. Soyau in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4th day of September, 1896.

State Ark.  
County Delaware

W. B. Fuchs  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

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## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—  
The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of *Malissa J. Logan* and.....children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which.....claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is Malissa J. Logan and that she is 45 years of age that her post office address is Cavanal, I. T. that she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and that she is at least one-eighteenth Cherokee blood that she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother Mrs Mary Young nee Evans who was the daughter of the late William T. Evans who lived in that part of the old Cherokee Nation now known as Hamilton County, Tenn. and who was a Cherokee by blood and who was the son of the late James Evans, who also resided in Hamilton County, Tenn. and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language and who was a Cherokee by blood and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

And that she intermarried with Robert D. Logan, and that by such intermarriage there were born and are now living six children four of whom are minors and are herein below mentioned, and that all of said Children are Cherokee Indian by blood .

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:  
**Affidavi of herself and David Evans.**

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Malissa J. Logan*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Malissa J. Logan (affiant)	45	Mother and wife
Robert D. Logan	53	father and husband,
Green V. Logan	23	son
William T. "	23	son
Cora P. "	19	daughter
Edna M. "	16	daughter
James R. "	12	son
Henry G. "	10	son

Indian Territory, *Central* District.  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the *Central* District, *David Evans* and aforesaid..... who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *August*, 1896.

My commission expires on the *1<sup>st</sup>* day of *July*, 1897.

Notary Public.  
GALLAGHER STAR PRINT.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Melissa Jane Logan for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Indian Territory,  
Northern Division.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the said Northern Division, personally appeared David Evans, who after being duly sworn states: That he is fifty five years of age; and a resident of Lee county, State of Mississippi; that his post-office is Plattersville, Miss. That he is personally acquainted with said Melissa Jane Logan who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states that the said Melissa Jane Logan is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. Affiant further states that the said Melissa Jane Loga derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Mary Young, whose maiden name is Evans, and who is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans, who was born and raised in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn., then the old Cherokee Nation. That affiant has often seen the said William Thos. Evans (he was affiant's father) and he knows that the complexion, personal appearances, and habits indicated that he was at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That the said William Thos. Evans was the son of the late James Evans who was also born in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn., and near what is now the city of Chatanooga, but then Ross, Landing. That affiant has been taught by his relatives and by others who knew the said James Evans in his life-time that he was a Cherokee by blood, and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and that he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that the said Mary Young, the mother of the said Melissa Jane Logan, is the sister of affiant, and that she is a Cherokee by blood.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Melissa Jane Logan all of her life, and he knows that the said Melissa Jane Logan has been recognized by her relatives and her acquaintances, and has been taught from her earliest that she is of Cherokee Indian blood.

Affiant further states that from what he knows of the family of the said Melissa Jane Logan that he believes that the said Melissa Jane Logan is a descendant of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

*David Evans*  
.....

1896.

subscribed and sworn to before me this the 28th day of July,

*James F. R. ...*  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 9th, 1897.



AFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Melissa Jane Logan for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Indian Territory,  
Northern Division.

*Circuit District* Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the said Northern Division, personally appeared Melissa Jane Logan, who after being by me duly sworn, states that she is 45 years of age, a resident of the Cherokee Nation and Sequoyah Dist., and who is an applicant for Cherokee Indian citizenship.

Affiant further states that she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee Indian blood from her mother, Mrs. Mary Young, who was the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans who lived in what is now Hamilton Co., Tenn. but then a part of the old Cherokee Nation. Affiant has been informed, and verily believes, by relatives and by others who knew the said William Thos. Evans during his life-time, that he was a Cherokee by blood and was the son of the late James Evans who lived in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and he was born, lived and died near what is now the city of Chatanooga, but then Ross Landi G, in Hamilton Co., Tenn., and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and that he was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That affiant intermarried with Robert D. Logan, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living the minor children herein below mentioned. That the said children are Cherokees by blood

Affiant further states that she knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances, and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and ~~her~~ appearance, complexion of himself indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further states from the above facts and circumstances, and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said James and William Thos. Evans, she believes that she herself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

*Melissa Jane Logan*

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subscribed and sworn to before me this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of *August* ~~July~~,

*J. H. [Signature]*  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1890.



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Nation's No. 2652  
Commission's No .....  
In re Application of

*Melissa Jane Lyon*

Demurrer and Answer.

of J.S. \*  
J. S. KENNON  
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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Melissa Jane Lyon*

Nation's No. *2653*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *James Evans*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins, Hooping & Bondman* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *22* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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No. ~~2571~~  
IN THE MATTER OF

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George W. Howell.

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
H. M. Jacobson  
C.R.

*Rejected*

Joseph P. Miller  
Atty.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4  
day of Sept, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at H Smith  
Ark addressed to Samuel Meyer  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation Tahlequah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 365 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Geo. W. Howell and of the  
affidavits of John Roman and Geo. W. Taylor  
in support of same. State Ark. Vester Muller  
County Sebastian  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of Sept, 1896.  
Wm. C. ... Notary Public

## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

<p><b>George W. Howell</b> ..... Et Al, PETITIONER,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VS.</p> <p><b>Cherokees</b> ..... Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT.</p>	}	APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.
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TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION: .....

Your petitioner **George W. Howell** ..... states that **William Howell** .....  
 was a **Cherokee** ..... Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
 in the **old Cherokee Nation in Tenn.** ..... and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits  
 and annuities of other ..... **Cherokee** ..... Indians by blood in the said **Cherokee** .....  
 Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said **William Howell** ..... appears,  
 or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said **Cherokee** ..... Indians for the year .....  
 That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said **William Howell** ..... to-wit:

That the post-office address of your petitioner is **Bekoche, I. T.** that he is 45 years of age. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his father, the late **Riley G. Howell**, who was born in the State of Tenn., and who was one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who was the son of the late **William Howell**, who was born in Hamilton County, Tenn., in about the year of 1798, and died in the same county, in about the year of 1855. That the said **William Howell** lived with and among the Cherokees all of his life, and that he was a half-blood Cherokee and was a recognized citizen and member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians and of the Cherokee Nation, in the old Cherokee Nation, in the State of Tenn. Petitioner further states that he is intermarried with **Martha Jane Cloate**, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the herein below mentioned children. That said children are of Cherokee blood.

That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said **Cherokee** ..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said **Cherokee** ..... Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other ..... **Cherokee** ..... Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner **seven** ..... persons, as follows, to-wit:

<b>Jessie Castelbarr</b> nee Howell	"	daughter	"	23	years of age
<b>Cliffie Gambles</b> nee Howell	"	"	"	21	years of age
<b>Samuel Howell</b>	"	son	"	20	years of age
<b>Maggie Stiles</b> nee Howell	"	daughter	"	18	years of age
<b>Emilia Howell</b>	"	"	"	17	years of age
<b>Mattie Howell</b>	"	"	"	13	years of age
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Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that ..... **his** ..... name, with those of

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 Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said **William Howell** ..... appears,  
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 That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said **William Howell** ..... to-wit:

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..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said **Cherokee** ..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said **Cherokee** ..... Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other **Cherokee** ..... Indians by blood.

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<b>Clellie Gambles nee Howell</b>	"	"	,	and	<b>21</b>	years of age
<b>Samuel Howell</b>	"	<b>son</b>	,	and	<b>20</b>	years of age
<b>Maggie Stiles nee Howell</b>	"	<b>daughter</b>	,	and	<b>18</b>	years of age
<b>Lula Howell</b>	"	"	,	and	<b>17</b>	years of age
<b>Mattie Howell</b>	"	"	,	and	<b>13</b>	years of age
<b>Cennie</b>	"	"	,	and	<b>3</b>	years of age
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Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that ..... **his** ..... name, with those of

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his said descendants, to-wit: Josie, Cleonie, Samuel, Maggie, Lula and Nettie, Jennie Howell

and himself be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other Cherokee Indians, in and to the Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

Attorneys For Petitioners.

The above stated George W. Howell says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

George W. Howell Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26 day of July 1896

J. B. Brown Notary Public

Carroll County, Arkansas July 1896

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF George W. Howell  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.  
STATE OF Indian Territory  
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared John Ross who, being by me duly sworn states:

That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Yitt. Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with George W. Howell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant says that the complexion and personal appearance of the said Geo. W. Howell indicates that he is of Cherokee blood and descent. Affiant was acquainted with William Howell in North Carolina and knew him personally and knew that he was a half-breed Cherokee Indian, and knew that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and that the said William Howell was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation in North Carolina and Tenn. That affiant moved away from where affiant first became acquainted with him. Affiant knows that the said William Howell had a family, but this affiant was not acquainted with any of them. Affiant further says that he has conversed with the said George W. Howell, and this affiant believes that the said Geo. W. Howell was a lineal descendant of the said William Howell. Affiant further states that the said Geo. W. Howell is rightfully entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that he was chief of the Cherokee in North Carolina for eight years, and he this affiant had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with a great number of Cherokees, and among them the said William Howell.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said George W. Howell for the past years and knows that he has been and is recognized by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said George W. Howell indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said George W. Howell he believes the said George W. Howell to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Aug 1895  
John Ross  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Feb. 1895



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Geo. W. Howell
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.
STATE OF Indian Territory
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Thos. J. Taylor who, being by me duly sworn states:

That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with Geo. W. Howell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states (Here set out all that witness knows about applicant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant states that he was born in the old Cherokee Nation, in Tenn. And that this affiant continued to live in the old Cherokee Nation until he was thirty three years of age, and during that time he traveled all over the Cherokee Nation in Tenn., and in North Carolina. Affiant further states that he was well acquainted with one William Howell. Affiant further states that he knows full well that the said William Howell was a half-blood Cherokee Indian, and was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that the said William Howell lived within five or six miles of this affiant, and this affiant was well acquainted with the said William Howell, and this affiant knows that he lived with and among the Cherokees ever since this affiant knew him. This affiant knows full well that he was a recognized citizen and member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and of the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that after conversing with the said Geo. B. Howell this affiant verily believes that the said Geo. W. Howell is a direct lineal descendant of the late William Howell, and this affiant knows says that the said Geo. B. Howell and his descendants are rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, being direct lineal descendants of the said William Howell Cherokee Indian family.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Geo. W. Howell for the past 25 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Geo. W. Howell indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Geo. W. Howell he believes the said Geo. W. Howell to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of Dec. 1896

Thomas J. Taylor
NOTARY PUBLIC.
My commission expires Feb. 15. 99

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF George W. Howell  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Arkansas )  
COUNTY OF Sebastian ) SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Geo. W. Vann who, being by me duly sworn states:

That he is 31 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with George W. Howell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant states that while residing in what is now Hamilton County, Tenn. he became acquainted with William Howell, whom this affiant knew. Affiant further states that he knows full well that the said William Howell was a half-blood Cherokee Indian, and spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and that he was recognized member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in the State of Tenn. Affiant knows that the said William Howell received all the benefits, privileges and annuities as such member of the Cherokee tribe.

Affiant further states that after conversing with Giddeen Howell, a brother to the said George W. Howell, this affiant most earnestly believes that the said George W. Howell and his descendants are rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, being direct lineal descendants of the late William Howell Cherokee Indian family.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said George W. Howell for the past 28 years and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said George W. Howell indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said George W. Howell he believes the said George W. Howell to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of August 1896

Geo. W. Vann  
Notary Public

My commission expires March 14 1900



Nation's No. 2935-

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Geo. W. Howell*  
*et al.*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SET. 28 1895.

A. S. MCKENNA

Clerk

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*John N. Howell*  
*et al*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. *2935*  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *William Howell*

through whom the petitioner *claims* to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hastings, Hutchings & Bousfield* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept* 1896.

*D. I. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Walter Mullin do solemnly swear that on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Samuel Mayer  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tulagwah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 370 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Geo. Helton and of the  
affidavit of Geo. Helton and Walter Mullin  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Notary Public  
My Com. expires Feb. 14 - 1900.

Notary Public

No. 2523

IN THE MATTER OF

*Geo. Helton*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
*A. M. Jacobson*  
clerk

*Repealed*

*Joseph M. Miller*

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF George Helton  
Cherokee  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE..... NATION.  
STATE OF..... }  
COUNTY OF..... } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared George Helton who, being by me duly sworn states: That he is 56 years of age, a resident of the State of Missouri and County of..... and that..... is personally acquainted with..... who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That his post office address is Reel Foot, Lake County, Tenn that he is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and is at least 1/8 Cher kee blood, that he was born in Hamilton County, Tenn. in 18 80, and that he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother the late Polly Goins, who was an admixture of white and Cherokee Indian blood and was at least 1/4 Cherokee blood, that he was the daughter of James Goins who was a Cherokee Indian and a citizen of the Old Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe and who was born in the Old Cherokee Nation now the state of Tenn. and that he died in the year of 18.....

Affiant further says that he intermarried with Eli za Goins and that by such marriage two children were born and are now living namely Parlee Underwood nee Helton and Walker Helton, his wife died in the year of 1857 and affiant subsequently intermarried with Sarah Wagner and that by such marriage one child was born and is now living namely Ella Helton, and that the said children are admixtures of white and Cherokee Indian blood and are at least 1/16 Cherokee blood,

Affiant further states: That..... has known the said..... for the past..... years, and knows that..... has been and is recognized by..... neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said..... affiant..... indicate that..... is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said George Helton..... he believes the said..... himself..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of July 1899  
[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires July 1899

Nation's No. 2836

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Geo. Hillson*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 28 1896. 2.

A. S. McKENNA

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

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*Geo. Hillon*

Nation's No. *2836*

Commissioner's No. ....

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2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Janeus Goin*

..... through whom the petitioner..... claim to derive..... right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

*See case Jones Goin et al  
Notions No 882*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Huddins, Harting & Bondinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept* 1896.

*D. I. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## Application For Enrollment.

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George Helton.....	Et Al., PETITIONER,	} APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.
VS.		
Cherokee.....	Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT.	

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:.....

Your petitioner **George Helton**..... states that **Betsy Helton**.....  
 was a **Cherokee**..... Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
 in the **Old Cherokee Nation now Tenn.**..... and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits  
 and annuities of other..... **Cherokee**..... Indians by blood in the said **Cherokee**.....  
 Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said **Betsy Helton**..... appears,  
 or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said..... Indians for the year.....  
**Betsy Helton**

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said..... **Betsy Helton**..... to-wit:

That his post office address is Reel Foot Landing, Lake County  
 Tenn. and that he is 56 years of age and that he is an admixtur of  
 white and Cherokee Indian blood and is at least 1/8 Cherokee blood  
 that he was born in Hamilton Co Tenn. in 1880 that he is the son of  
 Joshay and Polly Helton that he derives his Cherokee blood from his  
 mother the late Polly Helton, whose maiden name was Goins, and was the  
 the daughter of the late James Goins who was a Cherokee Indian by  
 blood and a citizen of the Old Cherokee Nation and a member of the Che  
 rokee Indian tribe and who was born in the old Cherokee Nation, now  
 the state of Tenn.  
 Applicant further says that he intermarried with Eliz a Go  
 ins and that by such marriage the children mentioned herein below  
 were born and now living and that the said children were admixtures  
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..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs  
 of the said..... **Cherokee**..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and  
 treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of  
 said..... **Cherokee**..... Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights,  
 benefits, privileges and annuities of other..... **Cherokee**..... Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner... **five** ... persons, as follows, to-wit:

Parlee Underwood nee Helton,	a		and	<b>38</b>	years of age
Walker Helton,	a		and	<b>28</b>	years of age
Ella Helton	a		and	<b>2</b>	years of age
Grand children	a		and	<b>12</b>	years of age
Eliza Helton	a		and		years of age
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Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that..... name, with those of /

..... said descendants, to-wit: .....

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and..... be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges and immunities of other..... Indians, in and to the..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

.....  
Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner..... says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

*George H. Norton*  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *27* day of *Aug* 189*6*

*B. B. Beaman*

*Commission Expires Feb 1899*

Notary Public

No.....

**Application of**

..... Es. At.,

FOR.....

Enrollment in..... Nation.

Filed on the..... day of..... 189.....

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes

Attorney for Petitioner.

**End**



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No. 2548  
Betty Littlejohn

Cherokee

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
AM Jacobson  
CR

Respectfully

Joseph D. Miller

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Nester Miller do solemnly swear that on the 4th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. .... received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of ..... and of the affidavits of M. Stark and B. Littlejohn in support of same. Nester Miller

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4th day of September, 1896.

Wm. D. Smith  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

Bettie Little John ..... Et Al,  
 PETITIONER,  
 VS.  
 Cherokee ..... Nation, Indian Territory,  
 RESPONDENT.

} APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:.....

Your petitioner... *Bettie Little John* ..... states that *James* Netheland .....  
 Cherokee  
 was a ..... Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
 In the old Cherokee Nation now Tenn.

and annuities of other ..... Cherokee ..... Indians by blood in the said .....  
 Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said *James* Netheland ..... appears,  
 or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Cherokee ..... Indians for the year.....

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said *James* Netheland ..... to-wit:

That her post office address is Van Buren, Ark. that she is 44 years of age, that she is an admixture of negro and Cherokee Indian blood and is at least 1/4 Cherokee blood, that she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother Annie Woods who was the daughter of ~~Math~~ *James* Netheland, who was a Cherokee Indian and a recognized citizen of the Old Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe and who was born in the state of Tenn. , and who lived and ~~resided~~ *resided* in the state of Tenn. and that he moved to the Indian Territory in ~~18~~ *18*. Applicant further says that she was born in the state of in 18.. and moved west in the year of 18 with her father. Applicant further says that she intermarried with and that by such marriage the children mentioned herein below were born and are now living and that the said children are admixtures of negro and Cherokee blood and are at least 1/8 Cherokee blood

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said Cherokee ..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said Cherokee ..... Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other Cherokee ..... Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner ..... persons, as follows, to-wit:

Susy A. Little John	, a	daughter	, and	16	years of age
Monroe	, a	son	, and	13	years of age
Dollie	, a	daughter	, and	12	years of age
Fannie	, a		, and	10	years of age
Harrison	, a	son	, and	7	years of age
	, a		, and		years of age
	, a		, and		years of age
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	, a		, and		years of age
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Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that ..... name, with those of



..... said descendants, to-wit.....  
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and..... be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges  
and immunities of other..... Indians, in and to the..... Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner Betty Littlejohn..... says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

Witness: Betty Littlejohn.....  
E. L. Mattoon.....  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1 day of September, 1896.

E. L. Mattoon.....  
Notary Public

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Attorney for Petitioner	.....

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF **Bettie Little John**  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE **Cherokee** NATION.  
STATE OF **Arkansas**  
COUNTY OF **Crawford** SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared **M. Stark** who, being by me duly sworn states:  
That **he** is **50** years of age, a resident of the State of **Arkansas** and County of **Crawford** and that **he** is personally acquainted with **Betty Little John** who is an applicant for citizenship in the **Cherokee** Nation. Affiant further states  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That his post office address is Van Buren, Ark. that he is personally acquainted with the said Betty Little John and knows that she is of Negro and Cherokee Indian blood and that she is at least 1/4 Cherokee blood and that she derives her Cherokee Indian blood from her mother Annie Woods, who was an admixture of negro and Cherokee blood and at least 1/2 Cherokee blood and that Anni Woods derived her Indian blood from her father **James** Netheland, who was a full blood Cherokee Indian and a recognized citizen in the Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and who lived in the Cherokee Nation, I. T. and who was born in the state of Tenn..  
Affiant further says that he has no interest in the result of the case whatever.

Affiant further states: That **he** has known the said **Betty Little John** for the past **10** years, and knows that **she** has been and is recognized by **her** neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having **Cherokee** Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said **Betty Little John** indicate that **she** is **Cherokee** Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said **Netheland** he believes the said **Betty Little John** to be a descendant by blood of the **Cherokee** Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **1** day of **Sept** 189**6**.

**M Stark**  
**E L Matlock**  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires **Jan 8th 1899**

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Betty Little John.....  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee..... NATION.

STATE OF Arkansas SS.  
COUNTY OF Crawford

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Betty Little John who, being by me duly sworn states:

That she 44 is ..... years of age, a resident of the State of Arkansas ..... and County of Crawford ..... and that ..... is personally acquainted with ..... who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That her post office address in Van Buren, Ark. that she is an admixture of negro and Cherokee Indian blood and is at least 1/4 Cherokee blood, that she was born in the state of Alabama in the year of 1852, that she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother Annis Woods, who was an admixture of negro and Cherokee Indian blood and who was the daughter of the late James Netherlands, who was a Cherokee Indian by blood and a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe and who was born in Tenn. and moved west to the Cherokee Nation, I. T. in the year of 18...., where he died in the year of 18....

Affiant further says that she intermarried with Acie Rittlejohn and that by such marriage the children mentioned in affiant's application were born and are now living and that the said children are admixtures of negro and Cherokee blood and are at least 1/8 Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she ..... has known the said ..... for the past ..... years, and knows that she ..... has been and is recognized by her ..... neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said affiant ..... indicate that ..... is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said.....

Netherlands ..... he believes the said herself ..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

William L. Matlock

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of September 1896.

Betty Little John  
Acie Rittlejohn

W. L. Matlock  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires July 8th 1899.



Nation's No. 2669

Commission's No .....

In re Application of

Batter Littlejohn  
et al -

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEP 28 1898

A. S. RICHMOND

CLERK



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of Battle Littlejohn et al

Nation's No. 2669  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.  
Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that James McArthur

through whom the petitioner claims to derive her right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

By Steeding, Hutchings & Bonine Attorneys.  
S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.  
John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the

matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 23 day of Sept, 1896.  
D. J. Ball  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 378 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Anna Stark and of the affidavits of H. P. Lawrence and Anna Stark in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5th day of September, 1896.

*State Clerk  
C. J. Sebastian*

Mr. W. S. Sinton

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



..... said descendants, to-wit: .....

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and..... be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other..... Indians, in and to the..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner..... Aun Stand..... says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

Witness: E R Matlock..... Aun Stand.....  
 Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this..... day of..... Sept..... 1896.

My Commission Expires Jan. 8, 1899. E R Matlock.....  
 Notary Public

No. ....

Application of

..... Et. Al.

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Enrollment in..... Nation.

Filed on the..... day of..... 189.....

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Att. Petitioner.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.**

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Ann Stark  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.  
STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Crawford SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared H. P. Greenlee who, being by me duly sworn states:  
That he is 47 years of age, a resident of the State of Arkansas and County of Crawford and that Ann Stark is personally acquainted with Ann Stark who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That his post office address is Van Buren, Ark. that he is 47 years of age that he is personally acquainted with Ann Stark who is an admixture of negro and Cherokee blood and is at least 1/8 Cherokee blood and who is the daughter of the late Kiziah Grier, whose maiden name is Gardener and who was the daughter of the late Celia Gardener who was an admixture of negro and Cherokee blood and was at least 1/2 Cherokee blood and who was the daughter of the late Lettice Gardener, who was a fullblood Cherokee Indian and who affiant has been told was born in the Old Cherokee Nation and died in the Cherokee Nation west, and who was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Affiant further says that the said Ann Stark intermarried with M. Stark and that by such marriage one child was born and is now living and that the said child is an admixture of negro and Cherokee blood and is rightfully entitled to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Ann Stark for the past 74 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Ann Stark indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Lettice Gardener he believes the said Ann Stark to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Sept 1896.

H. P. Greenlee  
E. L. Matlock  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My commission expires July 8 - 1899.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Anna Stark  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Crawford

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Anna Stark who, being by me duly sworn states:

That she is 48 years of age, a resident of the State of Arkansas and County of Crawford and that she is personally acquainted with Anna Stark who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That her post office address is Van Buren, that she is an admixture of negro and Cherokee blood and is at least 1/8 Cherokee blood that she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother the late Kiziah Grier whose maiden name was Gardner and was the daughter of the late Gilla Gardner who was an admixture of negro and Cherokee blood and at least 1/2 Cherokee blood and who was the daughter of Lettace Gardner, who was a full blood Cherokee Indian and a citizen of the Old and New Cherokee Nation and a recognized member of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and was born in the Old Cherokee Nation east of the Mississippi river and immigrated to the Cherokee Nation west in 18.... and where said Lettace died in the year 18.....

Affiant further says that she intermarried with M. Stark and that by such marriage the child mentioned in affiant's application was born and is now living and that the said child is an admixture of negro and Cherokee Indian blood and is entitled to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Anna Stark for the past 48 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Anna Stark indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Lettace Gardner he believes the said Anna Stark to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Witness: E. L. Mattson  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of Sept 1896.

Anna Stark  
E. L. Mattson  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires July 8<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Nation's No. 7665

Commission's No .....

In re Application of

*Anna Stark*  
*et al*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 28 1892  
A. S. MCKINNON  
COURT

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Anna Shant*  
*et al*

Nation's No. *2665-*  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his ~~fore~~ said demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Jessie Jordan* through whom the petitioner *derives* claim to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.  
By *Hodges, Hutchings & Beaulieu* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *23* day of *Sept.* 1896.  
*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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Joseph P. Muller

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 7th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 371 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of A. C. Cowhorn and of the affidavits of C. C. Paulson and David Evans in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 7th day of September, 1896.

State Ark.  
County Sebastian

J. A. Smith  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

C. C. Lawhorn ..... Et Al, PETITIONER, VS. Cherokee ..... Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT.	}	APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.
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TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION: .....

Your petitioner **C. C. Lawhorn** ..... states that **James Evans** ..... was a **Cherokee** ..... Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in the **old Cherokee Nation in State of Tenn<sup>e</sup>** ..... and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and annuities of other **Cherokee** ..... Indians by blood in the said **Cherokee** ..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said **James Evans** ..... appears, or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said **Cherokee** ..... Indians for the year.....

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said **James Evans** ..... to-wit:

Affiant further states: that she is 30 years of age; that her post-office address is Bexar, Marion County, Ala. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, the late Mary E. Young, who was the ~~son~~ <sup>daughter</sup> of the late William Thos. Evans, who lived in what is now Hamilton Co., Tenn. then the Cherokee Nation, and who was one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who was the son of the late James Evans, who also lived near what is now the City of Chatanooga then known as Ross Landing, in what is now the County of Hamilton, state of Tenn., both then the Cherokee Nation, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said **Cherokee** ..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said **Cherokee** ..... Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other **Cherokee** ..... Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner **three** persons, as follows, to-wit:

E. C. Lawhorn	, a	son	, and	8	years of age
E. M. J. Lawhorn	, a	daughter	, and	6	years of age
E. C. C. Lawhorn	, a	son	, and	2	years of age
	, a		, and		years of age
	, a		, and		years of age
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	, a		, and		years of age
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Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that **her** ..... name, with those of



her ..... said descendant, wit: E. C. Lawhorn, E. M. J.  
Lawhorn; and E. C. C. Lawhorn;

and ..... herself ..... be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges  
and immunities of other ..... Cherokee ..... Indians, in and to the Cherokee ..... Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

Joseph P. Muller  
Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner ..... C. C. Lawhorn ..... says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of Aug ..... 1896  
W. H. Thompson  
Notary Public

No. ....

**Application of**

Et Al.,

FOR

Enrollment in ..... Nation.

Filed on the ..... day of ..... 189...

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF C. C. Lawhorn FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Alabama ) COUNTY OF Marion ) ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared C. C. Lawhorn who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 39 years of age, and a resident of the State of Alabama and County of Marion and that she personally acquainted with XXXXXXXX who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said C. C. Lawhorn is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, the late Mary E. Young, nee Evans. That affiant remembers well the said Mary E. Young nee Evans, and affiant knows that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Mary E. Young nee Evans indicated that she was of Cherokee blood. That the said Mary E. Young nee Evans was the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans. That affiant has been taught from her earliest infancy by her relatives, and by others who knew the said William Thos. Evans, that he was of Cherokee blood, and that he lived and died in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn.; and that he was the son of the late James Evans. That affiant has always been taught by her relatives and by others that the said James Evans resided in what is now the City of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing, in what is now the County of Hamilton, State of Tenn., and that the said James Evans spoke the Cherokee Indian language; and was a Cherokee by blood; and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That affiant intermarried with C. C. Lawhorn, and by said intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the children mentioned in affiant's application. That said children are of Cherokee blood and descent.

Affiant further states: That she personally acquainted with XXXXXXXX in the past. XXXXXXXX knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said XXXXXXXX herself indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said James Evans she believes that XXXXXXXX herself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Aug. 1896

C. C. Lawhorn
Notary Public signature

Commission expires

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF C. C. Lawhorn
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Mississippi
COUNTY OF Lee

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared David Evans who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 55 years of age, and a resident of the State of Mississippi and County of Lee and that he is personally acquainted with C. C. Lawhorn who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said C. C. Lawhorn is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, the late Mary E. Young, who was a sister of affiant's, and he knows that her maiden name was Evans; and that she was the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans, whom affiant knows to be at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who lived and died in what is now the county of Hamilton, State of Tenn.; and who was the son of the late James Evans. That affiant has always been taught by his relatives, and by others who knew the said James Evans in his life-time, that he was of Cherokee Indian blood, and that he resided in near what is now the City of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing, in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation; and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language; and that he was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that he knows that the said C. C. Lawhorn is the identical person that she represents herself to be in her application for Cherokee citizenship; and that she is a direct lineal descendant of the late James Evans Cherokee Indian family; and that the said C. C. Lawhorn is rightfully entitled to rights to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said C. C. Lawhorn for the past 30 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said C. C. Lawhorn indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said C. C. Lawhorn he believes the said C. C. Lawhorn to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

David Evans

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of August 1896.

Robin Jorie

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Jan 1st 1900.

Nation's No. 3338

Commission's No .....

In re Application of

*C. C. Lowham*

Demurrer and Answer.

FILED IN 3338  
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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*C. C. Condon*

Nation's No. *338*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*James E. Wors*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins, Hoeting & Bondinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 2531501  
IN THE MATTER OF

*Elzy Jones*  
PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept. 1896  
*H. M. Jacobson*  
clerk

*Accepted*

*Joseph P. Miller*  
*[Signature]*



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullen - do solemnly swear that on the 4-5  
day of September - 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Hot Smith,  
Arkansas - addressed to Hon. Samuel Mayes -  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee - Nation, Sahlequah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 370 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Ely J. Long and of the  
affidavits of Nathan Hays  
Vester Mullen  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4-5<sup>th</sup> day of September - 1896.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Chas. A. Nathan Notary Public  
My Com. expires March 14-1900.

## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

Mrs. Elzy Long ..... Et Al, PETITIONER,	VS.	} APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.
Cherokee ..... Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT.		

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:.....

Your petitioner Mrs. Elzy Long ..... states that James Goins & Hannah Big Dollar was a Cherokee Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in in the old Cherokee Nation, now State of Tenn. and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and annuities of other Cherokee Indians by blood in the said Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said James Goins and Hannah Big Dollar appears, or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Cherokee Indians for the year .....

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said James Goins and Hannah Big Dollar to-wit:

That the post-office address of petitioner is Campbell, I. T. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late John Goins, who is the son of Nathan Goins, who is the son of the late James Goins, who lived in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and who was a half blood Cherokee, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians; and Mary McGill, the mother of the said John Goins, who was also a half-breed Cherokee Indian, and was the daughter of the late Hannah Big Dollar, who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, in the old Cherokee Nation now the State of Tenn., and the husband of whom, Big Dollar was a full blood Cherokee, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, as was his said wife, the said Hannah Big Dollar, in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn.

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other Cherokee Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner ..... persons, as follows, to-wit:

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Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that ..... her ..... name, with those of

..... said descendants, to wit: .....

..... be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges  
and..... Indians, in and to the..... Nation  
and immunities of other.....  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

..... Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner..... says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20 day of Aug 1896.  
*E. G. Young* Petitioner.  
*C. B. Bremer* Notary Public

*Commission expires Feb 1899*

No. ....

**Application of**

..... Et Al,

— FOR —

Enrollment in..... Nation.

Filed on the..... day of..... 189...

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner:

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Elzy Long
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory ss.
COUNTY OF .....

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Nathan Goins who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee and County of Illinois Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with Elzy Long who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Elzy Long is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late John Goins who was the son of this affiant, Nathan Goins, who is the son of the late James Goins, with whom affiant was partly raised, and he knows that the said James Goins lived in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and that he was half-blood Cherokee, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Also Mary McGill, the wife of affiant, and the mother of the said John Goins, was also a half-blood Cherokee, and was the daughter of the late Hannah Big Dollar, who, as affiant verily believes, was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and who lived and died what is now the State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation, and the husband, of, Big Dollar, was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That affiant knows that the said Elzy Long is the identical person that she represents herself to be in her application for Cherokee citizenship; and that she is a direct lineal descendant of the late James Goins and Hannah Big Dollar Cherokee Indian families; and that the said Elzy Long is rightfully entitled to rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Elzy Long for the past years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Elzy Long indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Elzy Long he believes the said Elzy Long to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Handwritten signature of Nathan Goins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Aug. 1896.

Handwritten signature of Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 7.5.99.

DALLAS STAR PRINT.



Nation's No. 2838

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Edgy Long*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 28 1896

A. S. MCKENNON

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Elzy Loug*

Nation's No. *2838*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that:

*James Goin*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

*See case Nation No 882 & others of the Goin family*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hoslings & Bondurant*, Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *25* day of *Sept* 1896.

*D. J. Bull*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

502



No. 2506  
IN THE MATTER OF

*Mary E. Stone*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I.T.

*Filed 7 Sept 1896*  
*H. M. J. Rowley*  
*clerk*

*Page etca*

*Joseph H. Muller*  
*Atty.*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 24th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 371 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Marygettone and of the affidavits of David Coates and Marygettone and Vester Mullen in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 24th day of September, 1896.

Wate Ark.  
County Detachin

W. B. Smith

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is Mary E. Stone, that she is 43 years of age; that her post-office address is ~~Reidsville~~, Lee county, Miss. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That she is the daughter of Mary Young, whose maiden name was Evans, and was the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans, who was born, in the old Cherokee Nation, that is now known as Hamilton County, Tenn. That he was a Cherokee Indian, and was the son of the late James Evans who was born in that part of the old Cherokee Nation that is now known as Hamilton county, State of Tenn and who was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language.

That the said petitioner intermarried with R. W. Stone, and by said intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the following children here in below mentioned. That the said children are Cherokees by blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

### Affidavits of herself and David Evans.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary E. Stone*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Mary E. Stone (applicant)	43	Mother
Herbington	18	son
Nela Stone	15	daughter
Fred Stone	9	son

*State of Mississippi Lee County*

Indian Territory. District. Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Mary E. Stone* and *David Evans*, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as they verily believe.

*David Evans* ..... *Mary E. Stone* .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *3<sup>rd</sup>* day of *August*, 1896.

My commission expires on the *1<sup>st</sup>* day of *January*, 1900.

*Notary Jones*  
Notary Public.

DALLMAN STAR PRINT.







AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Mary E. Stone  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Mississippi }  
COUNTY OF Lee } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Mary E. Stone who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 43 years of age, and a resident of the State of Mississippi and County of Lee and that she is personally acquainted with James Evans who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Mary A. Young, whose maiden name was Evans, and was the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans; and affiant has been informed by her relatives and by others who knew the said William Thos. Evans during his life-time, that his manners, actions, habits, complexion, and personal appearance etc. indicated that the said William Thos. Evans was of Cherokee blood, and that he was born in the old Cherokee Nation, that part of which is now known as Hamilton County, State of Tenn., and that the said William Thos. Evans was the son of the late James Evans, who as affiant has been informed, and verily believes, was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and who lived in that part of the old Cherokee Nation, that is now known as Hamilton Co., Tenn., and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Affiant further states that she intermarried with R. W. Stone, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the children mentioned in affiant's application. That said children are of Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said James Evans for many years and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said James Evans indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said James Evans he believes James Evans to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of August 1896

Mary E. Stone  
Marbin Jones  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My Commission expires Jan 1st 1900

WITNESSES

Nation's No. 2628

Commission's No .....

In re Application of

*Mary E Stone*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 28 1896

A. S. MCKENNON

CLERK

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Mary E. Stone*

Nation's No. *2628*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*James Evans*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Atchump, Hartney & Brudnick* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *23* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*J. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



503

No 2475-  
IN THE MATTER OF

*Mary Hunnigan*

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I.T.

*Filed 7 Sept 1896*  
*H M Jacobson*  
*CLK*

*Accepted*

*Joseph P. Muller*  
*atly*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullin do solemnly swear that on the

day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith

Arkansas addressed to Samuel Mayo

Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Delaware Indian Territory,

that Registry Receipt No. 365 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which

contained true copies of the application of Mary Hannon and of the

affidavits of J. W. Hannon and J. W. Hannon

in support of same. Vester Mullin

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of Sept, 1896.

State Ark.  
County Sebastian

Thos. B. Hartman Notary Public  
My Com. Expires March 14 1900.

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CARANIS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—  
The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of .....  
and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is Mary Hannigan; that she is 36 years of age; that her post-office address is Maldrow, I. T. That she is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late Samuel Sanders, who was a one-half Cherokee Indian, and was so recognized by the Cherokee Nation, and who lived in Sequoyah District, at the time of his death in about the year of 1835.

That petitioner intermarried with Rufus Hannigan, and by said marriage there were born, and are now living, the children hereinafter mentioned.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavits of himself, Isaac Johnson, S. W. Eldridge, Mary Sheppard.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Hannigan*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
<del>Mary Hannigan</del> Rufus Hannigan	45	Father and husband
Mary Hannigan (applicant)	36	Mother and wife.
Annie Hannigan	19	daughter
Thomas "	18	son
Byars "	16	"
Wilkie "	15	"
Burke "	11	"
Dennis "	9	"
Ivey "	6	"
Rufus " JF.	4	"
Oda "	2	daughter

Indian Territory.

..... District.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the ..... who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18 day of July, 1896.

Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 9 day of Jan. 1897.

*W. Rhodes*  
*Martin B. Gail*



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Mary Hunnigan for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Indian Territory } COUNTY OF Northern Division. }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Louisa Shepperd who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 50 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation, and County of Sequoyah District and that she is personally acquainted with Mar Hunnigan who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That she has known the said Mary Hunnigan all of her life, or for the past 30 years. That she is the mother of the said Mary Hunnigan. That the father of said Mary Hunnigan was Samuel Sanders who was a half-blood Cherokee Indian, and was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. That the said Samuel Sanders died in Sequoyah District in the year of 1885. That the said Samuel Sanders and affiant intermarried with each other previous to the war of the rebellion, and by said intermarriage the said Mary Hunnigan was born. That the said Mary Hunnigan is at least one-fourth Cherokee Indian, and is so recognized by the public in general, and is entitled to rights to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. That the said Mary Hunnigan is now residing in Sequoyah District Cherokee Nation

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Mary Hunnigan for the past 30 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Mary Hunnigan indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Mary Hunnigan he believes the said Mary Hunnigan to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of Feb 1896

M. Rhoads
Maurice Bird

Louisa Shepperd
L. S. Boyd
Notary Public
My Commission expires Feb 6 1896

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Mary Hannigan for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Indian Territory COUNTY OF Northern Division

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Isaam Johnson who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 55 years of age, and a resident of the State of Indian Territory and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with Mary Hannigan who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and is so recognized. Affiant says that he has intimately acquainted with the said Isaam Mary Hannigan for the past 6 years. That affiant knew one Samuel Sanders who is the father of affiant, and who was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and who was a half-blood Cherokee Indian, and recognized as such by all who knew him. That the said Mary Hannigan is at least one-fourth Cherokee Indian by blood, and is entitled to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. That the said Sam Sanders died in Sequoyah District, Cherokee Nation, in the year of 1885. That affiant says that the said Mary Hannigan intermarried with Rufus Hannigan, and by which intermarriage there were born and are now living nine children, and who are Cherokee Indian by blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Rufus Hannigan for the past 6 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Mary Hannigan indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Mary Hannigan he believes the said Mary Hannigan to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of ... 1899. Fried E. Holden Lillian Byrd

Isaam Johnson his Notary Public My Commission expires Jan 6 1898

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Mary Hannigan for Admision to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Indian Territory COUNTY OF Northern Division

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Mary Hannigan who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 30 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation, and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that she is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That she is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, derivigg the same from her father, the late Samuel Sanders, who was a half-blood Cherokee Indian, and ws a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation. That affiant was born in the Sttge of Arkansas, in the year of 1860. That she moved to ~~the~~ Sequoyah District Cherokee Nation, where she has lived continuously ever since. That she intermarried with one Rufus Hanniga, and by such marriage there were born, and are now living, the children mentioned in the application of affint's. That the said children are Cherokees by blood.

Affiant further states: That ~~she~~ she has been and is recognized by ~~her~~ her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of ~~her~~ herself indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Samuel Sanders she believes ~~her~~ herself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of Aug 1896.  
Martin Bud Notary Public  
My Commission expires Aug 6 1897  
Mary Hannigan



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Mary Hunnigan  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Indian Territory }  
COUNTY OF Northern Division } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared S. W. Eldridge who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 50 years of age, and a resident of the State of Sequoyah District and County of Cherokee and that he is personally acquainted with Mar Hunnigan who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

~~That affiant is a citizen of the Cherokee nation, and is a Cherokee Indian by blood, and is so recognized by the Cherokee tribe of Indians. That he is personally acquainted with the said Mary Hunnigan who is a Cherokee Indian by blood, deriving the same from her father, the late Samuel Sanders, who was a half blood Cherokee Indian, and was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation. That Affiant says that the said Mary Hunnigan is rightfully entitled to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.~~

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Mary Hunnigan for the past 6 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Mary Hunnigan indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Mary Hunnigan, he believes the said Mary Hunnigan to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of Aug 1896  
S. W. Eldridge  
L. S. Boyd Notary Public  
My Commission expires Jan 6 1898  
Wm M. Watts  
M. M. Moore



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF  
CHEROKEE NATION.

I, John L. Adair, Executive Secretary of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original record in this Department, and that the same are correct transcripts and copies therefrom.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of said Cherokee Nation, at Tahlequah, this, the

25th day of Sept. 1896.

John L. Adair

Executive Secretary.

MARY HENRIGAN, Et AL., )  
vs. )  
CHEROKEE NATION. )

B R I E F.

Counsel for the Cherokee Nation desire to call the Commission's attention to the affidavit in this case purporting to have been made by S. W. Eldredge.

Their statement with reference to the applicant being a Cherokee Indian and a descendant of such has a line run through it in the copy furnished the Cherokee Nation, and request that the Commission investigate to see whether this has been done in the affidavit of S. W. Eldredge, furnished the Commission.

There is so much disreputable practice indulged in by attorneys in citizenship cases, that we thought perhaps the erasure had not been made in the original affidavit, or what purported to be the original, filed before the Commission.

We desire further, to call your attention to the affidavit of one Isham Johnson. This man is a negro, and resides just across the river from Fort Smith, Arkansas, and we have every reason to believe that the attorney in this case is aware is a claimant, and not a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, as he states, because the attorney has for some time resided in Fort Smith, and practiced before the United States Commissioner at Muldrow and Vian, also before the "Freedmen Commission," and in cases where this same Isham Johnson was a witness.

We want to call your attention to the apparent fraud attempted to be practiced by this disreputable attorney.

*Hastings, Hutchings & Bouslog*  
Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation.  
*Jr W. H. Hastings*

Nation's Number 2946.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) )  
INDIAN TERRITORY. )

( Mary Humigan, vs.  
( Cherokee Nation.

A F F I D A V I T.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, W. W. Hastings, who, being sworn states that he was one of the attorneys who represented the Cherokee Nation before what is known as the "Freedmen Commission," during the past spring and summer; that he is personally acquainted with Isham Johnson, one of the witnesses in this case; that the said Isham Johnson is not a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation, but was an applicant before the "Freedmen Commission," and his case is now there pending; that he knows the reputation of the said Isham Johnson for truth and veracity in the neighborhood in which he lives; that said reputation is exceedingly bad, and that he is not, and would not, be believed on oath; that said Isham Johnson was one of the standing witnesses, and a side-partner of the famous George W. Vann.

W. W. Hastings

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of Sept. 1896.

J. L. Ball

Notary Public.

Nation's No. 2946  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

*Wm. H. Sullivan*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 8 1896. ☆  
A. S. MCKENNON  
COMMISSIONER



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Mary Hummigan*

Nation's No. *2946-*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Sam Sanders*

through whom the petitioner *is* claim to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Nashings, Hutchings & Bond* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No 2520  
IN THE MATTER OF 504

*Mollie B. Johnson*

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In ~~the~~ *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896

*H. M. Jacobson*  
*Ch.*

~~*W. J. [unclear]*~~

*Repealed*

*J. R. Muller*



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 5th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayea, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 370 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Mollie B. Sejamoree and of the affidavits of Mollie B. Sejamoree and John Rose in support of same.

Vester Muller

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5th day of September, 1896.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Mr. A. Lutha

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

<p><b>Mollie B. Sepmore</b> ..... Et Al.,                  PETITIONER,</p>	}	APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.
VS.		
<p><b>Cherokee</b>                  ..... Nation, Indian Territory,                  RESPONDENT.</p>		

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:.....

Your petitioner, **Mollie B. Sepmore**, states that **Stacy**  
**Cherokee**  
 was a ..... Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
**in the old Cherokee Nation now State of Tenn.** and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits  
**Cherokee** and annuities of other ..... Indians by blood in the said .....  
**Cherokee** Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said **Stacy** appears,  
 or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said ..... Indians for the year .....  
**Cherokee**  
 That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said ..... **Stacy** to-wit:

That she is 34 years of age; that her post-office address is Callisaw, I. T. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, the late Lizzie Methesey, nee Armbright, who was born in the State of Tenn., and who was the daughter of the late **Stacy**, who was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said **Cherokee** ..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said ..... **Cherokee** ..... Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other ..... **Cherokee** ..... Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner ..... **3** persons, as follows, to-wit:

<b>Bertha M. Sepmore</b>	, a	<b>daughter</b>	, and	<b>5</b>	years of age
<b>Thos. H.</b>	, a	<b>son</b>	, and	<b>3</b>	years of age
<b>Ross Henry Methesey</b>	, a	<b>brother</b>	, and	<b>6</b>	years of age
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	, a		, and		years of age

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that ..... **her** ..... name, with those of

..... said descendants, to-wit: .....

Bertha M. Sepmore, Thos. H. Sepmore, and her bether, the said Ross. ....

H. Methosey, for whom she is the natural guardian. ....

and..... herself..... be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges  
and immunities of other..... Cherokee..... Indians, in and to the..... Cherokee..... Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

.....  
Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner..... Mollie B. Sepmore..... says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

*Mollie B. Sepmore*  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1894.

*J. B. Brown*

Notary Public

*Commission Expires Feb 1895*

No.....

Application of

..... of.....

FOR.....

Enrollment in..... Nation.

Filed on the..... day of..... 189.....

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Mollie B. Sepmoree  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory }  
COUNTY OF Northern Div. } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Mollie B. Sepmoree who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 34 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that she is personally acquainted with Stacey who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, the late Lizzie Methesey, nee Argibright. That affiant was partly raised with her mother, and she knows that her complexion and physical appearance as indicated that she was of Cherokee blood and descent. That her mother and others from her earliest infancy have taught her that she is of Cherokee blood; and that her mother was the daughter of the late Stacey who resided in what is now the State of Tenn., then the old Cherokee Nation. Affiant has every reason to believe and does believe that the said Stacey was of Cherokee blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant ~~was~~ intermarried and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the children mentioned in a faint's application. That said children are of Cherokee Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further states: That she ~~has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of herself indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent.~~ Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Stacey ~~he believes himself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.~~

Mollie B. Sepmoree

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of Aug 1894.

B. Brewer  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires July 18 98

WELLS & GARDNER



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Mellie B. Sepmore
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.
STATE OF Indian Territory
Northern Divss.
COUNTY OF )

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared John Ross who, being by me duly sworn states:

That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Flint Dist and that is personally acquainted with

who is an applicant for citizenship in the Nation. Affiant further states (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That this affiant was well acquainted with one Stacey in the old Cherokee Nation in North Carolina, and this affiant knows that he was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and was a member and recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation and tribe of Indians in the old Cherokee Nation in North Carolina. This affiant further states that he was well acquainted with one Wylie Argibright, and knows that he was a half-blood Cherokee, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Affiant further states that the said Stacey moved away from North Carolina and immigrated he knows not where. Affiant further states that from what he knows and heard this affiant verily believes that the said Mellie B. Sepmore is rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states: That has known the said for the past years, and knows that has been and is recognized by neighbors acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said indicate that of Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Mellie B. Sepmore he believes the said Mellie B. Sepmore to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Aug 1896 J. B. [Signature]

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Feb 1899

Nation's No. 2844

Commission's No

In re Application of

Mollie B. Stephens  
et al

Demurrer and Answer.

FILED SEPT. 24 1888 ☆

A. S. LICKFONE

J

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Mollie B. Lymon*  
*et al*

Nation's No. *9844*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demur, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Stacy*  
through whom the petitioner claims to derive *her* right

to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hadwin, Hutchins & Bond* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept* 1896.

*J. S. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



505

No. 2510

IN THE MATTER OF

*Rachel Sanderson*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept, 1896

H. M. Jacobson  
CLK

*Accepted*

*Joseph H. Miller*  
*[Signature]*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 2th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 371 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package which contained true copies of the application of Rachel C. Soudler and of the affidavits of Rachel C. Soudler and Dan Evans in support of same. Vester Muller

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 2th day of September, 1896.

State Ark.  
County Sebastian

Wm. A. Suther  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is Rachel C. Sandlin, that she is 33 years of age that her postoffice is ..... that she is an admixture of white and Cherokee that she is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood that she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, Richard G. Evans who was the son of the late William T. Evans, who was born in Hamilton County, Tenn. then part of the old Cherokee and who was a Cherokee by blood and who was the son of the late James Evans, who resided in Hamilton County Tenn. then the part of the old Cherokee Nation, and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language and that he was a Cherokee by blood and a member of the old Cherokee tribe of Indians

That petitioner intermarried with John L. Sandlin and by such marriage there were born and are now living the herein below mentioned children and that the said Children, are Cherokees by blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:  
**Affidavits of hersel, Richard G. Evans, David Evans.**

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
 Respectfully submitted,

*R. C. Sandlin*  
 Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Rachel C. Sandlin, (applicant)	33	mother and wife
John L. Sandlin,	37	father and husband.
Arviller A. "	15	dau.
Christopher C. "	14	son
Green L. "	11	son
John C. "	9	son
Nicholas B. "	7	son
William T. "	4	son

Indian Territory, ..... District.  
 Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the .....  
 ..... and aforesaid ..... who after being  
 duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as she verily believes.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this the ..... day of ..... 1896.  
 My commission expires on the ..... day of ..... 1897.  
 Notary Public.

CALLISON STAR PRINT.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Rachel C. Sandlin for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Ind. Terr. MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF Lec

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Rachel C. Sandlin who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is years of age, and a resident of the State of Mississippi and County of Lec and that she is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood, and is at least one-sixteenth the Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, Richard G. Evans, who was the son of the late William Thos. Evans; and affiant has been informed by her parents, and other relatives, and by others who knew the said William Thos. Evans in his life-time that his personal appearance, habits, manners and ~~features~~ complexion indicated that he was a Cherokee by blood; and that he lived in the old Cherokee Nation, that is now known as Hamilton county, State of Tenn., and that he was the son of the late James Evans who lived at Ross Landing, now known as the City of Chattanooga, Hamilton County, State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That affiant intermarried with John L. Sandlin, and by such marriage there were born, and are now living the children mentioned in affiant's application. That said children are Cherokees by blood.

Affiant further states: That she ~~knows~~ for ~~XXXXXX~~ knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of herself indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said James an Wm T. Evans he believes herself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

R. C. Sandlin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of August 1896

James F. Reed Notary Public

My Commission expires Feb 9 - 1899

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Rachel C. Sandlin for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Indian Territory,  
Northern Division.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the said Northern Division, personally appeared David Evans, who after being sworn, states: That he is fifty five years of age, and is a resident of Lee County, State of Mississippi, and whose post-office is Plattsburgh, Miss. That he is personally acquainted with the said Rachel C. Sandlin, who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states that the said Rachel C. Sandlin is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. Affiant further states that the said Rachel C. Sandlin maiden name is Evans, and she is the daughter of the Richard Green Evans, who was the son of the late William Thos. Evans who was born and raised in what is now Hamilton county, State of Tenn., then the old Cherokee Nation. That affiant has often seen the said William Thos. Evans (he was affiant's father), and he knows that the complexion, personal appearance and habits indicated that he was at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That the said William Thos. Evans was the son of the late James Evans, who was also born in what is now Hamilton county, State of Tenn., and near what is now the City of Chattanooga, then called Ross Landing. That affiant has been taught by his relatives, and by others who knew the said James Evans during his lifetime that he was a Cherokee by blood, and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language and that he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that the said Richard Green Evans, the father of the said Rachel C. Sandlin, is a brother of affiant, and that he is a Cherokee by blood.

Affiant further says that he has known the said Rachel C. Sandlin all of her life, and he knows that the said Rachel C. Sandlin has been recognized by her relatives, and her acquaintances and has been taught from her earliest infancy that she is of Cherokee Indian blood.

Affiant further states that from what he knows of the family of the said Rachel C. Sandlin that he believes that the said Rachel C. Sandlin is a descendant of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

*David Evans*

subscribed and sworn to before me this the 28th day of July, 1890.

*James W. Wood*

Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 9 day of July, 1892.

Nation's No. 2632

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

Rehel Sandlin

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 2 1907

A. S. [unclear]

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of *Rachel C. Bondkin*

Nation's No. *2632*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that.....

*James Evans*

..... through whom the petitioner... claim to derive..... right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hedding Postley & Bondinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *23* day of *Sept.* 1896.  
*D. L. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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No. 2506  
Lucinda E. Webb.

Cherokee Nation

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
H. M. Jacobson  
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Joseph Muller  
JM

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullin do solemnly swear that on the 4th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 371 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Lucinda E Webb and of the affidavits of David Ewing, Lucinda Webb, Vester Mullin in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4th day of September, 1896.

Wato Ark.  
County Sebastian

Thos. O. Satchan

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is Lucinda E. Webb, that she is 59 years of age that her post office address is Redland, I. T. that she is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood that she derives her Cherokee blood from her father William T. Evans who lived in that part of the old Cherokee Nation, now known as Hamilton County, state of Tenn. and who was a Cherokee by blood and who was a son of the James Evans who also lived in Hamilton County, Tenn. and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood and a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That petitioner intermarried with Joseph Webb and by such marriage 11 children were born of whom the herein below ~~mentioned~~ mentioned children are the only minors that all of said children are Cherokee Indians by blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

### Affidavits of herself and David Evans.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Lucinda E. Webb*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Lucinda E. Webb (applicant)	59	Wife and mother
Joseph L. Webb	20	son.
Arvilla C. "	18	daughter.

attest *J. J. Doolin*  
*G. H. Black*

Indian Territory.  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the *Western* District of *Oswego of the Ind. Ter.* and aforesaid *Lucinda E. Webb* who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as she verily believes.

*Lucinda E. Webb*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *29* day of *July* 1896.

*James F. Reed*  
Notary Public.  
CALLIBAN STAR PRINT.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Lucinda Emeline Webb  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Mississippi }  
COUNTY OF Lee } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared David Evans who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 55 years of age, and a resident of the State of Mississippi and County of Lee and that he is personally acquainted with Lucinda E. Webb who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Lucinda Emeline Webb is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late William Thos. Evans, who resided in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn., and who, as affiant has always been taught, was of Cherokee Indian blood, and was the son of the late James Evans, who also lived in what is now the City of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing, in Hamilton County, State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that he knows that the said Lucinda Emeline Webb is the identical person that she represents herself to be in her application for Cherokee citizenship; and that she is a direct lineal descendant of the late James Evans Cherokee Indian family; and that she is rightfully entitled to rights to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Lucinda E. Webb for the past 11 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Lucinda E. Webb indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Lucinda E. Webb he believes the said Lucinda E. Webb to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

David Evans

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of Aug. 2nd 1896.

Notkin Jones  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Jan'y 12 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Lucinda Emeline Webb for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation,

Indian Territory,  
Northern Division.

Before me, the undersigned, Notary Public, in and for the Northern Division aforesaid, personally appeared Lucinda Emeline Webb, who, after being duly sworn, states: That she is 59 years of age and a resident of the Cherokee Nation, and Sequoyah Dist., and who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further that she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late William Thomas Evans who resided in what is now Hamilton county, Tenn., but then a part of the old Cherokee Nation, and affiant has been informed, and verily believes, by relatives, and by others who knew the said William Thos. Evans during his life time that he was of Cherokee by blood. Affiant has often seen him, and she knows that his personal appearance, complexion, habits etc. indicate that he was at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That the said William Thos. Evans was the son of the late James Evans, who also lived in Hamilton county, Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That affiant intermarried with Joseph Webb, and by such intermarriage they were born, and are now living the children mentioned in affiant's application. That said children are Cherokees by blood.

Affiant further states that she knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances, and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearances of herself ~~that~~ indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further states that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said James Evans she believes that she herself to be a descendant of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

*Lucinda Emeline Webb*  
Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23th day of July, 1896.

Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 7 day of *Nov*, 189*7*.

*y W Black*  
*Attest David E. ...*

Nation's No. 2656  
Commission's No .....  
In re Application of

Lucinda E. Webb

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Lucinda E. Webb*

Nation's No. *2036*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*James Grant* through whom the petitioner claims to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hartwig & Beadles* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *21* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

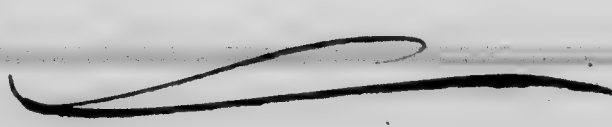
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No. 2512  
Mary J. Davis

v.  
Cherokee Nation

Filed 7 Sept. 1896  
W. H. Jacobson  
at



Proctor

Joseph Mulla  
at



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Victor Muller do solemnly swear that on the 2th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 371 received from postmaster, copy attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Mary J. Lewis and of the affidavits of Mary J. Lewis and Lucinda E. Webb in support of same. Victor Muller

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 2th day of September, 1896.

State Ark.  
County Sebastian

Geo. B. Latta  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Gentlemen:—

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of herself and her children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That petitioner's name is Mary J. Irvins.  
 That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood, and is at least one-sixteen th Cherokee blood. That she is 36 years of age; that her post-office address is Culla Chaha, Indian Territory. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Lucinda Emeline Webb, nee Evans, and who is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans, who lived and died in what is now the County of Hamilton, State of Tenn then the Cherokee Nation, that he was a Cherokee by blood, and was the son of the late James Evans, who also lived in near what is now the City of Chatanooga, then Ross Landing, in what now is Hamilton County, State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that she intermarried with Irvins, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the herein below mentioned children. That said children are Cherokees by blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

**Affidavits of herself and Lucinda Emeline Webb.**

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
 Respectfully submitted,

*Mary J. Irvins*  
 Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Martha J. Irvins	36	Mother and wife.
Lula C. Irvins	16	daughter.
John R.	13	son
Lona J.	11	daughter
Joe F.	7	son
Robert J.	4	

Indian Territory, Central District.  
 Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the Central District, Martha J. Irvins who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true and she verily believes.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896.  
 My commission expires on the 19 day of Feb., 1897.  
*B. J. McCallister*  
 Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Mary J. Irving  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory )  
COUNTY OF ..... ) SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Mary J. Irving who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 36 years of age, and a resident of the State of ..... and County of ..... and that she is personally acquainted with ..... who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood, and is at least one-sixteen the Cherokee blood. That her maiden name is Webb, and is the daughter of Lucinda Emeline Webb, who is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That the said Lucinda Emeline Webb is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans. That, affiant has been taught by her relatives and by others who knew the said William Thos. Evans during his life-time, that the said complexion, and physical appearance indicated that he was at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and that he was the son of the late James Evans, who lived in what is now the City of Chatanooga, then known as Rose Landing, now Hamilton Co., State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation; and that the said James Evans spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further state that the she intermarried with Irving, and by said intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the children mentioned in affiant's application; that said children are of Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she ..... ~~knows~~ knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of her ~~herself~~ herself ..... indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said James Evans ..... he believes her ~~herself~~ herself ..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896.  
Mary J. Irving  
B. J. McArthur  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission expires Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1898



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Martha J. Irvin  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory  
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Lucinda Eneline Webb who, being by me duly sworn states:

That she is 59 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. that she is personally acquainted with Martha J. Irvin who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states.

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Martha J. Irvin is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Lucinda E. Webb, this affiant that this affiant is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late William Thos. Evans. That affiant has often seen the said William Thos. Evans, and she was raised with him, and she knows that the complexion and physical appearance of the said William Thos. Evans indicated that he was of Cherokee blood. Affiant further states that she has been taught by her father, and by others that the said William Thos. Evans was the son of the late James Evans who lived in what is now the City of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing, in what is now the County of Hamilton, State of Tenn., then the old Cherokee Nation; and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that the said Martha J. Irvin is the identical person that she represents herself to be in her application for Cherokee citizenship; and that she is a direct lineal descendant of the late James Evans Cherokee Indian family; and that the said Martha J. Irvin is rightfully entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Martha J. Irvin for the past 36 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Martha J. Irvin indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Martha J. Irvin he believes the said Martha J. Irvin to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Lucinda E. Webb  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Aug 1896  
J. J. Irwin

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Feb 1899



Nation's No. 2635

Commission's No .....

In re Application of

Mary J. Irwin

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 28 1896. 2

A. S. LICKNER.

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Mary J. Lyons*

Nation's No. *2635-*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*James Evans*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hulberg, Hastings & Bondnot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *23* day of *Decr*, 1896.

*J. H. Wall*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Form No. 100.

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J.P. Mullen,

Ft. Smith, Ark.

Please assign Mary E. Mattox  
name to her application papers.

H. Mattox.

**End**



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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 5th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 371 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of J. P. Webb and of the affidavits of J. P. Webb and Lucinda Webb in support of same. Vester Muller

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5th day of September, 1896.

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Mr. B. Smith  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.**

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Gentlemen:—

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That his name is J. K. Webb and that he is 27 years of age that his postoffice is Redland Cherokee Nation, I. T. and that he is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood and that he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother Lucinda E. Webb who was the daughter of William T. Evans who lived that part of the old Cherokee Nation, that is now known as Hamilton County, Tenn. and who was a Cherokee by blood and who was the son of the late James Evans and who also lived in Hamilton County, Tenn. and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language and who was a Cherokee by blood and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

**Affidavit of himself and David Evans.**

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

*J. K. Webb*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
J. K. Webb	27	affiant)

Indian Territory, *Sequoyah* District. Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the *Northern* *District of the Indian Territory* and aforesaid *J. K. Webb*, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *29* day of *July*, 1896.

My commission expires on the *9* day of *Feb*, 1899.  
*Thomas H. Reed*  
Notary Public.

DALLAS STAR PRINT.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

In the matter of petition and memorial of Jap K. Webb for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Indian Territory,  
Northern Division.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the said Northern Division, personally appeared Jap K. Webb, who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 27 years of age, and a resident of Sequoyah Dist., Cherokee Nation, I. T., and that he is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states that he is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood, and that he is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his ~~father's~~ mother, Lucinda Emeline Webb, whose maiden name is Evans, and is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans. Affiant has been informed, and verily believes, by relatives, and by others who knew the said William Thos. Evans in his life time, that his personal appearances, habits, manners, complexion, etc. indicated that he was a Cherokee blood, and that he was born in that part of the old Cherokee Nation that is now called Hamilton County, State of Tenn., and near the city of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing. That the said William Thos. Evans was the son of the late James Evans, who, affiant has been informed, and does believe, spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That affiant intermarried with \_\_\_\_\_

Affiant further states that he has been recognized by his acquaintances and relatives, and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the personal appearances of himself indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he knows and has heard of the family of the said James and William Thos. Evans he believes that he is a descendant of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

*J. K. Webb*  
.....

1896.

subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of July

1 *James P. Reed*  
.....  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 9 th, 1899

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Jasper K. Webb  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory }  
COUNTY OF Northern Div. } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Lucinda Melina Webb who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County Sequoyah Dist. and that she is personally acquainted with Jasper K. Webb who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Jasper K. Webb is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, the said Lucinda Melina Webb, affiant, who is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood, and who is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans, who, as affiant has always been taught and verily believes was of Cherokee blood, and lived and died in what is now the County of Hamilton, State of Tenn., and who was the son of the late James Evans, who also lived near what is now the City of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing, and in what is now the County of Hamilton, State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indiana. Affiant further states that the said Jasper K. Webb is the identical person that he represents himself to be in his application for Cherokee citizenship; and affiant knows that he is a direct lineal descendant by blood of the James Evans Cherokee Indian family; and that the said Jasper K. Webb is rightfully entitled to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of his Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Jasper K. Webb for the past years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Jasper K. Webb indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Jasper K. Webb he believes the said Jasper K. Webb to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Lucinda E. Webb

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Aug. 1896

J. B. Brewer  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires Feb. 1899

Nation's No. 263-5

Commission's No .....

In re Application of

J. R. Schapp

Demurrer and Answer.

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A. S. ...



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of.....

J. B. White

Nation's No. 263-5

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that James Evans

..... through whom the petitioner..... claims to derive his..... right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
eside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By Hutchings, Hastings & Boudier Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 21 day of Sept 1896.

D. J. Ball

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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No. 2503-509

IN THE MATTER OF

*Ben H. Malt*

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896

*N. M. Jacobson*  
clk

*Repealed*

*Joseph R. Miller*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 371 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Ben Henry Webb and of the affidavits of B. A. Webb, Lucinda E. Webb in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5th day of September, 1896.

State Ark.  
County Washita

Thos. A. Satch  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.**

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Gentlemen:-

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That his name is Ben H. Webb, that he 29 years of age that his postoffice, address is Redland, Cherokee Nation, I. T. that he is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood and that he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother Lucinda E. Webb, nee Evans and who was the daughter of the late William T. Evans, who lived in that part of the old Cherokee Nation, now known as Hamilton County, Tenn. and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was the son of the late James Evans who also lived in Hamilton County, Tenn who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That said petitioner intermarried with Pearl Marion, with whom he now lives.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavit of himself and ~~David Evans~~ *Emeline Webb*

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried. Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs Ben H. Webb*  
mark Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Ben H. Webb, (applicant)	29	husband
Pearl Webb	24	wife
<i>Marcell Webb</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>son</i>

*attest J. G. Somell in  
G. W. Black*

Indian Territory, District. Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the *Northern* District of the *Indian Territory* and aforesaid *Ben H. Webb*, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *29* day of *July* 1896. *Ben H. Webb*

My commission expires on the *9* day of *July* 1899. *James W. ...* Notary Public.

DALLAS STAR PRINT.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of petition and memorial of Ben Henry Webb for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Indian Territory,  
Northern Division.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the said Northern Division, personally appeared Ben Henry Webb, who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 29 years, and a resident of Sequoyah Dist., Cherokee Nation, I. T.; and that his post-office is Redland, I. T.; and that he is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states that he is an admixture of white and Cherokee and is at least one-sixteenth th Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Lucinda E. Webb, whose maiden name is Beans, and is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans. Affiant has been informed, and verily believes, by relatives, and by others who knew the said William Thos. Evans in his life-time that his personal appearances, habits, manners, complexion, etc. indicated that he was of Cherokee blood, and that he was born in that part of the Cherokee Nation that is now known as Hamilton County, State of Tenn., and near the City of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing. That the said William Thos. Evans was the son of the late James Evans, who affiant has been informed and does believe, spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That affiant intermarried with Pearl Marion and by said marriage there was born, and is now living, one child, to-wit: That said child is a Cherokee by blood.

Affiant further states that he has been recognized by his acquaintances and his ~~real~~ relatives and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the personal appearances of himself indicate that he is of Cherokee blood and descent.

Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he knows and has heard of the families of the said James and William Thos. Beans he believes that he is a descendant of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

*Ben H. Webb*  
.....

1896.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29 day of July

*P. M. ...*  
.....  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on 4.4.1897

*attest J. G. Sullivan*  
*G. H. Black*

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Ben Webb  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory )  
COUNTY OF Northern Div. ) ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Lucinda Emeline Webb who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is        years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist that she is personally acquainted with BEN WEBB who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said BEN WEBB is an admixture of white and Cherokee and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Lucinda Emeline Webb, affiant, who is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she, affiant, is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans, who, as affiant has always been taught and verily believes was of the Cherokee blood, and who lived and died in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn., and who was the son of the late James Evans, who also resided in what is now the City of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing, in what is now the County of Hamilton, State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that the said BEN WEBB is the identical person that he represents himself to be in his application for Cherokee Indian citizenship; and affiant knows that he is a direct lineal descendant by blood, of the late James Evans Cherokee Indian family and that the said BEN WEBB is rightfully entitled to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of his Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said BEN WEBB for the past        years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said BEN WEBB indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said BEN WEBB she believes the said BEN WEBB to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Lucinda E. Webb

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Aug 1896.

J. J. [Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Feb 1899



Nation's No. 2658  
Commission's No .....  
In re Application of

Bernard H. Selby

**Demurrer and Answer.**  
FILED SEPT. 25 1896  
A. S. LOCKWOOD  
— CLERK —



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of.....

*Ben H. Webb*

Nation's No. *2659*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that..... *James Gray*

..... through whom the petitioner..... claim, to derive..... *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hartman & Bondick* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *21* day of *Sept* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 2502510

Green Webb

v.

Cherokee Nation

Filed 7 Sept 1896

H. M. Jacobson  
clerk

Respect

Joseph R. Muller  




Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Walter Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 21 day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 371 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Green W. Webb and of the affidavit of G. W. Webb and Lucas E. Webb in support of same. Walter Mullen

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 21th day of September, 1896.

State Ark.  
County Sebastian

Thos. B. Sartan  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CARANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 16th, 1886, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

that his name is Green Wesley Webb; that his age is 35 years; that his present address is Hanson, Cherokee Nation, I. T. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Lucinda E. Webb, who is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans; and that the said William Thos. Evans was born in what is now Hamilton county, State of Tenn., and what was then the old Cherokee Nation; that he was Cherokee by blood, and that he was the son of the late James Evans, who lived, and died in the old Cherokee country, and in now what is known as Hamilton county, State of, and near what is now the city of Chatanooga, and what was then known as Ross Landing; and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language; and that he was a Cherokee by blood, and that he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That petitioner intermarried with Delia Young, and with whom he now lives.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavits of himself and David Evans.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

*G. W. Webb*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Green W. Webb	35	Husband
Delia Webb	24	Wife.

Indian Territory, *Savannah* District.  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the *Savannah* District of the *Indian Territory*, and aforesaid *G. W. Webb*, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.  
*G. W. Webb*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *29* day of *July*, 1896.  
*James P. Reed*  
Notary Public.  
My commission expires on the *9* day of *Sept*, 1899.

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Green Wesley Webb  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Indian Territory  
COUNTY OF Northern Division

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Green Wesley Webb who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 25 years of age, and a resident of the State of Indian Territory and County of Cherokee Nation and that he is XXXXXXXXXXXX who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

*(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)*

That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee Indian blood from Lucinda Emeline Webb who is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans, who lived in what is now Hamilton county, Tenn., but then the old Cherokee Nation, and who, affiant has been informed by relatives, and by others who knew the said William Thos. Evans during his life-time that he was a Cherokee by blood, and was the son of the late James Evans, who ~~was~~ lived in the old Cherokee Nation, ~~then~~ now the State of Tenn., and who was born, and lived and died near what is now the City of Chatanooga, but then Ross Landing, in Hamilton Co., Tenn; and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language; and that he was a Cherokee by blood, and that he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That he intermarried with Mrs. Adelle Young, with whom he now resides.

Affiant further states: That he ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ for the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of ~~the said~~ himself indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family ~~of the said~~ William and James Evans he believes ~~the said~~ himself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

G. W. Webb

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of July 1896

James F. Reed  
Notary Public

My Commission expires 9 day of Feb. 1899



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Green Wesley Webb FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory )
COUNTY OF Northern Dist. ) ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Lucinda Emeline Webb who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is ... years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that she is personally acquainted with Green Wesley Webb who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Green Wesley Webb is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Lucinda Emeline Webb, affiant who is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she, affiant, is a daughter of the late William Thos. Evans, who, as affiant as always been taught, and verily believe was of Cherokee blood, and lived and died in what is now Hamilton Co., State of Tenn., and who was the son of the late James Evans, who also lived near what is now the City of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Land- ing, in what is now the County of Hamilton, in the State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that she knows that the said Green Wesley Webb is the identical person that he represents himself to be in his application for Cherokee citizenship, and affiant knows that he is a direct lineal descendant by blood of the late James Evans Cherokee Indian family; that the said Green Wesley Webb is rightfully entorled to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation by virtue of this Cherokee k blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Green W. Webb for the past ... years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Green Wesley Webb indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Green Wesley Webb he believes the said Green Wesley Webb to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Lucinda E. Webb

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Aug 1896

J. B. Brennan Notary Public

My Commission expires Feb 1899



Nation's No. 2658

Commission's No .....

In re Application of

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 25 1887

A. S. MCKENNEY

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of.....

*Green W. Webb.*

Nation's No. *2658*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant..... entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that.....

*James Evans*

..... through whom the petitioner..... claims to derive..... *his* right

to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now eside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *21* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*A. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 2503511  
William H. Webb

Cherokee Nation

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
H. M. Jacobson  
Clerk

Repealed  
Repealed

Joseph [Signature]

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Nation's No. 2660  
Commission's No .....  
In re Application of

Wm. T. Roberts

Demurrer and Answer.

FILED SEPT 25

A. S. MCKENNA

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of.....

*Wm T. Webb*

Nation's No. *2662*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that.....

*Jamel Braro*

..... through whom the petitioner..... claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now eside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *21* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Balle*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 24th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 371 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of William J. Webb and of the affidavits of Lucinda E. Webb Wm J Webb Vester Mullen in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 24th day of September, 1896.

State Ark  
County Sebastian

J. A. Latta  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.**

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—  
The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That his name is William T. Webb, that he is 33 years of age that his post office address is Hanson, I. T. that he is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood that he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Lucinda E. Webb nee Evans who was the daughter of the late William T. Evans, who lived in the part of the old Cherokee Nation, now known as Hamilton County, Tenn. and who was a Cherokee by blood and who was the son of the late James Evans, who also lived in Hamilton County who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That petitioner intermarried with Bettie Hall and by such marriage there were born and are now living the herein below mentioned children, that said children are Cherokee Indians by blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

**Affidavits of himself and David Evans.**

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,  
*W. T. Webb*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
William T. Webb, (applicant). Bettie "	33	father and husband, mother and wife.
Mamie L. "	8	daughter.
Bennie C. Webb,	6	daughter.
William Roy	3	son

*Attest J. G. Jamblin  
S. W. Black*

Indian Territory, ..... District.  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the ..... and aforesaid ..... who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.

*William T. Webb*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 22 day of July 1896.

*James F. Reed*  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 4 day of Feb 1897

GALLIWAY STAR PRINT.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF.....William Thos. Webb.....
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE...Cherokee...NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory )
COUNTY OF Northern Div. ) ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared William Thos. Webb who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 37 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with... an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Lucinda Emeline Webb, with whom affiant has been raised and he knows that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Lucinda Emeline Webb indicate that she is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late William Thos. Evans, . Affiant has been taught from his earliest infancy that the said William Thos. Evans was of Cherokee Indian blood, and lived and died in what is now the State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation; and that the said William Thos, Evans was the son of the late James Evans, who was also a Cherokee by blood, as affiant has been taught and verily believes, and who lived near what is now the City of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing, in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that he intermarried with Bettie Jane Hall, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living the children mentioned in affiant's application, That said children are of Cherokee Indian blood.

Affiant further states: That he... for... years and knows that... has been and is recognized by... his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having... Cherokee... Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of... himself... indicate that... he... is of... Cherokee... Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said... James and Wm. T. Evans he believes... himself... to be a descendant by blood of the... Cherokee... Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this... day of... 189...

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires...

BALLMAN TYPE PRINT.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF William Thos. Webb FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory } COUNTY OF Northern Div. } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Lucinda E. Webb who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Hamilton Dist. and that she is personally acquainted with William Thos. Webb who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said William Thos. Webb is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth the Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Lucinda Eueline Webb, affiant, who is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she, affiant, is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans, who, as affiant has always been taught and verily believes, was of Cherokee blood, and lived and died in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn., and who was the son of the late James Evans, who also lived near what is now the city of Chattanooga, Tenn. then known as Ross Landing, in what is now the County of Hamilton, State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Affiant further states that she knows that the said William Thos. Webb is the identical person that he represented himself to be in his application for Cherokee citizenship; and she further knows that he is of blood descended by blood of the late James Evans, Cherokee Indian family; and that he said William Thos. Webb is rightfully entitled to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of his Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said William Thos. Webb for the past years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said indicate that is of Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Cherokee she believes the said to be a descendant by blood of the Indian tribe.

Lucinda E. Webb

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Aug 1894

B. B. Brewster NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires Feb 1899

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No. 2507-512

IN THE MATTER OF

*Juella C. Wright*

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the *United* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 7 Sept 1896*

*N. M. J. Newway  
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*Respectfully*

*Joseph W. Miller*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tablequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 371 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package which contained true copies of the application of Suella C. Wright and of the affidavits of Richard's Evans and Suella C. Wright in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5th day of September, 1896.

State Ark.  
County Sebastian

Thos. A. Sauter

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:— The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is Luella C. Wright, that she is 24 years of age that her post office is Detroit, Ala. that she is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and that she is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood that she derives her Cherokee blood from her father Richard G. Evans, who was the son of the late William T. Evans, who lived in that part of the old Cherokee Nation now known as Hamilton County, Tenn. and who was a Cherokee Indian and who was the son of the late James Evans who also lived in that Hamilton County, Tenn. and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That petitioner intermarried with William T. Wright, and that by such marriage the following named children were born and are now living the herein below mentioned children that the said children are Cherokee Indians by blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavit of herself and Richard G. Evans.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Luella C. Wright*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Luella C. Wright (applicant)	24	mother and wife
William T. Wright	38	father and husband
<i>Richard Wright</i>	4	<i>daughter</i>
<i>William T. Wright</i>	2	<i>son</i>

*The State of Ala*  
*Lamar*  
Indian Territory  
Notary Public

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the ..... and aforesaid *Luella C. Wright*, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *14th* day of *Aug.* 1896.

My commission expires on the ..... day of ..... 189*7*  
*John H. Ray*  
Notary Public.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF... Luella C. Wright...
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE... Cherokee... NATION.

STATE OF Alabama... )
COUNTY OF Lamar... ) ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Richard Green Evans... who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That... is... years of age, and a resident of the State of... and County of... and that... is personally acquainted with... Luella C. Wright... who is an applicant for citizenship in the... Cherokee... Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Luella C. Wright is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth the Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, Richard Green Evans, a white man who is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That her grandfather is the son of the late William Evans, who, as affiant has always been taught, was an admixture of white and Cherokee, and who lived and died in what was then the County of Madison, State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation, and the wife of the son of the late James Evans, who also lived and died in the city of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing, in what is now the County of Hamilton, State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation, and the wife of the Cherokee Indian language, and was Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that he said Luella C. Wright that she is the identical person that she represents herself to be in her application for Cherokee citizenship; and affiant knows that she is a direct lineal descendant of the said late James Evans, Cherokee Indian family; that she is entitled to rights to citizenship in the Cherokee nation by virtue of her Cherokee Indian blood.

Affiant further states: That... has known the said Luella C. Wright... for the past... years, and knows that... has been and is recognized by... neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having... Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Luella C. Wright... indicate that she... is... Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Luella C. Wright... he believes the said Luella C. Wright... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee... Indian tribe.

R. G. Evans

Subscribed and sworn to before me this... day of... 189...

Notary Public

My Commission expires...

CALLIGAN STAR PRINT.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Luella C. Wright
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Alabama }
COUNTY OF Lamar } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Luella C. Wright who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 24 years of age, and a resident of the State of Alabama and County of Lamar and that she is personally acquainted with who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth th Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, Richard G. Evans, who is the son of the late William Thos. Evans; and affiant has been informed by her relatives and by others who knew the said William Thos. Evans in his life-time, that, and she verily believes, that he was born, lived and died in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn., then the old Cherokee Nation, and who was of Cherokee blood, and who was the son of the late James Evans, who also resided near what is now the State City of Chattanooga, then Ross Landing, in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn., then a part of the Cherokee nation, and who was a of Cherokee blood, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That affiant is married with William C. Wright, and by such intermarriage there was born, and is now living the child mentioned in affiant's application. That said child is of Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said for the past years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of herself indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said James and Wm. Evans, he believes herself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Luella C. Wright

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May 1896

My Commission expires 1898

Nation's No. 2629

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Luella C Wright*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

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A. S. KENNONE

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Luella C. Wright*

Nation's No. *2629*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*James Evans*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right

to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins, Hasting & Bondmut* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*J. H. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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No. 4099513

IN THE MATTER OF

*Sydia Hyman*

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 7 Sept 1896*  
*Wm Doerway*  
*clerk*

*Rejected*

*Joseph R. Miller*  
*Atty.*

## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

<p><b>Sydaia Hynes</b> ..... Et Al, PETITIONER,</p>	VS.	} APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.
<p>..... <b>Cherokee</b> ..... Nation, Indian Territory. RESPONDENT.</p>		

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:.....

Your petitioner **Sydaia Hynes** ..... states that **Jacob and Betsey Lynore** .....  
 was a ..... **Cherokee** ..... Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
**in the old Cherokee Nation East and in the** ..... and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits  
**present Cherokee Nation Cherokee** ..... and annuities of other ..... Indians by blood in the said **Cherokee** .....  
 Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said **Jacob and Betsey Lynore** ..... appears,  
 or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said **Cherokee** ..... Indians for the year .....

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said **Jacob and Betsey Lynore** ..... to-wit:

That the post-office address of your petitioner is Van Buren, Ark. That she is 20 years of age. That she is one eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Harriett Dickinson. That the maiden name of said Harriett was Lynore, and is the daughter of the late Minerva Lynore, who was one-half Cherokee, and who was the daughter of the late Betsey Lynore, who was a half-breed Cherokee, and who lived in the present Cherokee Nation, who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a recognized member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and who was the ~~wife~~ of the late Jacob Lynore who immigrated from the old Cherokee Nation East to the present Cherokee Nation, and who was also a half-breed Cherokee, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who lived with and among the Cherokees all of his life, and who was a recognized citizen and member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, both in the old Cherokee Nation East and in the present Cherokee Nation.

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said ..... **Cherokee** ..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said ..... **Cherokee** ..... Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other ..... **Cherokee** ..... Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner ..... persons, as follows, to-wit:

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, a	, and	years of age

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that ..... **her** ..... name, with those of



.....said descendant, to-wit:.....  
.....  
and.....~~her self~~.....be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits, privileges  
and immunities of other.....~~Cherokee~~.....Indians, in and to the ~~Cherokee~~.....Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

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Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner, Sydney Hynes,.....says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

*Sydney Hynes*  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16 day of August, 1896.

*E. L. Matlock*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires Jan. 5, 1899.

**Application of**

No. ....

..... Et Al.,

— FOR —

Enrollment in..... Nation.

Filed on the..... day of..... 189...

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Sydia Hynes  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Crawford SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Harriett Dickinson who, being by me duly sworn states:

That she is 62 years of age, a resident of the State of Arkansas and County of Crawford and that she is personally acquainted with Sydia Hynes who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Sydia Hynes is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Harriett Dickinson, this affiant, who is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Minerva Lynare, whom this affiant knew well, and this affiant knows well that the said mother often told her that she was of Cherokee descent, and that she herself was a half-breed Cherokee, and that she was the daughter of the late Betsey and Jacob Lynare, whom this affiant also knew well and this affiant knows full well that both of them were half-breed Cherokees and spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and resided near what is now Naturala Dam, Ark., but within the Cherokee Nation. That this affiant knows full well that they were recognized citizens of the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that she has been taught by the said Jacob Lynare that she immigrated west with the Cherokees, and that he was also a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation in the old Cherokee Nation east of the Mississippi River, a

Affiant further states that she knows that the Sydia Hynes is the identical person that she represents herself to be in her application for Cherokee citizenship; and that she is a direct liberal descendant of the late Jacob and Betsey Lynare Cherokee Indian families and that the said Sydia Hynes is rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Sydia Hynes for the past 20 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Sydia Hynes indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Sydia Hynes he believes the said Sydia Hynes to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Witness: E. L. Mallock Harriet Dickinson  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of August 1896  
E. L. Mallock  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My commission expires July 8th 1899

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Victor Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas addressed to Hon. Samuel Mayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Sahlegwah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 365 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Sydia Hynes and of the affidavits of Harriet Dickerson and Victor Muller in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of Sept, 1896.

State Ark  
County Sebastian My Com expires Mich. 14-1900  
Chas. B. Parham Notary Public

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Nation's No. 2940

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Sydia Symms  
et al.*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 28 1896.

A. S. MCKENNON

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Sybia Hynes et al*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. *2444*

Commission's No.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Robert Johnson*  
through whom the petitioner claims to derive her right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *John L. Adair* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *10* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*J. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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514-  
No. 2470  
IN THE MATTER OF

Benjamin F. Howell.

**PETITION AND MEMORIAL**  
...FOR...  
**CITIZENSHIP**

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
AM Jacobson  
llk

Repealed.

Joseph P. Mullen  
Atty.



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of Sept, 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at H. Street addressed to Samuel Mayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tallegusah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 365 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Benjamin F. Howell and of the affidavits of John Ross, Geo W. Davis and Thos J Taylor in support of same. Vester Muller State of Ark. County Washington

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of Sept, 1896.  
Thos A. Smith Notary Public.  
 My Comm. Expires on 14th Feb. 1900

## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

<p><b>Benjamin F. Howell</b>..... Et AL, PETITIONER,</p>	VS.	APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.
<p><b>Cherokee</b>..... Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT.</p>		

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:.....

Your petitioner **Benjamin F. Howell**..... states that **William Howell**.....  
**Cherokee**  
 was a..... Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in  
 in the old Cherokee Nation in Tenn..... and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits  
 and annuities of other..... **Cherokee**..... Indians by blood in the said **Cherokee**.....  
 Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said..... **William Howell**..... appears,  
 or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said..... **Cherokee**..... Indians for the year.....

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said **William Howell**..... to-wit:

That the post-office address of your petitioner is Ward, I. T That he is 57 years of age. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is a least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his father, the late Riley G. Howell, who was born in the State of Tenn., and who was at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and he was the son of the late William Howell, who was born in Hamilton County, Tenn, about the year of 1793, and died in the same county, in about the year of 1856. That the said William Howell was a half-blood Cherokee, and lived among and with the Cherokees all of his life. That he was a recognized citizens and member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and of the Cherokee Nation, in the old Cherokee Nation, in the State of Tenn. Petitioner further states that he intermarried with Sarah Bearden, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the herein below mentioned children. That said children are of Cherokee blood.

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said..... **Cherokee**..... Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said..... **Cherokee**..... Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other..... **Cherokee**..... Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner ~~there are~~ persons, as follows, to-wit:

<b>James M. Howell</b>	,	a	son	,	and	<b>30</b>	
<b>Albert L.</b>	,	a	"	,	and	<b>28</b>	years of age
<b>Calvin F.</b>	,	a	"	,	and	<b>25</b>	years of age
<b>Mary Francis Dilday nee Howell</b>	,	a	daughter	,	and	<b>23</b>	years of age
<b>Henry William Howell</b>	,	a	son	,	and	<b>22</b>	years of age
<b>Rufus</b>	,	a	"	,	and	<b>19</b>	years of age
<b>John R.</b>	,	a	"	,	and	<b>18</b>	years of age
<b>Andrew J.</b>	,	a	"	,	and	<b>15</b>	years of age
<b>Minnie Belle</b>	,	a	daughter	,	and	<b>12</b>	years of age
<b>Alanzo</b>	,	a	son	,	and	<b>11</b>	years of age
	,	a		,	and		years of age
	,	a		,	and		years of age
	,	a		,	and		years of age
	,	a		,	and		years of age

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that..... **his**..... name, with those of

his ..... said descendants, to-wit: .....  
John M., Albert L., Calvin E., Mary E., Henry W., Susan, John R.  
Andrew J. Minnie Belle, and Alonzo Howell

and ..... be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges  
and immunities of other ..... Indians, in and to the ..... Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray. Cherokee Cherokee

Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner ..... says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.  
Benjamin F. Howell

*B. F. Howell* Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24 day of August 1899

*J. B. ...*  
Notary Public

*Cum muniis Express July 1899*

No. ....

Application of

..... Et Al.,

— FOR —

Enrollment in ..... Nation.

Filed on the ..... day of ..... 189...

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Benjamin F. Howell  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory  
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared John Ross who, being by me duly sworn states:

That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Flint Dist. that he is personally acquainted with Benjamin F. Howell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant says that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Benjamin F. Howell indicate that he is of Cherokee blood and descent. Affiant was acquainted with William Howell in North Carolina and Tenn., and knew that he was a half-breed Cherokee Indian, and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language; and that the said William Howell was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation in North Carolina and Tenn. That the said William Howell moved away from where affiant first became acquainted with him. Affiant knows that the said William Howell had a family. But this affiant was not acquainted with any of them. Affiant further says that after conversing with the said Benjamin F. Howell this affiant believes that the said Benjamin F. Howell is direct lineal descendant of the late William Howell Cherokee Indian family. Affiant states that the said Benjamin F. Howell and his descendants are rightfully entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. Affiant further states that he was chief of the Cherokees in North Carolina for eight years, and he this affiant, had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with a great number of Cherokees, and among them the said William Howell.

Affiant further states: That ~~he~~ had known the said ~~Benjamin F. Howell~~ for the past ~~years~~ and knows that ~~he~~ has been and is recognized by ~~neighbors~~ acquaintances and the public generally as having ~~Indian blood~~ and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Benjamin F. Howell indicate that he is of ~~Indian blood and descent~~. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Benjamin F. Howell he believes the said Benjamin F. Howell to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Aug 1896  
John Ross, Ex. Chf.  
B. B. Brewer

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Feb 1899



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Benjamin F. Howell FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Arkansas ) COUNTY OF Washington ) SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Geo. W. Vann who, being by me duly sworn states:

That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. that he is personally acquainted with Benjamin F. Howell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant states that while residing in what is now Hamilton county, Tenn, he became acquainted with William Howell, whom this affiant knew. Affiant further states that he knows full well that the said William Howell was a half-blood Cherokee Indian, and spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and that he was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation in Tenn., and that he was a recognized member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in what is now the State of Tenn. and affiant knows that the said William Howell received all the benefits, privileges and annuities as such member of the Cherokee Tribe.

Affiant further states that after conversing with Giddoen, H. Howell, this affiant fully believes a brother to the said Benjamin F. Howell this affiant most earnestly believes that the said Benjamin F. Howell and his descendants are rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of the Cherokee blood, being direct lineal descendants of the late William Howell Cherokee Indian family.

Affiant further states: That has known the said Benjamin F. Howell for the past 28 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Benjamin F. Howell indicate that he is of Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Benjamin F. Howell he believes the said Benjamin F. Howell to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of August 1886

George W. Vann Notary Public

My commission expires March 14 1890

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Benjamin F. Howell
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Benjamin F. Howell who, being by me duly sworn states:

That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist and that he is personally acquainted with Benjamin F. Howell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant says that he was born in the old Cherokee Nation in Tenn., and this affiant continued to live in the old Cherokee Nation until he was 33 years of age. During that time he traveled all over the Cherokee Nation in Tenn. and North Carolina. Affiant further states that he was well acquainted with William Howell whom he knew well, and he knows that the said William Howell was a half-blood Cherokee Indian and was recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that the said William Howell lived within five or six miles of this affiant, and affiant was well acquainted with the said William Howell, and affiant knows that he, the said William Howell, lived among the Cherokees as long as this affiant knew him. Affiant knows full well that he the said William Howell was a recognized citizen and member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and of the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that after conversing with the said Benjamin F. Howell this affiant verily believes that the said Benjamin F. Howell is a direct lineal descendant of the late William Howell, and affiant believes that the said Benjamin F. Howell and his descendants are rightfully entitled to their rights to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, being a direct lineal descendant of the said late William Howell Cherokee Indian family.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Benjamin F. Howell for the past 20 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Benjamin F. Howell indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Benjamin F. Howell he believes the said Benjamin F. Howell to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Thomas J. Taylor
B. B. Brewer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of Aug 1894

NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires Feb 1898

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Nation's No. 2933

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Bing T. Howell*  
*et al.*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 28 1888

A. S. MCKENNA

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Benny L. Howell*  
*et al*

Nation's No. *2435*

Commission's No. *1*

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*William Howell*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Harling, Hitchings & Baudin* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept* 1896.

*W. G. Bull*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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No. 2552

IN THE MATTER OF

Margenia L. Powell

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
- H. M. Jacobson  
C. R.

Reported

Joseph P. Muller  
Atty.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Peter Muller do solemnly swear that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 378 received from postmaster hereto attached, is a receipt for said package which contained true copies of the application of Marguerite F. Powell and of the affidavits of Patsey M. M. Muller in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896.

State Ark  
Co Sebastian

Thos. A. Smith  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is Merzenis L. Powell; that she is 52 years of age; that her post-office address is Ft. Smith, Ark. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Patsy Martin whose maiden name is McDaniel, and who is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and who is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. and who is the daughter of the late Samuel McDaniel, who lived and died in what is now Meigs county, State of Tenn., then the old Cherokee Nation, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That affiant intermarried with Daniel W. Powell, and by such intermarriage there were born the herein below named children, who are Cherokees by blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavit of herself and Mrs. Patsy Martin.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Merzenia L. Powell*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Merzenia Powell	52	Wife and mother
Daniel W. Powell (deceased)	58 (when died)	Husband and father.
Maxx Nellie Mellie	22	daughter
Jesse	19	son

Indian Territory.  
Notary District.  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the State of Arkansas, the said Merzenia L. Powell, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as she verily believes.  
*Merzenia L. Powell*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 30 day of July 1896.  
My commission expires on the 31 day of Feb. 1897.  
*B. B. ...*  
Notary Public.  
GALLIARD STAR PRINT.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Merzenia L. Powell
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory }
COUNTY OF Northern Div. } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Patsy Martin who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 72 years of age, and a resident of the State of Choctaw Nation and County of ... and that she is personally acquainted with Merzenia L. Powell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That she is the mother of the said Merzenia L. Powell; that the post-office of the said Merzenia is Ft. Smith, Ark. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and that she is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from affiant, viz, Patsy Martin, whose maiden name is McDaniel and is the daughter of the late Samuel McDaniel, who lived and died in what is now Meigs County, State of Tenn., then the old Cherokee Nation. That affiant was raised with said Samuel McDaniel, and she knows of her own personal knowledge that the complexion, physical appearance, habits and manners etc. indicated that she was a Cherokee Indian by blood; and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language; and that he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Affiant further states that she intermarried with Jesse Martin in 1841, and by such intermarriage the said Merzenia L. Powell, was born in lawful wedlock. Affiant further states that the said Merzenia L. Powell is a direct lineal descendant of the said Samuel McDaniel Cherokee Indian family.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Merzenia L. Powell for the past 52 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Merzenia L. Powell indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Merzenia L. Powell, he believes the said Merzenia L. Powell to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Patsy Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of August 1894

Jesse Martin
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires 10/10/99

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF.....Merzenia L. Powell.....
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee.....NATION.

STATE OF..Indian Territory) ss.
COUNTY OF..Northern Div..)

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Merzenia L. Powell..... who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 52 years of age, and a resident of the State of Arkansas..... and County of Sebastian..... and that she is personally acquainted with..... Applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee..... Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Patsey Martin, who is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That the maiden name of said patsey Martin is Patsey McDaniel, and that she is the daughter of the late Samuel McDaniel, who lived in what is now Meigs county, Tenn., then the old Cherokee Nation; And who died in the year of 1849. Affiant further says that she remembers well her grandfather, the said Samuel McDaniel, and that the complexion, personal appearance, and habits and manners of the said Samuel McDaniel indicated that he was of Cherokee blood; and affiant has been accustomed to meeting Cherokees all of her life, and she knows a Cherokee Indian when she sees one; and that the said Samuel McDaniel spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and that he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that she intermarried with Daniel W. Powell, in the year of 1868, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living the children named in affiant's application, That the said children are Cherokees by blood.

Affiant further states: That she..... knows that she..... has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee..... Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of herself..... indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Samuel McDaniel..... she believes herself..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Merzenia L. Powell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of July 1894.

[Signature]

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires July 1895

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Nation's No. 2642

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

Maryema L. Pomeroy

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 21 1896. 27

A. S. MCKENNON

COM'Y



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of Margama L. Pomeroy

Nation's No. 2642

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that Samuel M. Howell

..... through whom the petitioner claim to derive..... right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

*See case motions No 2642*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By Walter P. Hodley & Benedict Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 28 day of Sept, 1896.

J. P. Ball

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 2492  
IN THE MATTER OF 516

James K. Howell.

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
H. M. Jacobson  
CLK

Rejected

Joseph P. Miller -  
Atty



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of Sept, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at H. Smith addressed to Samuel Mayer Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 265 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of James K. Howell and of the affidavits of Geo. W. Vane, John R. Kees and John J. Taylor in support of same. Vester Muller  
Wato, Ark.  
County Sebastian

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of Sept, 1896.

Wm Com. Spicer on the 14 th Feb. 1902  
Notary Public

## Application for Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

James K. Howell.....Et Al., PETITIONER,  VS.  Cherokee.....Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT.	}	APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.
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TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:.....

Your petitioner James K. Howell.....states that William Howell..... was a Cherokee.....Indian by blood; was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in the old Cherokee Nation in Tenn.....and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and annuities of other Cherokee.....Indians by blood in the said Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said William Howell.....appears, or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Cherokee.....Indians for the year.....

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said William Howell.....to-wit:

That the post-office address of your petitioner is Bekeshe, Choctaw Nation, I. T. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he is the son of the late Riley G. Howell and Eliza Jane Howell. That the said Riley G. Howell was born in Tenn., and was the son of the late William Howell who was born in Hamilton county, Tenn, about the year of 1793, and died in the.....about the year of 18..... That the said William Howell was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee tribe of Indians and of the Cherokee nation. Affiant further states that he intermarried with Amanda A. Muse, and by such intermarriage there were born the herein below mentioned children. That said children are of Cherokee blood and descent.

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said Cherokee.....Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said Cherokee.....Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other Cherokee.....Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner.....eight persons, as follows, to-wit:

James H. Howell	a	son	,	and	27	years of age
Elizabeth J. Maxak Bates nee Howell	a	daughter	,	and	24	years of age
Viola Southard nee Howell	a	"	,	and	21	years of age
Ruth Howell	a	"	,	and	15	years of age
Milton "	a	son	,	and	10	years of age
May Belle "	a	daughter	,	and	5	years of age
Roscoe "	a	son	,	and	3	years of age
Pearl "	a	daughter	,	and	1	years of age
	a		,	and		years of age
	a		,	and		years of age
	a		,	and		years of age
	a		,	and		years of age
	a		,	and		years of age

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that.....his.....name, with those of

his ..... said descendants, to-wit: .....  
**James N., Elizabeth T., Viola, Ruth, Milton, Mae Belle, Roscoe, and  
Neal Howell** .....  
and **himself** ..... be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges  
and immunities of other ..... **Cherokee** ..... Indians, in and to the **Cherokee** ..... Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

.....  
Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner... **James K. Howell** ..... says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

*James K. Howell* .....  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *26* day of *Aug* ..... 189*6*.

*B. B. Brennan* .....  
Notary Public

*Commission Expires July 1899*

No. ....  
**Application of**

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By **Al,**

Enrollment in ..... Nation.

Filed on the ..... day of ..... 189...

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF James K. Howell
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.
STATE OF Arkansas )
COUNTY OF Sebastian ) SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Geo. W. Vann who, being by me duly sworn states:
That he is 81 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist.
and that is personally acquainted with
who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That this affiant resided in the old Cherokee Nation in what are now the States of North Carolina and Tenn. That this affiant resided there in said Cherokee Nation until the year of 1838, at which date he immigrated west with the Cherokees, and located in the Cherokee Nation, where he has resided continuously ever since, except at short intervals. Affiant further states that when he was a youth he was jockey and traveled all over the Cherokee country in the States of North Carolina, northern Ala., and in the States of North Carolina and Tenn. Affiant further states that while at this occupation he had an opportunity of forming the acquaintance of large numbers of Cherokees, and among whom was William Howell. Affiant further states that he first became acquainted with him in the Cherokee Nation in North Carolina but that he soon afterwards immigrated to what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn. Affiant says that he knows that the said William Howell was a half-breed Cherokee Indian, and was a recognized citizen and member of the Cherokee tribe of Indian, and of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and that the said William Howell received all of the privileges and annuities as such.

Affiant further states that after conversing with Goddeon H. Howell the brother to the said James K. Howell this affiant has every reason to believe and does most believe that the said James K. Howell is a direct lineal descendant of the late William Howell Cherokee Indian family, and that the said James K. Howell and his descendants are rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, the same as other Cherokees who are now recognized as Cherokees by the Cherokee Nation in the Indian Territory

Affiant further states: That has known the said for the past years, and knows that has been and is recognized by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said indicate that is of Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said James K. Howell he believes the said James K. Howell to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of August 1890.

George W. Vann
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires March 14 1900.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF James K. Howell
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.
STATE OF Indian Territory
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Thos. J. Taylor who, being by me duly sworn states:
That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. he is personally acquainted with James K. Howell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant says that he was born in the old Cherokee Nation in Tenn. and this affiant continued to live in the old Cherokee Nation until he was 33 years of age. During that time he traveled all over the Cherokee Nation in Tenn. and North Carolina. Affiant further states that he was well acquainted with William Howell, whom he knew well, and he knows that the said William Howell was a half-blood, and was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that the said William Howell lived within five or six miles of this affiant and affiant was well acquainted with the said William Howell, and affiant knows that the said William Howell lived among the Cherokees as this affiant knew him. Affiant knows full well that the said William Howell, was a recognized citizen and member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and of the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that after conversing with the said James K. Howell this affiant verily believes that the said James K. Howell is a direct lineal descendant of the late William Howell, and affiant believes that the said James K. Howell and his descendants are rightfully and justly entitled to their rights to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, being a direct lineal descendant of the late William Howell Cherokee Indian family.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said James K. Howell for the past 20 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said James K. Howell indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said James K. Howell he believes the said James K. Howell to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Aug. 1896.
Thomas J. Taylor
B. Brainerd
NOTARY PUBLIC.
My commission expires Feb. 18. 98.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF James K Howell
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.
STATE OF Indian Territory
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared John Ross who, being by me duly sworn states:
That he is 75 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Flint Dist. that he is personally acquainted with James K. Howell who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant says that, the complexion and physical appearance of the said James K. Howell indicate that he is of Cherokee blood and descent. Affiant was acquainted with the said William Howell in North Carolina and in Tenn., and knew that he was a half-breed Cherokee Indian, and knew that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and that the said William Howell was a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation in North Carolina and Tenn. That the said William Howell moved away from where affiant first became acquainted with him. Affiant knows that the said William Howell had a family, but this affiant was not acquainted with any of them. Affiant further says that after conversing with the said James K. Howell, this affiant believes that the said James K. Howell was a lineal descendant of the said William Howell. Affiant states that the said James K. Howell is rightfully entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of his Cherokee blood. Affiant further states that he was chief of the Cherokees in North Carolina for eight years, and he this affiant had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with a great number of Cherokees and among them the said William Howell.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said James K. Howell for the past 20 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said James K. Howell indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said James K. Howell he believes the said James K. Howell to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of May 1895.
John Ross
B. Brown

NOTARY PUBLIC.
My commission expires Feb 1895

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Nation's No. 7936-

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*James K. Howell*  
*et al.*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 28 1896. ☆

A. S. MCKENNON

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*James K. Howell*  
*et al*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. *2936*  
Commission's No. ....

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *William Howell* through whom the petitioner claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Asst. Secy. & Baudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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No 2092

IN THE MATTER OF

Jane Hayes

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the

County of

Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
H.M. DeCourcy  
clerk

Respectfully

Joseph P. Mullen  
Atty

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 364 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Jane Hays and of the affidavits of Jacob C. Hays, Jane Hays, and James F. Hays-Smith in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4th day of September, 1896.

State Ark.  
County Sebastian

Thos. W. Suther

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.





.....her.....said descendants, to-wit: James, William and Jakey.....  
Hayes

.....herself.....be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges  
and Immunities of other.....Cherokee.....Indians, in and to the Cherokee.....Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

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Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner.....Jane Hayes.....says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

.....  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Aug.....1896.

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B. Brewer Notary Public

*Commission Expires Feb 1899*

**Application of**

No.....

..... Et Al.

FOR

Enrollment in.....Nation.

Filed on the.....day of.....189.....

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes

Attorney for Petitioner.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Jane Hayes  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION,  
STATE OF Indian Territory  
COUNTY OF Northern Div. } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Jacob C. Hayes who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 55 years of age, and a resident of the State of Indian Territory Cherokee Nation, County of Sequoyah Dist. and postoffice address is Mokey, I. T.; that he is personally acquainted with Jane Hayes who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant says that he has lived among the Cherokee Indians for the past thirteen years, and he knows an Indian when he sees one. Affiant further states that he knew one Emeline Brightwell. That he was intimately acquainted with her; and that she often told affiant that she was of Cherokee blood; and affiant says that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Emeline Brightwell indicated very strongly that she was at least one-half Cherokee Indian. Affiant further says that he knows that the said Jane Hayes is the identical person that she represents herself to be in her application for Cherokee citizenship; and that the said Jane Hayes is rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood. Affiant further says that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Jane Hayes indicate very clearly that she is of Cherokee blood, and descent.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Jane Hayes for the past 22 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Jane Hayes indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Jane Hayes he believes the said Jane Hayes to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of August 1896  
Jacob C. Hayes  
B. B. Burrell Notary Public.

My Commission expires Feb. 1899



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Jane Hayes FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION,

STATE OF Indian Territory } COUNTY OF Northern Div. } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Jane Hayes who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 42 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah and postoffice address is McKee, I. T. who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

that she was born in 1853; and she moved to Illinois Dist., 1885, where she has lived continuously ever since. Affiant further says that she is the daughter of the late James A. And Emeline Long, whose maiden name was Brightwell, and who was born in Hamilton County, Tenn, and she was an admixture of white and Cherokee, and was at least one-half Cherokee blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and lived and died in the State of Tenn.. Affiant further says that she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. , and that she derives her Cherokee blood from the source hereinbefore mentioned. Affiant says that she intermarried with Pleasant Hayes, a white man, and by such intermarriage the following named children were born, and are now living Jennie, Willia and Jackey, whose respective ages are 16, 13, and 8 and that said children are of Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Jane Hayes for the past 20 years and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said herself indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said herself he believes herself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said Emeline Long nee Brightwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of July 1896 Notary Public. My Commission expires Feb 18 99



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Jane Hayes  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory  
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared James F. Smith who, being by me duly sworn states: That he is 40 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Ill. Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with Jane Hayes who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states.  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Jane Hayes is an admixture of white and Cherokee and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, the late Emeline Brightwell. Affiant further states that he knew the said Emeline Brightwell during her life time and affiant knows that her complexion and physical appearance indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood. Affiant further states that he has often heard the said Emeline Brightwell speak of her Cherokee ancestry saying that they were of Cherokee blood. Affiant has also heard others speak of her Cherokee Indian ancestry.

Affiant further says that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Jane Hayes indicates that she is at least one-half Cherokee blood; affiant believes that she is entitled to rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Jane Hayes for 25 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Jane Hayes indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Jane Hayes he believes the said Jane Hayes to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of Aug 1896

James F. Smith  
J. B. Brewer

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Feb 1899

Nation's No. 2873-

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

James Hayes

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 28 1896. 2 /  
A. S. L. KENNON  
Clerk

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*June Hayes*

Nation's No. *2893-*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *The Ancestor (Brightman)* through whom the petitioner *claim* to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hughes Hutchings & Bond* - Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*A. J. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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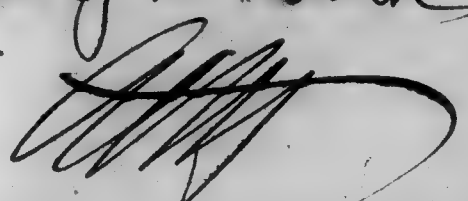
Mary L Black

No. 2497

Mary L Black

Cherokee Nation

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
H. M. Jacobson  
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Joseph R. Mullen  


J. R. Mullen  
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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Waves, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tablequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 371 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Mary L. Black & Mrs. Lucinda E. Webb and of the affidavits of Wm. B. Blyler and Vester Muller in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4th day of September, 1896.

*Walter Ark  
County Sebastian*

*Thos. W. Sutherland*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Gentlemen:—

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is Mary Lucinda Black; that she is 37 years of age; that her post-office address is Redland, I. T. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Lucinda Emeline Webb, who is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans who was ~~xxxxxx~~ a resident of that part of the old Cherokee Nation now known as Hamilton County, Tenn., and who was a Cherokee by blood; and who was a the son of the late James Evans who also lived in what is now Hamilton county. Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That petitioner intermarried with Isaac N. Black, and by said intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the herein below mentioned children. That said children are of Cherokee blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

**Affidavits of herself and David Evans.**

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary F. Black*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Mary Lucinda Black	37	Mother and wife.
Isaac N. Black		Father and husband
Lerrile C.	14	
Geo. D	12	
Lula B.	9	
Nancy E.	7	

attest *J. G. Sandlin*  
*I. N. Black*

India Territory,  
District.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the *Western* District of the *Ind. Terr.* and aforesaid *Mary F. Black*, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *29* day of *July*, 1896.

My commission expires on the *9* day of *Feb*, 1899

*Mary F. Black*

*James F. Reed*  
Notary Public.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of petition and memorial of Mary Lucinda Black for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Indian Territory, ~~Eastern~~  
Northern Division.

Personally before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the said Northern Division, appeared Mary Lucinda, who, after being duly sworn, states: That she is 37 years of age; and a resident of Sequoyah District, Cherokee Nation, and whose post-office is Redland, I. T., and who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states that she is an admixture of white and Cherokee and is at least one-sixteenth the Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Lucinda E. Webb, nee Evans and who is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans. Affiant has been informed, and verily believes, by relatives, and by others who knew the said William Thos. Evans in his life time, that his personal appearances, habits, manners, complexion, etc. indicated that he was a Cherokee by blood, and that he was born in that part of the old Cherokee Nation that is now known as Hamilton County, Tenn., and near the city of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing. That the said William Thos. Evans was the son of the late James Evans, who, affiant, has been informed, and does believe, spoke the Cherokee language, and was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That affiant intermarried with Isaac N. Black, and by said intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the following named children, to-wit: Lovil C. Black, 14 years, Geo. D. Black, aged 12, Lulu B., aged 9, Nancy E. Black, aged 7 years.

That said children are Cherokees by blood.

Affiant further states that she has been recognized by her acquaintances, relatives, and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the personal appearances of herself indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood, and descent.

Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she knows and has heard of the family of the said James and William Evans she believes that she is a descendant of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

*Mrs* Mary J. Black  
*mark* .....

,1896.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 27 day of July

James H. Reed  
.....  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on 9 day Feb 1899

attest J. G. Sautter  
G. W. Black

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Mary L. Black  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory  
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Lucinda E. Webb who, being by me duly sworn states: That she is 33 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. that she is personally acquainted with Lucinda E. Black who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states.

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

that the said Mary L. Black is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Lucinda Emeline Webb, this affiant. That this affiant is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood, and is the daughter of the late William Thos. Evans. Affiant further states that she remembers well her father, the said William Thos. Evans, and she knows his complexion and physical appearance indicate that she he was of Cherokee blood. Affiant further states that she has been taught by her father, and by others, from her earliest infancy, that the said William Thos. Evans was the son of the late James Evans, who resided near what is now the City of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing, in what is now the County of Hamilton, State of Tenn., then the old Cherokee Nation, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that the said Mary L. Black is the identical person that she represents herself to be in her application for Cherokee citizenship; and that she is a direct liberal descendant of the late James Evans Cherokee Indian family, and that the said Mary L. Black is rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Mary L. Black for the past 33 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Mary L. Black indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Mary L. Black she believes the said Mary L. Black to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of April 1896.  
Lucinda E. Webb  
J. B. [Signature]

NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My commission expires Feb. 1899.

Nation's No. 2639  
Commission's No .....  
In re Application of

Mary L Block

**Demurrer and Answer.**

A. S. MCKENNON  
COM'R



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of May Blood

Nation's No. 2639

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that James Evans

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By Hutchings, Hastings & Bondurant Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

John L. Adair

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 22 day of Sept. 1896.

D. J. Ball

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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No. 4978 577

IN THE MATTER OF

Solomon Fields

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept 7, 1876  
H. M. George,  
Secy.

Rejected

L. J. Hunt, atty.  
Springfield, Mo.





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* . . . family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* . . . family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness : .....

*Salomon Fields*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared . . . *Salomon Fields* . . . of . . . *Springfield Greene* County, State of . . . *Missouri* . . . whose post-office address is *Springfield* . . . in the County of *Greene* State of . . . *Missouri* . . . who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *his* . . . age is *44* . . . years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* . . . petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* . . . self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* . . . verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Salomon Fields* . . . and know *he* . . . is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* . . . signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Salomon Fields* . . . by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* . . . family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* . . . this *20* . . . day of *August* . . . 189*6*.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *20* . . . day of *March* . . . 189*9*.  
*Charles P. Davis* . . . Notary Public.

Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Solomon Fields for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared David Baughman, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That he is 51 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield, Greene County in the State of Missouri. That his post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That he is personally acquainted with Solomon Fields who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] he well knew the ancestors of said Solomon Fields who is a son of Abraham Fields now of Greene County Missouri said Abraham Fields came from the east into Arkansas before the war of 1861. He is a son of Asa Fields whose father was Hansford Fields who also came from the east into Arkansas. Affiant further states that he has known the said Solomon Fields for the past 20 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Solomon Fields indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Solomon Fields he verily believes the said Solomon Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Solomon Fields, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness: Charles Ollis, David Baughman, L. J. Hunt, and Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of August 1896, by the said David Baughman, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant David Baughman and know him to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by him signed, was fully made known and explained to him before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Solomon Fields to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Solomon Fields or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo., the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1899. Charles J. Ollis, Notary Public.

Vertical handwritten note on the right margin: Affiant further says he lived in the west part of an Indian cave until 1844 when he removed to Greene County Mo.

**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Salaman Fields*.....  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri*..... } ss.  
COUNTY OF *Greene*..... }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared  
*Clarissa Vaughn*....., who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That she is *82* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield* *Greene* County in the  
State of *Missouri*..... That her post-office address is *Springfield*.....  
in the County of *Greene*..... and State of *Missouri*.....  
That she is personally acquainted with *Salaman Fields*..... who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the

United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
Indian blood.] *That she well knew the ancestors of said Salaman Fields  
who is a son of Abraham Fields who is a son of Asa Fields  
who was a son of Lamsford Fields who was a Cherokee  
Indian by blood whom she knew in Arkansas:*

Affiant further states that she has known the said *Salaman Fields*.....  
for the past *30* years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
pearance of the said *Salaman Fields*..... indicates that he is of Indian  
blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the  
family of the said *Salaman Fields*..... she verily believes the said  
*Salaman Fields*..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Salaman*..  
*Fields*....., and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness *L. J. Hunt*..... *Clarissa Vaughn*.....  
*Chas. Ellis*..... *mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *August*..... 1896,  
by the said *Clarissa Vaughn*....., and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
said affiant *Clarissa Vaughn*..... and know her to be a credible person.  
I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained  
to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said.....  
*Salaman Fields*..... to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
am not related to said *Salaman Fields*..... or to any member of his family  
by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at *Springfield* *Mo.* the day and date  
last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *21*.....  
day of *March*..... 189*9*.  
*Chas. T. Ellis*..... Notary Public.



Nation's No. 1195  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

*Salomon Field*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 25 18  
A. S. LOCKWOOD



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Selmon Field*

Nation's No. *1195*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *P* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Selmon Field* through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. J. Bull*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1767520

IN THE MATTER OF  
George W. Fields

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept. 7, 1896  
H. M. Jaenney  
Secy.

L. J. Hunt, atty.  
Springfield, Mo.





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: ..... *G. W. Fields* .....

STATE OF *Missouri* ..... } ss.  
COUNTY OF *Greene* .....

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *George W. Fields* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *his* age is *25* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *George W. Fields* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *George W. Fields* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *22* day of *August* 189*6*.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2<sup>nd</sup>* day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Charles P. Olliv* Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of George W. Fields for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Nancy Samrill, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 68 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with George W. Fields who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said George W. Fields is a son of Asa Fields, who was a son of Asa Fields, who was a son of Lausford Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood who lived in Tennessee and afterwards in N.W. Arkansas and where

Affiant further states that she has known the said George W. Fields for the past years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said George W. Fields indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said George W. Fields verily believes the said George W. Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said George W. Fields, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness Chas. P. Ollis
D. T. Hunt

Nancy Samrill
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of September 1896, by the said Nancy Samrill, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Nancy Samrill and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said George W. Fields to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said George W. Fields or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2 day of March 1897.
Chas. P. Ollis Notary Public.

**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of George W. Fields .....  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
the United States.

STATE OF Missouri ..... } ss.  
COUNTY OF Greene .....

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Margaret Hardcastle ....., who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That she is 37 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the  
State of Missouri ..... That her post-office address is Springfield .....  
in the County of Greene ..... and State of Missouri .....  
That she is personally acquainted with George W. Fields ..... who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
Indian blood.] that George W. Fields is a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Lewis Ford Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood and who lived in North Western Arkansas where I formerly lived .....

Affiant further states that she has known the said George W. Fields .....  
for the past 22 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
pearance of the said George W. Fields ..... indicates that he is of Indian  
blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the  
family of the said George W. Fields ..... she verily believes the said  
George W. Fields ..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said George .....  
W. Fields ....., and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness E. B. Hardcastle ..... Margaret Hardcastle  
L. J. Hunt ..... Notary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September ..... 1896,  
by the said Margaret Hardcastle and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
said affiant Margaret Hardcastle ..... and know her to be a credible person.  
I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained  
to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said .....  
George W. Fields ..... to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
am not related to said George W. Fields ..... or to any member of his family  
by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at Springfield Mo. ..... the day and date  
last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2 .....  
day of March ..... 1899.  
Charles P. Ollis ..... Notary Public.



Nation's No. 1198  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

George W. Field

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 25 1898  
A. S. L. KENNEDY

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*George W. Fields*

Nation's No. *1190*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Lewisford Fields*

..... through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1770-521

IN THE MATTER OF

*William Benware*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 27, 1896*

*H. M. Jewney  
Secy*

*Rejected*

*L. J. Hunt. atty.  
Springfield. Mo.*



Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: *Jennie Freeman* *William X Benware*  
*John A Edwards* *mark*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *William Benware* of *Springfield Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *his* age is *51* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *William Benware* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *William Benware* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *4* day of *September* 189*6*

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2* day of *March* 189*9*  
*Charles P. Ellis* Notary Public.



**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of William Benware  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }  
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared  
Jennina E. Enyard, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That she is 30 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the  
State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield  
in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.

That she is personally acquainted with William Benware who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
Indian blood.] That said William Benware is the son of  
Richard Benware who lived and died in Springfield Mo  
who was the son of Joseph Benware who lived  
in Clay County Missouri

Affiant further states that she has known the said William Benware  
for the past 30 years, and knows that she has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
pearance of the said William Benware indicates that he is of Indian  
blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the  
family of the said William Benware she verily believes the said  
William Benware to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said William  
Benware, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Jennina Enyard  
L J Hunt

Jennina E Enyard  
Notary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of September 1896,  
by the said Jennina Enyard, and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
said affiant Jennina Enyard and know her to be a credible person.  
I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained  
to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said  
William Benware to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
am not related to said William Benware or to any member of his family  
by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at Springfield Mo the day and date  
last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2  
day of March 189  
Charles P Olli Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of William Benware for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Andrew J. Macdaniels, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That he is 55 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield, Greene County in the State of Missouri. That his post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That he is personally acquainted with William Benware who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said William Benware is a son of Robert Benware whom he knew well in Springfield, Mo. in his lifetime who was a son of Joseph Benware of Clay County, Mo. as reported and he believes.

Affiant further states that he has known the said William Benware for the past 28 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said William Benware indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said William Benware he verily believes the said William Benware to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said William Benware, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witnesses: Jennie Freeman, Andrew J. Macdaniels, L. Y. Hunt, mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of September 1896, by the said Andrew J. Macdaniels, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Andrew J. Macdaniels, and know him to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by the undersigned, was fully made known and explained to him before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said William Benware to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said William Benware or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2 day of March 1897. Charles P. Oller Notary Public.

Nation's No. 1161  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

*William Bennett*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 25 1890

A. S. MCKEYMON

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*William Benware*

Nation's No. *1161*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is*  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that *Joseph Benware*

..... through whom the petitioner..... claim, to derive *his*..... right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hartwig & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. L. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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No. 1777

IN THE MATTER OF

*Nancy Samrill*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 7, 1886*  
*H. M. Jernigan*  
*Secy.*

*Rejected*

*L. J. Hunt, Atty.*  
*Springfield, Mo.*

# Application for Enrollment.

## AND CITIZENSHIP

To the Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON, THOMAS B. CABANISS, and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by an Act of Congress of June 4th, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States.

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner *Mary Samuels* .....  
for and on behalf of *herself* .....

and *her* heirs, this day makes this *present* application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and allotment of land in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

Your petitioner further states that *her* immediate family consists of the following named persons who bear the relationship to your petitioner herein designated and for whom, with your petitioner *she* asks the privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

NAME OF APPLICANT.	AGE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
<i>Mary Samuels</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>Springfield Missouri</i>
Names of members of family and relationship		
<i>John Samuels - son</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Springfield Missouri</i>
<i>Berry Samuels</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Stone County Missouri</i>

Your petitioner further states, as grounds for asking the said privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States, for *herself* and *her* said heirs above named. That *she* is the *daughter* of *Asa Thomas* who lived at *Leitchfield and North west Arkansas* who was the *son* of *James Ford Field* who lived at *Tennessee and Arkansas* and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and a member of the Tribe, and who resided with the Tribe in the old Cherokee Nation, East, and whose family your petitioner verily believes was enrolled by the United States Government in 1835, prior to the Cherokee Indian removals West. That your petitioner has been taught by *her* ancestors and relatives that *her* is an admixture of *white* and Cherokee Indian blood, and has always been so recognized and considered by the intimate friends and acquaintances of your petitioner's ancestors and *her* family, and that *she* is at least *one eighth* Cherokee Indian blood.

Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: *L. J. Hunt* *Nancy <sup>her</sup> Samwell*  
*Chas. P. Ows* *mark*

STATE OF *Missouri*  
COUNTY OF *Greene*

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Nancy Samwell* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *her* age is *68* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Nancy Samwell* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Nancy Samwell* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *1* day of *September* 189*6*.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2* day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Chas. P. Ows* Notary Public.



**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Nancy Danrill*.....  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri*  
COUNTY OF *Greene*

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared  
*Margaret Hardcastle* who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That she is *57* years of age and is a resident of *Springfield, Greene* County in the  
State of *Missouri*. That her post-office address is *Springfield*  
in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*  
That she is personally acquainted with *Nancy Danrill*..... who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
Indian blood.] *That the said Nancy Danrill is a daughter  
of Asa Shields who was son of Laurence Shields  
who was a Cherokee Indian by blood*

Affiant further states that she has known the said *Nancy Danrill*.....  
for the past *40* years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
pearance of the said *Nancy Danrill*..... indicates that she is of Indian  
blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the  
family of the said *Nancy Danrill*..... she verily believes the said  
*Nancy Danrill*..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Nancy*.....  
*Danrill*..... and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

*E. B. Hardcastle* Notary Public  
*Margaret X Hardcastle*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27* day of *September*..... 1896,  
by the said *Margaret Hardcastle*..... and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
said affiant *Margaret Hardcastle*..... and know her to be a credible person.  
I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained  
to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said.....  
*Nancy Danrill*..... to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
am not related to said *Nancy Danrill*..... or to any member of..... family  
by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at *Springfield, Mo.* the day and date  
last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2*.....  
day of *March*..... 189*7*.  
*Charles P. Ollis*..... Notary Public.

## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Nancy Damrill  
 for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
 the United States.  
 STATE OF Missouri  
 COUNTY OF Greene } es.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Lucinda Veughan, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
 That she is 46 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the  
 State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield  
 in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.  
 That she is personally acquainted with Nancy Damrill who is an  
 applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
 United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
 Indian blood.] That said Nancy Damrill is the daughter of  
Asa Fields who was the son of Lemford Fields  
who came from the East into Arkansas  
where I lived for many years and who  
was a Cherokee Indian by blood  
 Affiant further states that she has known the said Nancy Damrill  
 for the past 25 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors,  
 acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
 pearance of the said Nancy Damrill indicates that she is of Indian  
 blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the  
 family of the said Nancy Damrill verily believes the said  
Nancy Damrill to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
 Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever  
 in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Nancy  
Damrill, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
 foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness L. T. Hunt Lucinda Veughan  
Chas. P. Olin mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of September 1896,  
 by the said Lucinda Veughan, and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
 said affiant Lucinda Veughan and know her to be a credible person.  
 I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained  
 to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said  
Nancy Damrill to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
 am not related to said Nancy Damrill or to any member of her  
 family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
 at Springfield, Mo the day and date  
 last above mentioned.  
 My Notarial commission will expire on the 7  
 day of March 1897.  
Charles P. Olin Notary Public.

Nation's No. 1178  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

Nancy Demrell

**Demurrer and Answer.**  
FILED SEPT: 23 1880  
A. S. MCKENNON  
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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Henry S. ...*

Nation's No. *1178*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:—

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that *... ..*  
... .. through whom the petitioner ... claim, to derive *...* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins, Hastings & ...* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, *17th* day of *Sept.* 1896.  
*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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No. 1760

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IN THE MATTER OF

*Melbina Christmas*

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Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept. 7, 1896*

*H. M. Jacoway*  
*Secy.*

*Rejected*

*L. J. Hunt Atty.*  
*Springfield Mo.*

## Application for Enrollment. AND CITIZENSHIP

To the Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON, THOMAS B. CABANISS, and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by an Act of Congress of June 4th, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States.

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner *Melvina Chrisman* for and on behalf of *herself*

and *her* heirs, this day makes this *Their* application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and allotment of land in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

Your petitioner further states that *her* immediate family consists of the following named persons who bear the relationship to your petitioner herein designated and for whom, with your petitioner *she* asks the privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

NAME OF APPLICANT.	AGE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
<i>Melvina Chrisman</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>Springfield Missouri</i>
Names of members of family and relationship:		
<i>Henry Chrisman - son</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Springfield Missouri</i>
<i>Della Chrisman - daughter</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Springfield Missouri</i>
<i>Franklin Chrisman - son</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Springfield Missouri</i>
<i>Walter Chrisman - son</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Springfield Missouri</i>
<i>Arthur Chrisman - son</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Springfield Missouri</i>
<i>Jesse Chrisman - son</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Springfield Missouri</i>
<i>Leona Chrisman daughter</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Springfield Missouri</i>

Your petitioner further states, as grounds for asking the said privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States, for *herself* and *her* said heirs above named. That *she* is the *daughter* of *Asa Fields* who lived at *Arkansas and in Missouri* who was the *son* of *Asa Fields who was the son of Lamford Fields* who lived at *Tennessee and in North W. Arkansas* and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and a member of the Tribe, and who resided with the Tribe in the old Cherokee Nation, East, and whose family your petitioner verily believes was enrolled by the United States Government in 1835, prior to the Cherokee Indian removals West. That your petitioner has been taught by *her* ancestors and relatives that *she* is an admixture of *white* and Cherokee Indian blood, and has always been so recognized and considered by the intimate friends and acquaintances of your petitioner's ancestors and *her* family, and that *she* is at least *one sixteenth* Cherokee Indian blood.



Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: ..... *Mell Vina Chrisman*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Melvina Chrisman* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *she* age is *39* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Melvina Chrisman* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Melvina Chrisman* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *26* day of *August* 189*6*

My Notarial commission will expire on the *20* day of *March* 189*7*

*Charles P. Ellis* Notary Public.

Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Benjamin N. Vaughan for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Mississ. COUNTY OF Greene } es.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Lucinda Vaughan, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:

That she is 64 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield, Greene Co. County in the State of Mississ. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Mississ.

That she is personally acquainted with Benjamin N. Vaughan who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] She well know the ancestors of said Benjamin N. Vaughan that his father was Benjamin Vaughan who was the son of David Vaughan who was the son of William Vaughan a Cherokee Indian by blood and a son of William Vaughan who married Ferrelly Henderson a Cherokee Indian woman.

Affiant further states that she has known the said Benjamin N. Vaughan for the past 36 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Benjamin N. Vaughan indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent. That his affiant is the mother of said Benjamin N. Vaughan.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Benjamin N. Vaughan she verily believes the said Benjamin N. Vaughan to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Benjamin N. Vaughan, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness D. S. Hunt Lucinda Vaughan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of September 1896, by the said Lucinda Vaughan, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Lucinda Vaughan and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Benjamin N. Vaughan to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Benjamin N. Vaughan or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Miss. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 21st day of March 1897. Charles P. Allen Notary Public.

Handwritten note: I will be witness to this Benjamin N. Vaughan

## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Mellina Garrison* for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri*  
 COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared *Dennis Baughman*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That *he* is *81* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield* *Greene* County in the State of *Missouri*. That *his* post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*. That *he* is personally acquainted with *Mellina Garrison* who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] *he* *well* *knows* *the* *ancestors* *of* *said* *Mellina* *Garrison* *whom* *he* *is* *the* *daughter* *of* *her* *father* *who* *was* *born* *at* *Greene* *field* *who* *was* *a* *son* *of* *James* *and* *his* *mother* *who* *was* *a* *Cherokee* *Indian* *born* *in* *the* *Indian* *Territory* *of* *the* *United* *States* *and* *is* *now* *residing* *in* *the* *Indian* *Territory* *of* *the* *United* *States*. Affiant further states that *he* has known the said *Mellina Garrison* for the past *30* years, and knows that *she* has been recognized by *her* family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Mellina Garrison* indicates that *she* is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *he* has heard and knows of the family of the said *Mellina Garrison*, *he* verily believes the said *Mellina Garrison* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *he* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Mellina Garrison*, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness *L. J. Hunt* *Dennis Baughman*  
*Charles O. Ellis* *Notary Public*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *21st* day of *August* 1896, by the said *Dennis Baughman*, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant *Dennis Baughman* and know *him* to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to *him* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said *Mellina Garrison* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said *Mellina Garrison* or to any member of *her* family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield* *Mo* the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2d* day of *March* 1897.  
*Charles O. Ellis* Notary Public.

I have read the foregoing and certify that the same is true and correct.  
 Notary Public  
 Charles O. Ellis  
 1896

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Marion Christian*

Nation's No. *1184*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Samford Fields*

..... through whom the petitioner claims to derive *a* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hulchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*D. S. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



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Nation's No. 1184

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

Melvin B. ...

Demurrer and Answer.

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**End**

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No. 1763.534

IN THE MATTER OF

John Cooker

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept 27, 1896  
H. M. Jaerway  
Secy.

10/1. Ans. 21

Repealed

L. J. Hunt. Atty.  
Springfield, Mo.





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: ..... *John Coker* .....

STATE OF *Missouri* ..... }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* ..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *John Coker* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *his* age is *57* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *John Coker* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *John Coker* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 189*6*.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2<sup>nd</sup>* day of *March* 189*7*.

*Charles P. Ollis* Notary Public.

Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of John Coker for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared L. Hausford, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That he is 64 years of age, and is a resident of Greene County in the State of Missouri. That his post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.

That he is personally acquainted with John Coker who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] I know Dumps Coker in Arkansas about thirty years ago and he was the reputed father of said John Coker. The said Dumps Coker was a half blood Cherokee Indian.

Affiant further states that he has known the said John Coker for the past 25 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said John Coker indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said John Coker he verily believes the said John Coker to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said John Coker, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

L. Hausford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of August 1896, by the said L. Hausford, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant L. Hausford and know him to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by him signed, was fully made known and explained to him before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said John Coker to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said John Coker or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo., the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897. Charles P. Oltis Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of John Coker for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared J. B. Wood, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That he is 56 years of age, and is a resident of Greene County in the State of Missouri. That his post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That he is personally acquainted with John Coker who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] I have known Claimant for 25 years and knew his father whose name was J. P. Coker known as Dupps Coker. I knew him to be a half bred Cherokee Indian.

Affiant further states that he has known the said John Coker for the past 40 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said John Coker indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said John Coker he verily believes the said John Coker to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said John Coker, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

J. B. Wood

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of August 1896, by the said J. B. Wood, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant J. B. Wood and know him to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by him signed, was fully made known and explained to him before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said John Coker to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said John Coker or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 4th day of September 1899. C. D. Dalrymple, Notary Public.



The Honorable Commissioners of the Board of Education of the City of New York

Nation's No. 1168  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

John C. Keane

**Demurrer and Answer.**  
FILED SEPT 26 1897  
A. S. KENNEDY  
CLERK

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*John L. Adair*

Nation's No. *1168*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Joseph L. Baker* through whom the petitioner *claims* to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. J. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1768

IN THE MATTER OF

Berry F. Fields

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept. 7, 1876  
H. M. Joernay  
Sec'y

Respectfully

L. J. Hunt, Atty.  
Springfield, Mo.



Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: ..... *Berry F. Fields* .....

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Berry F. Fields* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *his* age is *34* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Berry F. Fields* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Berry F. Fields* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *22* day of *August* 189*6*.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *27* day of *March* 189*9*.

*Charles P. Ollis* Notary Public.



**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Berry F. Fields  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }  
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Margaret Harcastle, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:

That she is . . . . . years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.

That she is personally acquainted with Berry F. Fields who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said Berry F. Fields is a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Lewis Ford Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood and lived in North West Arkansas where I formerly lived.

Affiant further states that she has known the said Berry F. Fields for the past 30 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Berry F. Fields indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Berry F. Fields verily believes the said Berry F. Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Berry F. Fields, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

E. D. Harcastle  
Witness L. T. Hunt

Margaret Harcastle  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896, by the said Margaret Harcastle, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Margaret Harcastle and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Berry F. Fields to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Berry F. Fields or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield and the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1897.  
Charles P. Olin Notary Public.



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## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Berry F. Fields for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri  
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Nancy Samwill, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:

That she is 48 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.

That she is personally acquainted with Berry F. Fields who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said Berry F. Fields is a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Liza Fields who was a son of Linnford Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood who lived in North West Arkansas where I then lived

Affiant further states that she has known the said Berry F. Fields for the past        years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Berry F. Fields indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Berry F. Fields she verily believes the said Berry F. Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Berry F. Fields, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witnesses Charles P. Ollis  
L. J. Hunt

Nancy F. Samwill  
notary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1896, by the said Nancy Samwill, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Nancy Samwill and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Berry F. Fields to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Berry F. Fields or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2 day of March 1899.  
Charles P. Ollis Notary Public.

Nation's No. 1189

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Berry F. Fields*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 2 1897  
-A. S. LICKEL CLE.

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*Henry F. Fields*

Nation's No. *1185*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Lawford Fields*

..... through whom the petitioner claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudin* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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IN THE MATTER OF  
William M. Fields

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP  
In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept. 7, 1876  
H. M. Jaerway  
Sec'y

Respect

L. J. Hunt, atty.  
Springfield, Mo.

TO THE PRINCIPAL AGENT AND NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE  
INDIAN NATION.

This Application and Proofs for enrollment and Citizenship, is  
respectfully submitted for your action thereon. A copy of the same  
is also presented to the within named Commissioners,





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness : ..... *Wm. M. Fields* .....

STATE OF *Missouri* ..... }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* ..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *William M. Fields* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *his* age is *29* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *William M. Fields* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *William M. Fields* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield, Mo.* this *20* day of *August* 189*6*

My Notarial commission will expire on the *20* day of *March* 189*9*  
*Charles P. Ows* Notary Public.

**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of William M. Fields  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
the United States.

STATE OF Missouri  
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared  
Nancy Danville, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That she is 68 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the  
State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield  
in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.  
That she is personally acquainted with William M. Fields who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
Indian blood.]

That the said William M. Fields is a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Sanford Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood who lived in North West Arkansas

Affiant further states that she has known the said William M. Fields  
for the past 25 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
pearance of the said William M. Fields indicates that he is of Indian  
blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the  
family of the said William M. Fields verily believes the said  
William M. Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said William  
M. Fields, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness: Charles P. Oulis  
L. J. Hunt

Nancy Danville  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896,  
by the said Nancy Danville, and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
said affiant Nancy Danville and know her to be a credible person.  
I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained  
to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said  
William M. Fields to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
am not related to said William M. Fields or to any member of his family  
by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at Springfield Mo. the day and date  
last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 9<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1897.  
Charles P. Oulis Notary Public.

**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of William M. Fields  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri  
COUNTY OF Greene } es.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Margaret Haru Castle, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 57 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with William M. Fields who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the

United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] that said William M. Fields is a son of A. ou. Fields who was a son of Ase Fields who was a son of Lansford Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood and lived in Northwest Arkansas where

Affiant further states that she has known the said William M. Fields for the past 25 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said William M. Fields indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said William M. Fields she verily believes the said William M. Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said William M. Fields, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

E. B. Hardecastle      Margaret Haru Castle  
Witness      L. J. Hunt      mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of September 1896, by the said Margaret Haru Castle, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Margaret Haru Castle and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said William M. Fields to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said William M. Fields or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2 day of March 1897.  
Charles P. Olin Notary Public.

Nation's No. 1187

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

William M. Smith

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of William M. Fields Nation's No. 1137  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that James Ford Fields through whom the petitioner claims to derive his right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By Latchum, Hastings & Woudine Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 17th day of Sept, 1896.

D. S. Bell

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1766

IN THE MATTER OF

Dora Fields

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Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept. 7, 1876.

H. M. Jewway  
Secy

Respect

L. J. Hunt, atty.  
Springfield, Mo.





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: ..... *Dora Fields*

STATE OF *MISSOURI* }  
COUNTY OF *GREENE* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Dora Fields* of *GREENE* County, State of *MISSOURI*, whose post-office address is ..... in the County of *GREENE* State of *MISSOURI*, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *her* age is *22* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Dora Fields* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Dora Fields* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield, Mo.* this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 189*6*.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2<sup>d</sup>* day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Charles P. O'Leary* Notary Public.

**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Dora Fields*

for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared *Nancy Samrill*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:

That *she* is *68* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield Greene* County in the State of *Missouri*. That *her* post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*.

That *she* is personally acquainted with *Dora Fields* who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] *That said Dora Fields is a daughter of Asa Fields who was a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Lunsford Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood and who resided in North West Arkansas.*

Affiant further states that *she* has known the said *Dora Fields* for the past *20* years, and knows that *she* has been recognized by *her* family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Dora Fields* indicates that *she* is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *she* has heard and knows of the family of the said *Dora Fields*, *she* verily believes the said *Dora Fields* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *she* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Dora Fields*, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness *Charles P. Ellis*  
*L. J. Hunt*

*Nancy Samrill*  
*her* *Daurill*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *3<sup>rd</sup>* day of *September* 1896, by the said *Nancy Samrill*, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant *Nancy Samrill* and know *her* to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to *her* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said *Dora Fields* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said *Dora Fields* or to any member of *her* family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Charles P. Ellis* Notary Public.







Nation's No. 1185

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*James H. Cole*

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Dora Field*

Nation's No. *1139*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is*  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that *David Field* through whom the petitioner *claims* to derive *her* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hines & Boudin* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *12th* day of *Sept* 1896.

*D. H. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1769

IN THE MATTER OF

Jennie Freeman

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept. 7, 1886

H. M. Jewway  
Secy.

Repeated

L. J. Hunt. Atty  
Springfield, Mo.



Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness:

*Jennie Freeman*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Jennie Freeman* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *her* age is *28* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Jennie Freeman* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Jennie Freeman* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *14* day of *September* 189*6*

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2* day of *March* 189*7*  
*Charles P. Allen* Notary Public.

Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Jennie Freeman for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Jennie E. Enyard, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 55 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield, Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with Jennie Freeman who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That the said Jennie Freeman is the daughter of Richard Benware who lived and died in Springfield Mo, who was the son of Joseph Benware of Clay County Missouri as she has heard reported and believes to be true & knew said Richard Benware well in his lifetime. Affiant further states that she has known the said Jennie Freeman for the past 35 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Jennie Freeman indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Jennie Freeman she verily believes the said Jennie Freeman to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Jennie Freeman, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness R. T. Hume, Jennie E. Enyard, Char. P. Ollis, Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of September 1896, by the said Jennie E. Enyard, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant, Jennie E. Enyard, and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Jennie Freeman to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Jennie Freeman or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897. Charles P. Ollis, Notary Public.



**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Jennie Freeman*  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared  
*Andrew J. MacDaniels*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That *he* is *37* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield, Greene* County in the  
State of *Missouri*. That *his* post-office address is *Springfield*  
in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*.

That *he* is personally acquainted with *Jennie Freeman* who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
Indian blood.] *That said Jennie Freeman is the daughter of*  
*Richard Beware whom I well knew who was the son of*  
*Joseph Beware of Clay County, Mo. as reported and*  
*as I believe.*

Affiant further states that *he* has known the said *Jennie Freeman*  
for the past *34* years, and knows that *she* has been recognized by *her* family connections, neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
pearance of the said *Jennie Freeman* indicates that *she* is of Indian  
blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *he* has heard and knows of the  
family of the said *Jennie Freeman* *he* verily believes the said  
*Jennie Freeman* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *he* has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Jennie*  
*Freeman*, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness *L. J. Lamb* *Andrew J. MacDaniels*  
*Charles P. Ows* *Notary*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *4* day of *September* 1896,  
by the said *Andrew J. MacDaniels*, and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
said affiant *Andrew J. MacDaniels* and know *him* to be a credible person.  
I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained  
to *him* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said  
*Jennie Freeman* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
am not related to said *Jennie Freeman* or to any member of *her* family  
by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at *Springfield, Mo.* the day and date  
last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2*  
day of *March* 189*9*.  
*Charles P. Ows* Notary Public.

Nation's No. 1138  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

Wm. A. McKenna

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEP 26 1901  
A. S. MCKENNA  
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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*George A. ...*

Nation's No. *1158*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

*Joseph ...*  
through whom the petitioner claim, to derive *his* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Harting & ...* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept* 1896.

*John L. Adair*

*S. H. Mayes*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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No. 1761

IN THE MATTER OF

*John H. Edginge*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 27, 1896*

*H. M. Jorway*  
*Sec'y.*

*Rejected*

*L. J. Hunt, Atty*  
*Springfield, Mo.*



Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* . . . family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* . . . family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness : .....

*John H. Eddings*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *John H. Eddings* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *his* age is *29* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *John H. Eddings* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *John H. Eddings* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *3<sup>rd</sup>* day of *September* 189*6*

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2<sup>nd</sup>* day of *March* 189*9*  
*Charles P. Ollis* Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of John H. Eddings for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared James M. Eddings, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That he is years of age, and is a resident of Strafford, Greene County in the State of Missouri. That his post-office address is Strafford in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That he is personally acquainted with John H. Eddings who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said John H. Eddings is the son of this affiant James M. Eddings who is the son of John Eddings.

Affiant further states that he has known the said John H. Eddings for the past 29 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said John H. Eddings indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said John H. Eddings he verily believes the said John H. Eddings to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said John H. Eddings, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

James M. Eddings

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of September 1896, by the said James M. Eddings, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant James M. Eddings and know him to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by him signed, was fully made known and explained to him before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said John H. Eddings to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said John H. Eddings or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897. Charles P. Ollis Notary Public.

Nation's No. 1176

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*John H. Selding*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*John L. Adair*

Nation's No. *110*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *James M. ...*

... through whom the petitioner ... claim, to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. B. Bull*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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No. 1753

IN THE MATTER OF  
Minnie Eddings

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept. 7, 1896  
H. M. Jarroway  
Secy.

Respect

L. J. Hunt, Atty.  
Spring Hill, Mo.



Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness : ..... *Minnie Eddings* .....

STATE OF *Missouri* ..... }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* ..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Minnie Eddings* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *her* age is *34* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Minnie Eddings* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Minnie Eddings* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *August* 189*6*

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2<sup>nd</sup>* day of *March* 189*7*  
*Charles P. Otis* Notary Public.



## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Thomas E. Edgington*.....  
 for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
 the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri*..... }  
 COUNTY OF *Greene*..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared  
*Dennis Vaughan*....., who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
 That *he* is *81* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield Greene* County in the  
 State of *Missouri*. That *his* post-office address is *Springfield*  
 in the County of *Greene*..... and State of *Missouri*.....  
 That *he* is personally acquainted with *Thomas E. Edgington*..... who is an  
 applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
 United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
 Indian blood.] *he well knows the ancestors of said Thomas E. Edgington*  
*Edgington the son of David Edgington and Mary Edgington*  
*Edgington the son of David Edgington and Mary Edgington*  
*Edgington the son of David Edgington and Mary Edgington*  
 Affiant further states that *he* has known the said *Thomas E. Edgington*  
 for the past *20* years, and knows that *he* has been recognized by *his* family connections, neighbors,  
 acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
 pearance of the said *Thomas E. Edgington*..... indicates that *he* is of Indian  
 blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *he* has heard and knows of the  
 family of the said *Thomas E. Edgington*..... verily believes the said  
*Thomas E. Edgington*..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
 Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *he* has no interest whatever  
 in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Thomas E. Edgington*  
*Edgington*....., and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
 foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

*Chas P. Ouis*..... *Dennis Vaughan*  
*L. J. Hunt*.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this..... day of *August*..... 1896,  
 by the said *Dennis Vaughan*..... and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
 said affiant *Dennis Vaughan*..... and know *him* to be a credible person.  
 I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained  
 to *him* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said.....  
*Thomas E. Edgington*..... to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
 am not related to said *Thomas E. Edgington*..... or to any member of *his* family  
 by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
 at *Springfield Mo.*..... the day and date  
 last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the.....  
 day of *March*..... 1897.  
*Charles P. Ouis*..... Notary Public.

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Nation's No. 1174

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Naomi Ellings*

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Arnie Golding*

Nation's No. *1171*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *William Douglas*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Haskins & Bouchard* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept* 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*A. B. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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No. *1784* 531

IN THE MATTER OF

*James W. Eddings*

Petition and Memorial

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 7, 1876*  
*H. W. Johnson*  
*Secy*

*Repealed*

*L. J. Hunt, Atty.*  
*Springfield, Mo.*

## Application for Enrollment. AND CITIZENSHIP

To the Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON, THOMAS B. CABANISS, and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by an Act of Congress of June 4th, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States.

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner *James M. Eddings*.....  
for and on behalf of *himself*.....

and *his* heirs, this day makes this *his* application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and allotment of land in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

Your petitioner further states that *his* immediate family consists of the following named persons who bear the relationship to your petitioner herein designated and for whom, with your petitioner.....ask.....the privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

NAME OF APPLICANT.	AGE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
<i>James M. Eddings</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>Strappard Missouri</i>
Names of members of family and relationship:		
<i>James J. Eddings</i> son	<i>26</i>	<i>Strappard Missouri</i>
<i>William J. Eddings</i> son	<i>21</i>	<i>Strappard Missouri</i>
<i>Elizabeth Eddings</i> daughter	<i>19</i>	<i>Strappard Missouri</i>
<i>Mary M. Eddings</i> daughter	<i>17</i>	<i>Strappard Missouri</i>
<i>George M. Eddings</i> son	<i>15</i>	<i>Strappard Missouri</i>
<i>Edmund J. Eddings</i> son	<i>13</i>	<i>Strappard Missouri</i>
<i>Ernest J. Eddings</i> son	<i>11</i>	<i>Strappard Missouri</i>

*Your petitioner says  
That he is the son of the follow-  
ing named John Eddings and Rebec-  
ca Eddings who was Rebecca Mason*

Your petitioner further states, as grounds for asking the said privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States, for *himself* and *his* said heirs above named. That *he* is the *son* of *John Eddings* who lived at *Tennesse in Robinson Co. and in Greene Co. Mo.* who was the *husband* of *Rebecca Mason* who was the daughter of *William Mason* *Tennessee* and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and a member of the Tribe, and who resided with the Tribe in the old Cherokee Nation, East, and whose family your petitioner verily believes was enrolled by the United States Government in 1835, prior to the Cherokee Indian removals West. That your petitioner has been taught by *his* ancestors and relatives that *he* is an admixture of *White* and Cherokee Indian blood, and has always been so recognized and considered by the intimate friends and acquaintances of your petitioner's ancestors and *his* family, and that *he* is at least *one* *Eighth* Cherokee Indian blood.



Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: ..... *James M. Eddings* .....

STATE OF *Missouri* ..... }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* ..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *James M. Eddings* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Stappora* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *his* age is *52* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *James M. Eddings* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *James M. Eddings* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield, Mo.* this *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept.* 189*6*

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2<sup>nd</sup>* day of *Nov.* 189*7*  
*Charles P. O'Leary* Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of James M. Eddings for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States. STATE OF Missouri COUNTY OF Webster ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Jane Watts who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 45 years of age, and is a resident of Webster County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Rogersville in the County of Webster and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with James M. Eddings who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] James M. Eddings is my brother.

Our Grand father was William Mason who was one half Indian Blood of Cherokee tribe

Affiant further states that she has known the said James M. Eddings for the past 50 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said James M. Eddings indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said James M. Eddings she verily believes the said James M. Eddings to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said James M. Eddings, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me. J. W. Watts Jane X Watts J. B. Watts mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of September 1896, by the said Jane Watts and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Jane Watts and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said James M. Eddings to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said James M. Eddings or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Rogersville Mo the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 10th day of July 1898. Noah M Leonard Notary Public.

Nation's No. 117 6/2  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

James M. Edlin

**Demurrer and Answer.**

DEC 20  
A. S. MCKENNON  
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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*James M. Edinger*

Nation's No. *1175*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant ..... entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that ..... *William Massey* .....

..... through whom the petitioner..... claim) to derive..... *his* ..... right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Bondurant* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*Def. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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IN THE MATTER OF  
*Rebecca Edwards*

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Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept. 7, 1896*  
*H. M. Jernick*  
*Secy,*

*Rejected*

*L. J. Hunt. atty.*  
*Springfield, Mo.*





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness : ..... *Rebecca Edwards*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Rebecca Edwards* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *she* age is *36* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Rebecca Edwards* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Rebecca Edwards* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at *Springfield Mo* this *27* day  
of *August* 189*6*  
My Notarial commission will expire on the *22*  
day of *March* 189*7*  
*Charles P. Ows* Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Rebecca Edwards for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Margaret Hamcastle, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 57 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield, Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with Rebecca Edwards who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said Rebecca Edwards is a daughter of Asa Fields who was a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Sanford Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood who resides in Northwest Arkansas and where I lived

Affiant further states that she has known the said Rebecca Edwards for the past 30 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Rebecca Edwards indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Rebecca Edwards, she verily believes the said Rebecca Edwards to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Rebecca Edwards, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

E. B. Hamcastle, L. J. Hunt, Margaret Hamcastle

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of September 1896, by the said Margaret Hamcastle, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Margaret Hamcastle and know her to be a credible person.

I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Rebecca Edwards to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Rebecca Edwards or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897. Charles P. Ollis Notary Public.

Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Rebecca Edwards... for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri... COUNTY OF Greene... ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Dennis Langley, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That he is 31 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield, Greene County in the State of Missouri. That his post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That he is personally acquainted with Rebecca Edwards who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] He well knew the ancestors of said Rebecca Edwards, who is a daughter of Ava Fields, who was a son of Ava Fields, who was a son of Dinsford Fields, who was a Cherokee Indian by blood. I know all these above mentioned persons in person in the State of Missouri where I resided up to the year 1850.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Rebecca Edwards for the past 30 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Rebecca Edwards indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Rebecca Edwards, he verily believes the said Rebecca Edwards to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Rebecca Edwards, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness L. J. Hunt, Dennis Langley, Chas. P. Olin, mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August, 1896, by the said Dennis Langley, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant... and know him to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by him signed, was fully made known and explained to him before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Rebecca Edwards to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Rebecca Edwards or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March, 1897. Charles P. Olin, Notary Public.

Vertical handwritten note on the right margin: The public of the town of Springfield, Missouri, is hereby notified that the above is a true and correct copy of the original as recorded in the office of the Notary Public at Springfield, Missouri.



### Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Rebecca Edwards for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }  
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Clarrissa Vaughn, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 32 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield, Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.

That she is personally acquainted with Rebecca Edwards who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] that said Rebecca Edwards is a daughter of Asa Fields who was a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Lonsford Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood and lived in North West Arkansas where I resided for many years up to near the close of the  
Affiant further states that she has known the said Rebecca Edwards for the past 20 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Rebecca Edwards indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Rebecca Edwards, she verily believes the said Rebecca Edwards to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Rebecca Edwards, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness L. J. Hunt Clarrissa Vaughn  
Chas. P. Olin mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of September 1896, by the said Clarrissa Vaughn, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Clarrissa Vaughn and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Rebecca Edwards to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Rebecca Edwards or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2 day of March 1897.  
Charles P. Olin Notary Public.

Aug 28 1896

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Nation's No. 1188

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

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*Rebecca Edwards*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 26 1896  
S. S. I. ...

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*Rebecca Edwards*

Nation's No. *1183*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is*  
entitled to citizenship,

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that *Lansford Fields*

..... through whom the petitioner..... claim, to derive *his* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Burdick* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1787

IN THE MATTER OF  
Minnie Edwards

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Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept. 7, 1886  
H. M. Jewell  
Secy.

Rejected

L. J. Hunt. atty.  
Springfield.. Mo.





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: *Minnie Edwards*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Minnie Edwards* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *she* age is *28* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Minnie Edwards* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Minnie Edwards* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield, Mo.* this *1st* day of *September* 189*6*.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *9th* day of *March* 189*9*.  
*Charles P. Ellis* Notary Public.

## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Minnie Edwards.....  
 for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
 the United States.

STATE OF Missouri..... }  
 COUNTY OF Cass..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared  
Nancy Damrell....., who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
 That she is 68 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield..... County in the  
 State of Missouri..... That her post-office address is Springfield.....  
 in the County of Cass..... and State of Missouri.....

That she is personally acquainted with Minnie Edwards..... who is an  
 applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
 United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
 Indian blood.] she is the mother of said Minnie Edwards. That this  
affiant is the daughter of A. C. Fields who was the  
son of Leonard Fields who came into the West from  
east from the East and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood

Affiant further states that she has known the said Minnie Edwards.....  
 for the past 28 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors,  
 acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
 pearance of the said Minnie Edwards..... indicates that she is of Indian  
 blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the  
 family of the said Minnie Edwards..... she verily believes the said  
Minnie Edwards..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
 Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever  
 in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Minnie  
Edwards....., and is not concerned therein. <sup>great such a mother would naturally feel</sup> Am fully aware of the contents of the  
 foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witnessed L. T. Hunt Nancy Damrell  
Chas. P. Ows mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September..... 1896,  
 by the said Nancy Damrell....., and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
 said affiant Nancy Damrell..... and know her to be a credible person.  
 I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained  
 to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said.....  
Minnie Edwards..... to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
 am not related to said Minnie Edwards..... or to any member of her family  
 by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
 at Springfield, Mo. the day and date  
 last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2<sup>d</sup>.....  
 day of March..... 1897.  
Charles P. Ows..... Notary Public.



Nation's No. 1186  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

Missie Edwards

Demurrer and Answer.

FILED SEPT 28 1896



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*Minnie Edwards*

Nation's No. *1186*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Amos Field*

..... through whom the petitioner..... claim to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Baudinoh* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1978  
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IN THE MATTER OF  
Albert Fields

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept. 18. 1876  
H. M. Jaerney  
Secy

Reputed

L. J. Hunt, Atty.  
Springfield Mo.





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: *Albert Fields*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Albert Fields* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Roseville* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *his* age is *23* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Albert Fields* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Albert Fields* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield* *Mo* this *26* day of *August* 1896.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *21* day of *March* 1899.  
*Charles P. Ollis* Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Albert Fields for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Nancy Dammill, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 68 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with Albert Fields, who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said Albert Fields is a son of Abraham Fields who was a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Ransom Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by birth who lived in North West Arkansas where I formerly lived.

Affiant further states that she has known the said Albert Fields for the past 20 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Albert Fields indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Albert Fields she verily believes the said Albert Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Albert Fields, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witnesses Charles P. Ollis, L. T. Hunt

Nancy Dammill

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of September 1896, by the said Nancy Dammill, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Nancy Dammill and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Albert Fields to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Albert Fields or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1899. Charles P. Ollis, Notary Public.

Nation's No. 1143  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

Albert Field

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 2 1895  
A. S. LICKENOR



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Albert Fields*

Nation's No. *1189*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Lausford Fields* through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1779

IN THE MATTER OF  
Ralph Fields

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept 9 1846  
H. M. Jaraway  
Secy.

Rejected

L. J. Hunt. Atty.  
Springfield. Mo.



## Application for Enrollment AND CITIZENSHIP

To the Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON, THOMAS B. CABANISS, and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by an Act of Congress of June 4th, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States.

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner..... *Ralph Fields*  
for and on behalf of *himself*.....

and *his* heirs, this day makes this *his* application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and allotment of land in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

Your petitioner further states that *his* immediate family consists of the following named persons who bear the relationship to your petitioner herein designated and for whom, with your petitioner *he* asks the privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

NAME OF APPLICANT.	AGE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
<i>Ralph Fields</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co. Mo</i>
Names of members of family and relationship:		
<i>Polly C. Fields - daughter</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co Mo</i>
<i>Mary E. Fields - daughter</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co Mo</i>
<i>Anna Mary Fields - daughter</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co Mo</i>
<i>William Fields - <del>son</del></i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co Mo</i>
<i>Nora B. Fields - daughter</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co Mo</i>
<i>Bessie Fields daughter</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co Mo</i>
<i>Susan Fields daughter</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co Mo.</i>

Your petitioner further states, as grounds for asking the said privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States, for *himself* and *his* said heirs above named. That *he* is the *son* of *Abraham Fields* who lived at *East Tennessee and Missouri* who was the *son of Asha Fields* of *East Tennessee* who was a son of *Ransford Fields* who lived at *East Tennessee and in Arkansas* and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and a member of the Tribe, and who resided with the Tribe in the old Cherokee Nation, East, and whose family your petitioner verily believes was enrolled by the United States Government in 1835, prior to the Cherokee Indian removals West. That your petitioner has been taught by *his* ancestors and relatives that *he* is an admixture of *White* and Cherokee Indian blood, and has always been so recognized and considered by the intimate friends and acquaintances of your petitioner's ancestors and *his* family, and that *he* is at least *one sixteenth* Cherokee Indian blood.

Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: ..... *Ralph Fields* .....

STATE OF *Missouri* ..... }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* ..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Ralph Fields* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Roseville* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *his* age is *42* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Ralph Fields* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Ralph Fields* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 189*6*.  
My Notarial commission will expire on the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Charles P. Old*, Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Ralph Fields for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Nancy Damrill, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 68 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield County in the State of Greene. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with Ralph Fields who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said Ralph Fields is a son of Abraham Fields of Greene County Missouri who is a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Lunsford Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood. That this affiant is a sister of said Abraham Fields and knows the family connection of said Ralph Fields.

Affiant further states that she has known the said Ralph Fields for the past 40 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Ralph Fields indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Ralph Fields she verily believes the said Ralph Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Ralph Fields, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness L. T. Hunt Nancy Damrill
Charles P. Ollis mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of September 1896, by the said Nancy Damrill, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Nancy Damrill and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Ralph Fields to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Ralph Fields or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2 day of March 1897. Charles P. Ollis Notary Public.

Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Ralph Fields for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States. STATE OF Missouri COUNTY OF Greene

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Margaret Harcourt, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 57 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with Ralph Fields who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said Ralph Fields is a son of Abraham Fields who is the son of Isaac Fields who was a son of Lausford Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood who resided in North West Arkansas.

Affiant further states that she has known the said Ralph Fields for the past 30 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Ralph Fields indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Ralph Fields, she verily believes the said Ralph Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Ralph Fields, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness E. B. Harcourt, Margaret X Harcourt, L. J. Hunt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of September 1896, by the said Margaret Harcourt, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Margaret Harcourt and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Ralph Fields to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Ralph Fields or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897. Charles P. Davis Notary Public.



Nation's No. 1192  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

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Ralph Fields

Demurrer and Answer.

FILED SEPT 25 1898  
-A. S. MCNEIL-

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*Ralph Fields*

Nation's No. *1122*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is*  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that *Lausford Fields*

..... through whom the petitioner..... claim to derive *his* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudinoh* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *17th* day of *Sept* 1896.

*D. H. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1750

IN THE MATTER OF  
*Abraham Fields*

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Petition and Memorial

FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept. 7, 1896*  
*H. M. Jarway*  
*Sec'y.*

*Respectd*

*L. J. Hunt, Atty.*  
*Springfield, Mo.*

## Application for Enrollment. AND CITIZENSHIP

To the Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON, THOMAS B. CABANISS, and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by an Act of Congress of June 4th, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States.

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner..... *Abraham Fields*  
for and on behalf of..... *himself*

and *his* heirs, this day makes this *their* application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and allotment of land in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

Your petitioner further states that *his* immediate family consists of the following named persons who bear the relationship to your petitioner herein designated and for whom, with your petitioner *he* asks the privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

NAME OF APPLICANT.	AGE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
<i>Abraham Fields</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co Mo.</i>
Names of members of family and relationship:		
<i>Polly Fields</i> daughter	<i>14</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co. Mo.</i>
<i>Annula Fields</i> daughter	<i>18</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co. Mo.</i>
<i>Julia Fields</i> daughter	<i>17</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co Mo.</i>
<i>Daisy Fields</i> daughter	<i>14</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co Mo.</i>
<i>Berry Fields</i> son	<i>11</i>	<i>Roseville Greene Co. Mo.</i>

Your petitioner *Abraham Fields*, further states that his father's name was *Asa Fields* who was the son of *Lansford Fields*, who was a Cherokee Indian by blood. Your petitioner *Abraham Fields* also states that he had a brother named *Asa Fields*

Your petitioner further states, as grounds for asking the said privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States, for *himself* and *his* said heirs above named. That *he* is the *son* of *Asa Fields* who lived at *some place in East Tennessee & Arkansas* who was the *son* of *Lansford Fields* and *in Arkansas* who lived at *East Tennessee to the best of my belief* and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and a member of the Tribe, and who resided with the Tribe in the old Cherokee Nation, East, and whose family your petitioner verily believes was enrolled by the United States Government in 1835, prior to the Cherokee Indian removals West. That your petitioner has been taught by *his* ancestors and relatives that *he* is an admixture of *white* and Cherokee Indian blood, and has always been so recognized and considered by the intimate friends and acquaintances of your petitioner's ancestors and *his* family, and that *he* is at least *one eighth* Cherokee Indian blood.

Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,  
Witness: *L. I. Hunt* *Abraham Fields*  
*Ar. Ouis* *his*  
*mark*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Abraham Fields* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Roseville* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *he* age is *76* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Abraham Fields* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Abraham Fields* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at *Springfield Mo* this *20* day  
of *August* 189*6*.  
My Notarial commission will expire on the *20*  
day of *March* 189*9*.  
*Charles P. Ollis* Notary Public.



## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Abraham Fields.....  
 for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri..... }  
 COUNTY OF Greene..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Dennis Vaughn....., who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
 That he is 31 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That his post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.

That he is personally acquainted with Abraham Fields..... who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That he well knew the ancestors of Abraham Fields who were a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Sanford Fields that said Abraham Fields now lives in Greene County Missouri. The said Abraham Asa and Sanford Fields came from the East into Missouri before the year 1861 and were of Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Abraham Fields for the past 40 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Abraham Fields indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Abraham Fields..... he verily believes the said Abraham Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Abraham Fields....., and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness } Charles P. Ollis..... Dennis Vaughn  
 } L. T. Hunt..... mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896, by the said Dennis Vaughn..... and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Dennis Vaughn..... and know him to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by him signed, was fully made known and explained to him before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Abraham Fields..... to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Abraham Fields..... or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo..... the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1897.  
Charles P. Ollis..... Notary Public.



**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Abraham Fields*.....

for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri*..... }  
COUNTY OF *Greene*..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared *Lucinda Vaughan*....., who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That *she* is *46* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield*..... *Greene* County in the State of *Missouri*..... That *her* post-office address is *Springfield*..... in the County of *Greene*..... and State of *Missouri*.....

That *she* is personally acquainted with *Abraham Fields*..... who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] *she* well *knows* the *circumstances* of *said* *Abraham Fields* who now *lives* in *Greene County Missouri*. *He* is the *son* of *Asa Fields* who was the *son* of *Lansford Fields*. *I* *heard* the *said* *Abraham* *Asa* and *Lansford* *Fields* *in* *1861* *before* the *war* of *1861*. *The* *son* of *Asa* *married* *my* *sister* *and* *all* of *them* *were* of *Cherokee* *Indian* *blood*. *The* *said* *Lansford* *was* *tall* *and* *dark* *complexioned* *and* *was* *one* *of* *the* *best* *men* *I* *ever* *met*.

Affiant further states that *she* has known the said *Abraham Fields*..... for the past *40* years, and knows that *he* has been recognized by *his* family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Abraham Fields*..... indicates that *he* is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *she* has heard and knows of the family of the said *Abraham Fields*..... *she* verily believes the said *Abraham Fields*..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *she* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Abraham Fields*....., and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witnesses: *L. D. Hunt*..... *Lucinda Vaughan*.....  
*Chas. P. Oles*..... *mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27* day of *August*..... 1896, by the said *Lucinda Vaughan*....., and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant *Lucinda Vaughan*..... and know *her* to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to *her* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said *Abraham Fields*..... to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said *Abraham Fields*..... or to any member of *his* family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield*..... *Mo.*..... the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *24* day of *March*..... 1897..  
*Charles P. Oles*..... Notary Public.

*Handwritten note on right margin: This is a copy of the original...*

Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Abraham Fields for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Lambert L. Whitlock, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That he is 44 years of age, and is a resident of Greene County in the State of Missouri. That his post-office address is Roseville in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That he is personally acquainted with Abraham Fields who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] he lives neighbor to said Abraham Fields and have for about fifteen years last past and live in his school district and see him very often. The said Abraham Fields has a large family of children - some twelve or more.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Abraham Fields for the past 15 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Abraham Fields indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Abraham Fields he verily believes the said Abraham Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Abraham Fields, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Lambert L. Whitlock

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August 1896, by the said Lambert L. Whitlock, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Lambert L. Whitlock and know him to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by him signed, was fully made known and explained to him before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Abraham Fields to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Abraham Fields or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897. Charles P. Olin Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Abraham Fields for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri } ss.
COUNTY OF Greene }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Margaret Hardcastle, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 57 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield, Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with Abraham Fields who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] She lived in North Western Arkansas in Washington County until 1864 and knew said Abraham Fields and his family connections there. He is a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Lemuel Fields a Cherokee Indian by blood whom she well knew by well established reputation to be such Cherokee Indian.

Affiant further states that she has known the said Abraham Fields for the past 39 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Abraham Fields indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent. That said Abraham Fields now resides in Greene Co. Mo.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Abraham Fields she verily believes the said Abraham Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Abraham Fields, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

E. B. Hoodcutt: Margaret Hardcastle
Charles P. Ows: her Hardcastle mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of September 1896 by the said Margaret Hardcastle, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Margaret Hardcastle and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Abraham Fields to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Abraham Fields or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo., the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897. Charles P. Ows Notary Public.

Affiant further says she has seen the said Abraham Fields in Washington County Mo. and that she is well acquainted with his family and knows that he is of Indian blood and decent.

## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Abraham Fields.....  
 for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
 the United States.  
 STATE OF Missouri..... }  
 COUNTY OF Greene..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Clarissa Vaughn....., who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
 That she is 32 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the  
 State of Missouri..... That her post-office address is Springfield.....  
 in the County of Greene..... and State of Missouri.....  
 That she is personally acquainted with Abraham Fields..... who is an  
 applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
 United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
 Indian blood.] That she well knew the ancestors of Abraham Fields, who  
was the son of Geo. Fields, who was a son of Sanford Fields - I knew  
them from East of the Miss. River to Arkansas about forty  
years ago when I lived there in Madison County in that State

Affiant further states that she has known the said Abraham Fields.....  
 for the past 30 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors,  
 acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
 pearance of the said Abraham Fields..... indicates that he is of Indian  
 blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the  
 family of the said Abraham Fields..... she verily believes the said  
Abraham Fields..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
 Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever  
 in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Abraham  
Fields....., and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
 foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness L. J. Hunt..... Clarissa Vaughn.....  
Chas. P. Olin..... mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August..... 1896,  
 by the said Clarissa Vaughn....., and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
 said affiant Clarissa Vaughn..... and know her to be a credible person.  
 I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained  
 to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said.....  
Abraham Fields..... to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
 am not related to said Abraham Fields..... or to any member of his family  
 by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
 at Springfield Mo...... the day and date  
 last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2.....  
 day of March..... 1897.  
Charles P. Olin..... Notary Public.



Nation's No. 1191  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

Abraham Fields

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 25 1891  
-A. S. FICKLETON

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*Abraham Fields*

Nation's No. *1181*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Lansford* .....

..... through whom the petitioner..... claim, to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1762

IN THE MATTER OF

*Margaret Harriestta*

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Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept. 7, 1876*

*H. M. Jacorway*  
*Secy.*

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*L. J. Hunt, atty.*  
*Springfield, Mo.*



Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted, *her*  
Witness: *E. B. Hardcastle* *Margaret f. Hardcastle*  
*L. T. Hunt* *mark*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Margaret Hardcastle* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *she* age is *37* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Margaret Hardcastle* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Margaret Hardcastle* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at *Springfield Mo.* this *1st* day  
of *September* 189*6*

My Notarial commission will expire on the *22*  
day of *March* 189*9*  
*Charles P. Oatis* Notary Public.



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## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Margaret Hancock* for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
 COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared *Dennis Vaughn*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That *he* is *81* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield, Greene* County in the State of *Missouri*. That *his* post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*. That *he* is personally acquainted with *Margaret Hancock*, who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the

United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] *That said Margaret Hancock is a daughter of Dennis Vaughn, who was a son of William Vaughn who was a Cherokee Indian by blood. That he knew them all intimately in Madison County, Arkansas and has known the latter in Springfield, Mo. for some years.*  
 Affiant further states that *he* has known the said *Margaret Hancock* for the past *.....* years, and knows that *she* has been recognized by *her* family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Margaret Hancock* indicates that *she* is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *he* has heard and knows of the family of the said *Margaret Hancock*, *he* verily believes the said *Margaret Hancock* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *she* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Margaret Hancock*, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness *L. T. Hunt* *Dennis Vaughn*  
*Chas. P. Olin* *his*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *12<sup>th</sup>* day of *September*, 1896, by the said *Dennis Vaughn*, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant *Dennis Vaughn* and know *him* to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to *him* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said *Margaret Hancock* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said *Margaret Hancock* or to any member of *her* family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
 at *Springfield, Mo.* the day and date  
 last above mentioned.  
 My Notarial commission will expire on the *2<sup>d</sup>*  
 day of *March*, 189*9*.  
*Chas. P. Olin* Notary Public.



Nation's No. 1171  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

Margaret Hazdeastle

Demurrer and Answer.

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FILED OCT 25  
A. S. J. CHASE

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*Margaret Hardcastle*

Nation's No. *1171*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *William Vaughn*

..... through whom the petitioner..... claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Harting & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *17th* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. P. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1789

IN THE MATTER OF  
Hiram Fields

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept. 7, 1876  
H. M. Jaquay  
Clerk.

Respectfully

L. J. Hunt, atty.  
Springfield, Mo.



Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: *L. J. Hunt* ..... *Hiram Fields* *his*  
*Chas. P. Oles* ..... *mark*

STATE OF *Missouri* } ss.  
COUNTY OF *Crawford* }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Hiram Fields* of *Crawford* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Roseville* in the County of *Crawford* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *his* age is *21* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Hiram Fields* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Hiram Fields* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 1896.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *21* day of *March* 1897.  
*Charles P. Oles* Notary Public.



## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Hiram Fields  
 for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }  
 COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Nancy Damrell, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
 That she is 68 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield, Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.  
 That she is personally acquainted with Hiram Fields who is an

applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said Hiram Fields is a son of Abraham Fields who is a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Lemuel Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood who lived in Northwest Arkansas where I formerly lived

Affiant further states that she has known the said Hiram Fields for the past 20 years, and knows that he has been recognized by his family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Hiram Fields indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Hiram Fields she verily believes the said Hiram Fields to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Hiram Fields, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witnesses: Charles P. Ollis      Nancy Damrell  
L. J. Hunt                      her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1896, by the said Nancy Damrell, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Nancy Damrell and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Hiram Fields to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Hiram Fields or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
 at Springfield, Mo. the day and date  
 last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 21  
 day of March 1897.  
Charles P. Ollis Notary Public.



Nation's No. 1194  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

Hiram Field

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 25 1890  
S. C. ...

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*Hiram Fields*

Nation's No. *1187*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Lewisford Fields*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Baudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Application of  
Sophronia Howard  
for  
Cherokee Citizenship.

Filed Sept 9, 1896  
H. M. Jewway  
Secy.

Respectfully

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Sophronia Howard

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham .....do solemnly swear that on the <sup>5th</sup> ~~4th~~ day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 377 ... received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Sufonia Howard ..... and of the affidavits of Sarah Bledsoe, M. G. Mhoon and Patsy Edwards <sup>Tong Diamond</sup> ~~Luz Diamond~~ ..... in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this <sup>5th</sup> ~~4th~~ day of September, 1896.

State Ark  
County Sebastian

Thos. A. Smith

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

To Hon Amy L. Davis, F.C. Armstrong, A.D. McKinnon, J.B.  
Cabanis & A.B. Montgomery, U.S. Commissioners  
Gentlemen

Your petition we would respectfully  
ask that she <sup>and</sup> her husband & children herein  
after named be inserted on the revised lists  
of the Cherokee Indians entitled by blood to  
share in the distribution of funds and the  
allotments of lands of the Cherokee Indians  
and bases ~~on~~ claims on the following facts  
I am a daughter of Sarah E. Bledsoe who is a  
daughter of Mathima Mhoon, who is a daughter  
of Betsy Mullins whose name before  
marriage was Betsy Dutton who was a  
Cherokee Indian and lived with the tribe in  
the old Cherokee reservation in the East, & when  
they were moved to their present reservation  
in the S.T. Betsy Dutton & her family  
came this far with them and stayed.  
The name of my husband is John W. Howard  
~~and~~ of my children as follows.

Name	age	Name	age
Alpha Howard	13	Jim & Bettie Howard (twins)	11
Jessie "	9	Ida "	7
Kessie "	5	Addie "	2

Respectfully Submitted  
Surprasia Howard

Sufonia Howard on oath states that  
the facts set forth above are true

Sufonia Howard  
Subscribed & sworn to before me this  
28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896

W. S. Edwards  
Notary Public



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Sufonia Howard  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Washington

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Sarah Bledsoe who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 60 years of age, and a resident of the State of Arkansas and County of Washington and that she is personally acquainted with Sufonia Howard who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

*(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)*

I am the mother of Sufonia Howard and know she is of Cherokee Indian and white blood. I am a daughter of Mathenia Mhoon and she was a daughter of Betsy Millens whose name was Betsy Sutton before her marriage - are all of Cherokee blood. Betsy Sutton was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians and resided with them in the old reservation in the East and when they were moved to the present reservation in the S. E. she came over far with them and stayed with the whole family.

Sufonia Howard is the wife of John Howard and she has seven children whose names and ages are as follows:  
 Alpha Howard 13 years old, Jim Howard & Peter Howard (twins) 11 years old.  
 Jessie " 9 " " Ida " 7 years old  
 Kussie " 5 " " Addie " 2 " "

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Sufonia Howard for the past 42 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Sufonia Howard indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Sufonia Howard he believes the said Sufonia Howard to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Sarah Bledsoe

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of August 1896

W. S. Edwards

Notary Public

My Commission expires 1st July 1897

State of Arkansas  
County of Washington

W. G. Johnson on oath states: I am personally acquainted with Rufonia Howard and have known her since her birth she is a daughter of Sarah Elizabeth Hudson who is a daughter of Mathenia Johnson who was a daughter of Betty Mullins whose name prior to her marriage was Betty Sutton who was a Cherokee Indian and a member of the tribe and resided with the tribe in the old Cherokee country in the East and moved with them there far as they were being moved to their present reservation. The family have always claimed to be, & have always been considered by their friends and neighbors as of Cherokee, Indian and white blood.

W. G. Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of August 1896.

W. S. Bellard  
Notary Public

My Commission expires  
this day of February 1897.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of *Sarponia H Howard*  
for Admission to Citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation.

STATE OF *Arkansas*  
COUNTY OF *Washington*

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared *Paley Edwards* who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That *she* is *72* years of age, and a resident of the State of *Arkansas* and County of *Washington* and that *she* is personally acquainted with *Sarponia Howard* who is an applicant for Citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation. Affiant further states:

*(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)*  
That *Sarponia Howard* is a daughter *Sarah E. Hudson* who was a daughter of *Mattie's Mother* who was a daughter of *Pitney Mullins* who was before his marriage *Pitney Sullon* who was a Cherokee Indian and moved to this country with the Cherokee Tribe as they were being moved from the East to their present location in the Indian Territory. I have known the family for about 50 years and know that they have always been considered Cherokee Indians by those who knew them and they have always claimed to be Cherokee Indians since they came to this country.

Affiant further states: That *she* has known the said *Sarponia Howard* for the past *42* years, and knows that *she* has been and is recognized by *her* neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having *Cherokee* Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Sarponia Howard* indicate that *she* is of *Cherokee* Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said *Sarponia Howard* he believes the said *Sarponia Howard*

*Walter James Pearce*  
*W. Vaughan*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

*28*

day of

*August*

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*W. D. Hollards*

Notary Public.

My Commission expires

*1st July 1897*

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Suffrona Howard  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Washington

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Tony Grammel Tony Grammel who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That they are 70 or 62 years of age, and a resident of the State of Arkansas and County of Washington and that they are personally acquainted with Suffrona Howard who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Suffrona Howard is a daughter of Elizabeth Blodgett who is a daughter of Mathenia Inhoon who is a daughter of Betsy Mullins whose maiden name was Betsy Sutton who was a Cherokee Indian and resided with the Cherokee Tribe in the old Eastern reservation and now lives far with them as they were being moved to their present reservation in the Indian Territory.

Affiant further states: That they are have known the said Suffrona Howard for the past 42 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Suffrona Howard indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Suffrona Howard he believes the said Suffrona Howard to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Attest:  
T. S. Traughan  
Notary Public  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of August 1896  
Tony Grammel  
Lucy Grammel  
N. S. Howard  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires 1st Feb 1897



Nation's No. 2979

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Sufronia Howard  
et al*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEP 28 1896

A. S. HENNON

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Deafonia Howard et al*

Nation's No. *2979*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Robert Dutton*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hastings, Hutchings & Bondurant* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1776

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IN THE MATTER OF  
Elizabeth Hewerton

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept 7, 1896

H. M. Faraway

Secy.

Rejected

L. J. Hunt, Atty.

Springfield, Mo.



Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: *H. T. Hunt* *Elizabeth L. Hewerton*  
*Chas. P. Olin* *mark*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Crawford* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Elizabeth Hewerton* of *Crawford* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Crawford* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *her* age is *39* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Elizabeth Hewerton* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Elizabeth Hewerton* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo.* this *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *August* 1896.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *22* day of *March* 1897.  
*Charles P. Olin* Notary Public.

## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Elizabeth Hewerton*...  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared *Jessie Andrew*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That *she* is *41* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield Greene* County in the State of *Missouri*. That *her* post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*. That *she* is personally acquainted with *Elizabeth Hewerton* who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] *That she well knows said Elizabeth Hewerton is family relatives - said Elizabeth Hewerton is the daughter of Sarah Anderson whose name before marriage was Sarah Lewis who was a daughter of Charles Lewis who was a Cherokee Indian by blood*

Affiant further states that *she* has known the said *Elizabeth Hewerton* for the past *25* years, and knows that *she* has been recognized by *her* family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Elizabeth Hewerton* indicates that *she* is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *she* has heard and knows of the family of the said *Elizabeth Hewerton* *she* verily believes the said *Elizabeth Hewerton* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *she* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Elizabeth Hewerton*, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

*Jessie Andrew*  
made

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *31st* day of *August* 1896, by the said *Jessie Andrew*, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant *Jessie Andrew* and know *her* to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to *her* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said *Elizabeth Hewerton* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said *Elizabeth Hewerton* or to any member of *her* family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2* day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Charles P. Ollis* Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Elizabeth Hewerton for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Mary E. Daily who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 24 years of age, and is a resident of Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with Elizabeth Hewerton who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said Elizabeth Hewerton is the daughter of Sarah Andrews who before marriage was Sarah Lewis. That she knows this from a personal acquaintance with the family.

Affiant further states that she has known the said Elizabeth Hewerton for the past 20 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Elizabeth Hewerton indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Elizabeth Hewerton she verily believes the said Elizabeth Hewerton to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Elizabeth Hewerton, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

R. A. Ollis Mary E. Daily
L. J. Hunt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August 1896, by the said Mary E. Daily and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Mary E. Daily and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Elizabeth Hewerton to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Elizabeth Hewerton or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897. Charles P. Ollis Notary Public.

Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Elizabeth Hewerton for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared William W. Daily, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That he is 69 years of age, and is a resident of Greene County in the State of Missouri. That his post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That he is personally acquainted with Elizabeth Hewerton who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said Elizabeth Hewerton is the daughter of Sarah Andrews who before marriage was Sarah Lewis. That he knows this from personal acquaintance with the family.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Elizabeth Hewerton for the past 25 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Elizabeth Hewerton indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Elizabeth Hewerton he verily believes the said Elizabeth Hewerton to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Elizabeth Hewerton, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

William W. Daily

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August 1896, by the said William W. Daily, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant William W. Daily and know him to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by him signed, was fully made known and explained to him before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Elizabeth Hewerton to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Elizabeth Hewerton or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897. Charles P. Ollis Notary Public.

Nation's No. 1164  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

Edw. H. Hamilton

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEP 20 1901  
A. S. CLARK  
COM'ER

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Elizabeth Houston*

Nation's No. *1164*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *D* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Charles Lewis*

..... through whom the petitioner..... claim to derive..... right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept* 1896.

*D. J. Bick*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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No. 17 <sup>541</sup>

IN THE MATTER OF  
Angeline Williams

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept 7, 1846  
H. M. Jaroway  
Secy.

Rejected

L. J. Hunt. atty.  
Springfield - Mo.





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: *L. T. Hunt*  
*Chas. O. Ows*

*her*  
*Angelina Williams*  
*mark*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Angelina Williams* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *she* age is *62* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Angelina Williams* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Angelina Williams* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *27* day of *August* 189*6*.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *24* day of *March* 189*9*.  
*Chas. O. Ows* Notary Public.

**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Angelina Williams* for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF ..... }  
COUNTY OF ..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared *Lelarrissa Vaughan*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is *82* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield Greene* County in the State of *Missouri*. That her post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*. That she is personally acquainted with *Angelina Williams* who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] *She knows by reputation only that the father of said Angelina Williams was a half blood Cherokee Indian which I believe to be true*

Affiant further states that *she* has known the said *Angelina Williams* for the past *30* years, and knows that *she* has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Angelina Williams* indicates that *she* is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *she* has heard and knows of the family of the said *Angelina Williams*, *she* verily believes the said *Catherine Williams* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *she* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Catherine Williams*, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness *P. T. Hunt* *Lelarrissa Vaughan*  
*Chas. P. O'Leary* *mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *21st* day of *August* 1896, by the said *Lelarrissa Vaughan*, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant *Lelarrissa Vaughan* and know *her* to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to *her* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said *Angelina Williams* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said *Angelina Williams* or to any member of *her* family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *21st* day of *March* 189*9*.  
*Chas. P. O'Leary* Notary Public.

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## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Angeline Williams*.....  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri*..... } ss.  
COUNTY OF *Greene*..... }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared  
*Dennis Daughn*....., who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That *he* is *31* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield Greene* County in the  
State of *Missouri*. That *his* post-office address is *Springfield*  
in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*.

That *he* is personally acquainted with *Angeline Williams*..... who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
Indian blood.] *he has known by reputation only that the father  
of said Angeline Williams was a half blood Cherokee  
Indian which from the appearance of the petitioner  
I believe to be true*.....

Affiant further states that *he* has known the said *Angeline Williams*.....  
for the past *30* years, and knows that *she* has been recognized by *her* family connections, neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
pearance of the said *Angeline Williams*..... indicates that *she* is of Indian  
blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *he* has heard and knows of the  
family of the said *Angeline Williams*..... *he* verily believes the said  
*Angeline Williams*..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *he* has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Angeline  
Williams*....., and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness *L. F. Hunt*.....  
*Chas. P. Olds*.....

*his*  
*Dennis Daughn*.....  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *1st* day of *September* 1896,  
by the said *Dennis Daughn*....., and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
said affiant *Dennis Daughn*..... and know *him* to be a credible person.  
I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained  
to *him* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said.....  
*Angeline Williams*..... to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
am not related to said *Angeline Williams*..... or to any member of *her* family  
by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at *Springfield Mo*..... the day and date  
last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2nd*  
day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Chas. P. Olds*..... Notary Public.



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Nation's No. 1162  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

*Magiline Williams*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**  
FILED SEPT 26 1877  
A. S. MCKENNON  
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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

Nation's No. 1163

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that Moses Martindale

..... through whom the petitioner..... claims to derive..... his..... right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By Hutchings, Hartigot, Brudnick Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1896.

D. B. Ball

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1782  
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IN THE MATTER OF  
Lewis Williams

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Aug 27, 1886  
H. M. Jaenay  
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Rejected

L. J. Hunt, Atty.  
Springfield, Mo.





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: *L. J. Hunt* *Lewis Williams*  
*Charles Ollis* *mark*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Lewis Williams* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *his* age is *48* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Lewis Williams* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Lewis Williams* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *28* day of *August* 189*6*

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2d* day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Charles O. Ollis* Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Lewis Williams for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri COUNTY OF Greene

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared T. B. S. Denby, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That he is 55 years of age, and is a resident of Greene County in the State of Missouri. That his post-office address is Pearl in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That he is personally acquainted with Lewis Williams who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] his mother claims one quarter Indian blood - viz. Mrs. Patsy Roason - also I have heard his Brother Rufus Cannon & his sister Sylvia Snyder affirm the same

Affiant further states that he has known the said Lewis Williams for the past 15 years, and knows that he has been recognized by the family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Lewis Williams indicates that he is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Lewis Williams he verily believes the said Lewis Williams to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Lewis Williams, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

T. B. S. Denby

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of August 1896, by the said T. B. S. Denby, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant T. B. S. Denby and know him to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by him signed, was fully made known and explained to him before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Lewis Williams to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Lewis Williams or to any member of his family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the day of 189... H. C. Rattson Notary Public County Clerk

Nation's No. *1159*  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

*Lewis Williams*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 25 1930  
A. S. MCKENNON  
COM'Y



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Louis Williams*

Nation's No. *1159*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Brother*

..... through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1788

IN THE MATTER OF

Elizabeth Weber

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Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation I. T.

Filed Sept 7, 1886  
H. M. Jewway  
Secy.

Rejected

L. J. Hunt. atty.  
Springfield. Mo.





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,  
Witness: *R. A. Ollis* *Elizabeth X Weber*  
*W. Ollis* *mark*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized, to administer oaths, personally appeared *Elizabeth Weber* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *she* age is *56* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Elizabeth Weber* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Elizabeth Weber* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield* this *24* day of *August* 1896.  
My Notarial commission will expire on the *24* day of *March* 1897.  
*Charles B. Ollis* Notary Public.

Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Elizabeth Weber for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States. STATE OF Missouri } COUNTY OF Greene }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Matilda Gustafson, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 49 years of age, and is a resident of Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with Elizabeth Weber who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] that she has for ten years past known said Elizabeth Weber personally and from frequent conversations with her about her ancestors and her statements about them she believes her to be of Cherokee Indian blood. Affiant further states that she has known the said Elizabeth Weber for the past ten years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Elizabeth Weber indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Elizabeth Weber she verily believes the said Elizabeth Weber to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Elizabeth Weber, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Matilda Gustafson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of August 1896, by the said Matilda Gustafson, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Matilda Gustafson and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Elizabeth Weber to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Elizabeth Weber or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 24 day of March 1899. Charles P. Ows Notary Public.



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Nation's No. // 8 /  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

*Elizabeth H. Weber*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**  
D SEPT. 25 1896.  
A. S. MCKENNON  
COM'R

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Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Elizabeth Carter*

Nation's No. *1181*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*James Stephen MacDaniel*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right

to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *17th* day of *Sept* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1774

IN THE MATTER OF  
Ida Blockstill

Petition and Memorial

FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept 17, 1846  
H. M. Jaeroway  
Secy.

Referred

L. J. Hunt, atty.  
Springfield, Mo.





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: *Ida Stockstill*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Crawford* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Ida Stockstill* of *Crawford* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Crawford* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *she* age is *25* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Ida Stockstill* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Ida Stockstill* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *1st* day of *September* 189*6*.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2* day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Charles P. Davis* Notary Public.

Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Ida Stockstill* for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared *Nancy Damrill*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That *she* is *28* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield Greene* County in the State of *Missouri*. That *her* post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*. That *she* is personally acquainted with *Ida Stockstill* who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] *she is the mother of said Ida Stockstill. That this affiant is the daughter of Isaac Fields who was a son of Lemuel Fields who came into N. West Ark. and from the east and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood*

Affiant further states that *she* has known the said *Ida Stockstill* for the past *25* years, and knows that *she* has been recognized by *her* family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Ida Stockstill* indicates that *she* is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *she* has heard and knows of the family of the said *Ida Stockstill*, *she* verily believes the said *Ida Stockstill* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *she* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Ida Stockstill*, and is not concerned therein. *Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.*

Witness *L. J. Hunt* *Nancy Damrill*  
*Chapman* *mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *1st* day of *September* 1896, by the said *Nancy Damrill*, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant *Nancy Damrill* and know *her* to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to *her* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said *Ida Stockstill* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said *Ida Stockstill* or to any member of *her* family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *20* day of *March* 1899.  
*Charles P. Ouis* Notary Public.

*would have been*



Nation's No. 1179

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Ida Stockstill*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

LED SEPT. 25 1899

\*A. S. MCKENNON\*

COM'R



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*Ida Stac Retail*

Nation's No. *1179*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Leiford Fields*

..... through whom the petitioner *has* claim to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Bondin* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1791

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IN THE MATTER OF

Mary Ivy.

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept. 7, 1876

H. M. Jewway  
Clerk

Repealed

L. J. Hunt. atty.  
Springfield. Mo.



... years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this ... petition and memorial for citizenship for ... self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as ... verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said ... signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said ... by blood or marriage, or to any member of ... family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal

at ...  
of ... 1896.

My Notarial commission will expire on the ...

day of ... 1896.

... Notary Public.

No

Application  
for

enrollment by

Mary Ivy  
of  
Huntsville,

Arkansas

## Application for Enrollment. AND CITIZENSHIP

To the Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOMAS B. CABANISS, and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by an Act of Congress of June 4th, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States.

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner *Mary Ivy* for and on behalf of *herself*

and *her* heirs, this day makes this *her* application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and allotment of land in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

Your petitioner further states that *her* immediate family consists of the following named persons who bear the relationship to your petitioner herein designated and for whom, with your petitioner *ask* the privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

NAME OF APPLICANT.	AGE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
<i>Mary Ivy</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>Huntsville Arkansas</i>
Names of members of family and relationship:		
<i>J. P. Rice</i>	<i>son</i> 37	<i>Huntsville</i>
<i>J. P. Parrish</i>	<i>son</i> 33	" "
<i>Amanda Ross</i>	<i>daughter</i> 29	" "
<i>H. H. Ivy</i>	<i>son</i> 22	" "
<i>Rosa Fields</i>	<i>Father</i> <i>10</i>	<i>Dead</i>
<i>Rachel Fields</i>	<i>mother</i> <i>known</i>	" "
<i>Ephraim Fields</i>	<i>bro.</i> 76	<i>Rich Hill Mo.</i>
<i>Abraham Fields</i>	<i>bro.</i> 73	<i>Rose Mills</i>
<i>Nancy Laurel</i>	<i>sister</i> 67	<i>Springfield</i>

Your petitioner further states, as grounds for asking the said privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States, for *her* self and *her* said heirs above named. That *she* is the *daughter* of *Rosa Fields* who lived at *Kansas Missouri* and in *Arkansas* who was the *daughter* of *Lansford Fields* who lived at *East Tennessee* and in *Arkansas* and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and a member of the Tribe, and who resided with the Tribe in the old Cherokee Nation, East, and whose family your petitioner verily believes was enrolled by the United States Government in 1835, prior to the Cherokee Indian removals West. That your petitioner has been taught by *her* ancestors and relatives that *she* is an admixture of *White* and Cherokee Indian blood, and has always been so recognized and considered by the intimate friends and acquaintances of your petitioner's ancestors and *her* family, and that *she* is at least *one eighth* Cherokee Indian blood.

Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted, *her*

Witness: *J. B. Lewis* ..... *Mary Levy* .....  
*C. E. Lowry* ..... *mark* .....

STATE OF *Arkansas* ..... } ss.  
 COUNTY OF *Madison* .....

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Mary Levy* ..... of *Huntsville Madison* County, State of *Arkansas* ..... whose post-office address is *Huntsville* ..... in the County of *Madison* State of *Arkansas* ..... who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *she* age is *56* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am <sup>not</sup> personally acquainted with the said *Mary Levy* <sup>being near</sup> ~~seen~~ <sup>at this time</sup> ~~her~~ <sup>as now</sup> and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Mary Levy* ..... by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal

at *Huntsville* ..... this *5* day  
 of *August* ..... 189*6* ..  
 My Notarial commission will expire on the .....  
 day of *January* ..... 189*8* ..  
*J. B. Lewis* ..... Notary Public.

*No* .....  
*Application*  
*for*  
*citizenship*  
*by*  
*Mary Levy*  
*of*  
*Huntsville*  
*Arkansas*



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Mary Ivy for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }  
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Nancy Durrill, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 68 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.

That she is personally acquainted with Mary Ivy who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said Mary Ivy is the daughter of Asa Fields who was the son of Landford Fields a Cherokee Indian by blood who resided in Madison County Arkansas

Affiant further states that she has known the said Mary Ivy for the past 30 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Mary Ivy indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Mary Ivy verily believes the said Mary Ivy to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Mary Ivy, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness R. J. Hunt Nancy Durrill  
Chapman mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September 1896, by the said Nancy Durrill, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Nancy Durrill and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Mary Ivy to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Mary Ivy or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 22nd day of March 1897.  
Charles P. Olin Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Mary J. Ivy for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Margaret Hurdcastle, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 57 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield, Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.

That she is personally acquainted with Mary J. Ivy who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That said Mary J. Ivy is the daughter of Asa Fielder, who was the son of Lansford Fielder, a Cherokee Indian by blood, who lived near this affiant in Madison County near the line of Washington County in Arkansas where affiant resided.

Affiant further states that she has known the said Mary J. Ivy for the past 57 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Mary J. Ivy indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Mary J. Ivy, she verily believes the said Mary J. Ivy to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Mary J. Ivy, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

E. B. Hurdcastle, Notary Public, and Margaret T. Hurdcastle, her mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of September 1896, by the said Margaret Hurdcastle, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Margaret Hurdcastle and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Mary J. Ivy to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Mary J. Ivy or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897. Charles P. Olin, Notary Public.

## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Mary Ivy  
 for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }  
 COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Clarrissa Jeunglin, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 32 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with Mary Ivy who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That she well knew the ancestors of said Mary Ivy who is the daughter of Asa Fields wife a daughter of Lewisford Fields a Cherokee Indian by blood whom she knows in Madison County Arkansas

Affiant further states that she has known the said Mary Ivy for the past 30 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Mary Ivy indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Mary Ivy she verily believes the said Mary Ivy to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Mary Ivy, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness L. T. Hunt Clarrissa Jeunglin  
Chas. P. Ows Mary Ivy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of August 1896, by the said Clarrissa Jeunglin and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Clarrissa Jeunglin and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Mary Ivy to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Mary Ivy or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 21 day of March 1897  
Charles P. Ows Notary Public.



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## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Mary J. Day* .....  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri* ..... }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* ..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared  
*Dennis Daughan*....., who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That *he* is *41* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield, Greene* County in the  
State of *Missouri*..... That *his* post-office address is *Springfield*.....  
in the County of *Greene*..... and State of *Missouri*.....  
That *he* is personally acquainted with *Mary J. Day*..... who is an

applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
Indian blood.] *That said Mary J. Day is a daughter of Dr. J. C. Fields,  
who was the son of Sam. J. Fields who was a Cherokee  
Indian by blood who lived in Madison County, Arkansas  
where I knew him prior to the close of the war in 1865.*

Affiant further states that *he* has known the said *Mary J. Day*.....  
for the past *40* years, and knows that *she* has been recognized by *her* family connections, neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
pearance of the said *Mary J. Day*..... indicates that *she* is of Indian  
blood and decent. *Said Mary J. Day now resides at Humboldt Mo.*

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *he* has heard and knows of the  
family of the said *Mary J. Day*..... *he* verily believes the said  
*Mary J. Day*..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *he* has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Mary J. Day*.....  
*Day*....., and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness *Li. J. Hunt*..... *Dennis Daughan*.....  
*Chas. P. Ollis*..... *mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *August*..... 1896,  
by the said *Dennis Daughan*....., and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
said affiant *Dennis Daughan*..... and know *him* to be a credible person.  
I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained  
to *him* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said.....  
*Mary J. Day*..... to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
am not related to said *Mary J. Day*..... or to any member of *her* family  
by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at *Springfield, Mo.*..... the day and date  
last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2*.....  
day of *March*..... 189*9*.  
*Charles P. Ollis*,..... Notary Public.

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## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Margaret Hamcastle*  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared  
*Lucinda Vaughan*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That she is *46* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield Greene* County in the  
State of *Missouri*. That her post-office address is *Springfield*  
in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*.

That she is personally acquainted with *Margaret Hamcastle* who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
Indian blood.]

*That said Margaret Hamcastle is the daughter of David Vaughan who was a son of William Vaughan who was a Cherokee Indian by blood. This affiant is the widow of Benjamin Vaughan who was a son of said David Vaughan*

Affiant further states that she has known the said *Margaret Hamcastle*  
for the past *40* years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
pearance of the said *Margaret Hamcastle* indicates that she is of Indian  
blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the  
family of the said *Margaret Hamcastle* she verily believes the said  
*Margaret Hamcastle* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Margaret  
Hamcastle*, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness *L. J. Hunt* *Lucinda Vaughan*  
*Charles P. O'Leary* *mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *1st* day of *September* 1896,  
by the said *Lucinda Vaughan*, and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
said affiant *Lucinda Vaughan* and know her to be a credible person.  
I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained  
to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said  
*Margaret Hamcastle* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
am not related to said *Margaret Hamcastle* or to any member of her family  
by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at *Springfield Mo* the day and date  
last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2*  
day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Charles P. O'Leary* Notary Public.



Nation's No. 1180

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Mary J. ...*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 25 1896.

A. S. MCKENNON

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*W. G. May*

Nation's No. *1180*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is*  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that *Samuel Childs*

..... through whom the petitioner..... claims to derive *her* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Bondine* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1792

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IN THE MATTER OF

Maggie E. Morris

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept. 21, 1886

H. M. Jarway

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L. J. Hunt, Atty.  
Springfield, Mo.



Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* . . . family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: *Chas P. Ollis*  
*L. J. Hunt*

*Maggie E. Morris*  
*her*  
*mark*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Maggie E. Morris* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *her* age is *41* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Maggie E. Morris* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Maggie E. Morris* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *31<sup>st</sup>* day of *August* 189*6*.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2* day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Charles P. Ollis* Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Maggie E. Morris... for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri } ss.
COUNTY OF Greene }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Lucinda Vaughan, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 66 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.

That she is personally acquainted with Maggie E. Morris who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] she well knew the ancestors of said Maggie E. Morris. That her father was Benjamin Vaughan who was a son of David Vaughan who was a son of William Vaughan an Cherokee Indian by blood and son of William Vaughan who married Polly Henderson a Cherokee Indian woman.

Affiant further states that she has known the said Maggie E. Morris for the past 41 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Maggie E. Morris indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent. That this affiant is the mother of said Maggie E. Morris.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Maggie E. Morris she verily believes the said Maggie E. Morris to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Maggie E. Morris, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness D. P. Hunt Lucinda Vaughan
Charles P. Ollie mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of September 1896, by the said Lucinda Vaughan, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Lucinda Vaughan and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Maggie E. Morris to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Maggie E. Morris or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897. Charles P. Ollie Notary Public.

the witness of said Benjamin Vaughan



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## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Maggie E. Morris*  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared  
*Larriessa Vaughan*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That she is *32* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield Greene* County in the  
State of *Missouri*. That her post-office address is *Springfield*  
in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*.

That she is personally acquainted with *Maggie E. Morris* who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
Indian blood.] *she well knew the ancestors of said Maggie E. Morris  
who is the daughter of Benjamin Vaughan who was the  
son of David Vaughan who was the son of William  
Vaughan a Cherokee Indian by blood*

Affiant further states that she has known the said *Maggie E. Morris*  
for the past *40* years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
pearance of the said *Maggie E. Morris* indicates that she is of Indian  
blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the  
family of the said *Maggie E. Morris*, she verily believes the said  
*Maggie E. Morris* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Maggie E.  
E. Morris*, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness *L. J. Hunt* *Larriessa Vaughan*  
*Chas. A. Old* *mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *31st* day of *August* 1896,  
by the said *Larriessa Vaughan*, and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
said affiant *Larriessa Vaughan* and know her to be a credible person.  
I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained  
to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said  
*Maggie E. Morris* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
am not related to said *Maggie E. Morris* or to any member of her family  
by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at *Springfield Mo* the day and date  
last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2nd*  
day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Chas. A. Old* Notary Public.

Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Maggie E. Morris for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Dennis Vaughan, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That he is 21 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That his post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That he is personally acquainted with Maggie E. Morris who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] He has well known said Maggie E. Morris and her ancestors. That she is the daughter of Benjamin Vaughan who was a son of David Vaughan who was a son of William Vaughan a Cherokee Indian by blood. That he lived near them in Madison County Arkansas for many years and is affiant further states that he has known the said Maggie E. Morris for the past 40 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Maggie E. Morris indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Maggie E. Morris he verily believes the said Maggie E. Morris to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Maggie E. Morris, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness L. J. Hunt Dennis Vaughan
Dennis Vaughan
Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August 1896, by the said Dennis Vaughan, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Dennis Vaughan and know him to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by him signed, was fully made known and explained to him before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Maggie E. Morris to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Maggie E. Morris or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897.
Charles P. Old Notary Public.

Springfield Mo. just before the close of the war of 1861 when the affiant gave evidence to a son of the said Maggie E. Morris



United States of America

United in the Cherokee Indian  
Nation of the Indian Territory U.S.

on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896 before  
me, the undersigned authority duly au-  
thorized to administer oaths personally  
appeared L. J. Hunt who on his oath  
deposes and says.

That on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896 at  
Tahlequah Indian Territory in the Chero-  
kee Indian Nation he delivered to the prin-  
cipal Chief of said Cherokee Indian Na-  
tion, at his office in the Capitol build-  
ing of the said Cherokee Indian Nation  
complete and accurate duplicates  
of all the papers <sup>in copies</sup> filed for enrollment  
and Citizenship in said Cherokee Indian  
Nation by the following named per-  
sons - to wit

Abraham Fields of Roseville Mo

Heirs named Polly, Arminia Julia, ~~David~~

& Berry.

Salomon Fields of Springfield Mo

Heirs named Edwin and Nellie

Ralph Fields of Roseville Mo

Heirs named, Polly Co. Mary E. Frances  
Mary, William, Nora B. Bessie & Susan.

Albert Fields of Roseville Mo

Heirs named Margaret E and William E.

Hiram Fields of Roseville Mo

1	<u>Erzella V. Perkins</u>	of Springfield, Mo.
2	Heirs named	Henry Calvin Wells,
3		D. Elmer Perkins, and Clarence E. Perkins
4	<u>Rebecca Eckworts</u>	of Springfield, Mo.
5	Heirs named	Ethel and Bessie
6	<u>Melvina Chrisman</u>	of Springfield, Mo.
7	Heirs named	Henry, Della, Franklin
8		Walter, Arthur, Jesse & Leonard
9	<u>Dora Fields</u>	of Springfield, Mo.
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11	<u>George W. Fields</u>	of Springfield, Mo.
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13	<u>Berry F. Fields</u>	of Springfield, Mo.
14	Heirs named	Frederick.
15	<u>William M. Fields</u>	of Springfield, Mo.
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17	<u>Nancy Sawrill</u>	of Springfield, Mo.
18	Heirs named	John & Berry
19	<u>Ida Stratton</u>	of Springfield, Mo.
20		George W. Roy Jr. & Ernest
21	<u>Minnie Edwards</u>	of Springfield, Mo.
22	Heirs named	James & John B.
23	<u>Mary Joy</u>	of Hurdsville, Mo.
24	Heirs named	S. J. Rice, J. D. Barnhill,
25		Amanda Ross, W. W. Joy, Asa Fields
26		decd., Rachel Fields (decd.) Ephraim
27		Fields, Abraham Fields & Nancy Sawrill
28	<u>Maggie E. Morris</u>	of Springfield, Mo.
29	Heirs named	Lilly Ann & Lucinda
30	<u>Benjamin A. Naughton</u>	of Springfield, Mo.
31	Heirs named	Ernest Calvin, Mary A.,
32		Robert J., Benjamin G. & William D.



1	<u>Margaret Harcourt</u>	of Springfield, Mo
2		
3	<u>Nannie Edwards</u>	of Springfield, Mo
4		
5	<u>Eliza Mason</u>	of Springfield, Mo
6	Heirs named Maggie, Eddie, May & Dot	
7	<u>James M. Edging</u>	Straggled Mo
8	Heirs named James L. William, Elizabeth	
9	Mary M., George, W., Edmund &	
10	and Ernest,	
11	<u>John H. Edging</u>	of Springfield, Mo
12		
13	<u>Nannie Bodenheimer</u>	of Springfield, Mo
14	Heirs named Mary	
15	<u>Angeline Williams</u>	of Springfield, Mo
16		
17	<u>Elizabeth Weber</u>	of Springfield, Mo
18	Heirs named Jesse, Effie & Victoria	
19	<u>Julia Weber</u>	of Springfield, Mo
20		
21	<u>Lewis Williams</u>	of Springfield, Mo
22		
23	<u>Elizabeth Hewerton</u>	of Springfield, Mo
24	Heirs named Rhodes, Ann, Thomas &	
25	Emma, Julia M., Maud B & Hattie J.	
26	<u>William Benware</u>	of Springfield, Mo
27	Heirs named Eugene, Julia, Edward, David	
28	& Emanuel.	
29	<u>Jessie Freeman</u>	of Springfield, Mo
30	Heirs named Otis & Barney	
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John Leber

of Springfield Mo

Wife named Alice + Emma

William M. Calman

of Springfield Mo.

That the said Principal Chief of said Cherokee Indian nation received the petitions and proofs filed therewith and attached thereto of the above named foregoing persons and the said petitions and proofs were then and there left in the care and custody of said Principal Chief in his said office in said Capitol building at said town of Tahlequah - where upon the said Principal Chief was requested by the said L. T. Hunt, then and there, to give him the said L. T. Hunt, a receipt acknowledging the deposit as above set forth, of each and all of said petitions and proofs attached thereto and filed therewith, but the said Principal Chief of said Cherokee Indian nation did then and there refuse said request so made to him by said L. T. Hunt and will refuses to give and his affidavit is unable to produce and file said receipt and acknowledgement of the deposit of the duplicates of the claims and proofs with said Principal Chief - wherefore the said L. T. Hunt makes and files this affidavit setting forth the above facts and asks this Commission to

wherefore the said L. J. Hunt makes and  
files this affidavit setting forth the above  
facts and asks this Commission to

hear and determine the matters set  
forth in the petitions of the foregoing named  
Petitioners and their heirs - to receive this  
affidavit in lieu of the receipt of work  
most judgment of said Principal Chief  
of said Cherokee Nation and by this  
affidavit as obtained from him, as  
shown set forth:-

Sworn to & subscribed L. J. Hunt  
before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1896.

J. B. Cabanis  
Com. to Fair Creek

Nation's No. 1172

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

Maggie E. Morris

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEP 25

PA. S. 1913



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*Maggie E. Morris*

Nation's No. *1172*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is*  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that *William Vaughn*

..... through whom the petitioner claims to derive *her* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1786

527  
IN THE MATTER OF

*William M. Catman*

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Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 7, 1886*  
*H. M. Jacoway*  
*Secy,*

*Rejected*

*L. J. Hunt. Atty.*  
*Springfield, Mo.*





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *his* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *his* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: *A. A. Foster* ..... *William M. T. Catman* <sup>*his*</sup>  
*E. P. Decker* ..... *mark*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *William M. Catman* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *he* age is *69* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *his* petition and memorial for citizenship for *him* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *he* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *William M. Catman* and know *he* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *William M. Catman* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *his* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at *Springfield Mo.* this *24* day  
of *August* 189*6*.  
My Notarial commission will expire on the *27<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *August* 189*7*.  
*Lester J. Hunt* Notary Public.

**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *William M. Catman*  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of  
the United States  
STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared  
*G. D. Milligan*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That *he* is *63* years of age, and is a resident of *Greene* County in the  
State of *Missouri*. That *his* post-office address is *Springfield*  
in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*.  
That *he* is personally acquainted with *William M. Catman* who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the  
United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of  
Indian blood.] *He has the personal appearance*  
*of an Indian*

Affiant further states that *he* has known the said *William M. Catman*  
for the past *eight* years, and knows that *he* has been recognized by *his* family connections, neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical ap-  
pearance of the said *William M. Catman* indicates that *he* is of Indian  
blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *he* has heard and knows of the  
family of the said *William M. Catman* verily believes the said  
*William M. Catman* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *he* has no interest whatever  
in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *William*  
*M. Catman*, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the  
foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.  
*G. D. Milligan*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 1896,  
by the said *G. D. Milligan*, and I certify that I am well acquainted with  
said affiant *G. D. Milligan* and know *him* to be a credible person.  
I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained  
to *him* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said *William M. Catman*  
*William M. Catman* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I  
am not related to said *William M. Catman* or to any member of *his* family  
by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal  
at *Springfield, Mo.* the day and date  
last above mentioned.  
My Notarial commission will expire on the *13<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *April* 1897.  
*W. H. Hornie* Notary Public.



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**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *William M. Catman*  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared *J. E. Jefft*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That *he* is *60* years of age, and is a resident of *Greene* County in the State of *Missouri*. That *his* post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*. That *he* is personally acquainted with *William M. Catman* who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.]

*He has the personal appearance of an Indian*

Affiant further states that *he* has known the said *William M. Catman* for the past *54* years, and knows that *he* has been recognized by *his* family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *William M. Catman* indicates that *he* is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *he* has heard and knows of the family of the said *William M. Catman* verily believes the said *William M. Catman* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *he* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *William M. Catman*, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

*J. E. Jefft*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *the 24th* day of *August* 1896, by the said *J. E. Jefft*, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant *J. E. Jefft* and know *him* to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *him* signed, was fully made known and explained to *him* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said *William M. Catman* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said *William M. Catman* or to any member of *his* family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield, Mo.* the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *28th* day of *Jan'y* 189*8*.  
*Albert H. Lyon* Notary Public.



Nation's No. 116d  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

William M. Palmer

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 26 1893  
A. S. MCKENNON  
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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of William M. Catman Nation's No. 1161  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that Catman through whom the petitioner claims to derive his right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By H. Adair, Hastings & Boudinot Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 14th day of Sept 1896.

D. J. Ball

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF  
*Conzilla V. Perkins*

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept. 7, 1876*

*H. M. Jacoway  
Secy.*

*Rejected*

*L. J. Hunt, atty.  
Springfield, Mo.*



Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness:

*Ergilla W. Perkins*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Ergilla W. Perkins* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *her* age is *26* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Ergilla W. Perkins* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Ergilla W. Perkins* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal

at *Springfield Mo* this *21* day  
of *August* 1896.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2<sup>nd</sup>*  
day of *March* 189*9*.

*Charles P. Olin* Notary Public.



**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Erzilla V. Perkins* for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared *Nancy Samrill*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That *she* is *68* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield* *Greene* County in the State of *Missouri*. That *her* post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* and State of *Missouri*. That *she* is personally acquainted with *Erzilla V. Perkins* who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] *That said Erzilla V. Perkins is a daughter of Abraham Fields of Greene County Missouri who is a son of Isaac Fields who was a son of Samson Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood. This affiant is a sister of said Abraham Fields and knows the facts stated from an intimate acquaintance with her.* Affiant further states that *she* has known the said *Erzilla V. Perkins* for the past *25* years, and knows that *she* has been recognized by *her* family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Erzilla V. Perkins* indicates that *she* is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *she* has heard and knows of the family of the said *Erzilla V. Perkins*, *she* verily believes the said *Erzilla V. Perkins* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *she* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Erzilla V. Perkins*, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness *L. T. Hunt* *Nancy Samrill*  
*Charles P. Ollis* *her* *L. Samrill*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *1st* day of *September* 1896, by the said *Nancy Samrill*, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant *Nancy Samrill* and know *her* to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to *her* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said *Erzilla V. Perkins* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said *Erzilla V. Perkins* or to any member of *her* family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2nd* day of *March* 189*9*.  
*Charles P. Ollis* Notary Public.



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## Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Erzilla W. Perkins  
for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }  
COUNTY OF Greene } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Lucinda Vaughan, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 66 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_ who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] she well knew the ancestors of the said Erzilla W. Perkins who is a daughter of Abraham Fields who is a son of Asa Fields who was a son of Lemuel Fields who was a Cherokee Indian by blood whom she knew as Arkansas.

Affiant further states that she has known the said Erzilla W. Perkins for the past 20 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Erzilla W. Perkins indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Erzilla W. Perkins she verily believes the said Erzilla W. Perkins to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Erzilla W. Perkins, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness L. T. Hunt Lucinda Vaughan  
Chas. P. Olds mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of September 1896, by the said Lucinda Vaughan, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Lucinda Vaughan and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Erzilla W. Perkins to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Erzilla W. Perkins or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1899.  
Charles P. Olds Notary Public.

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Nation's No. 1184

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Eszilla W. Perkins*

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*Corzella G. Perkins*

Nation's No. *1185*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is*  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that *Lansford Field*

..... through whom the petitioner..... claims to derive *his* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Bendish* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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No. 1787  
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IN THE MATTER OF

Oliver Mason

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept. 7, 1896  
H. M. Jarman  
Secy.

Repeated

L. J. Hunt, Atty  
Springfield, Mo.





Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *her* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *her* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: *Eliza Mason*

STATE OF *Missouri* }  
COUNTY OF *Greene* } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Eliza Mason* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *her* age is *33* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Eliza Mason* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Eliza Mason* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield Mo* this *1st* day of *September* 189*6*.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2nd* day of *March* 189*7*.  
*Charles P. Davis* Notary Public.



Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Eliza Mason for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri }
COUNTY OF Greene }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Charissa Langham, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That she is 22 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield, Greene County in the State of Missouri. That her post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri. That she is personally acquainted with Eliza Mason who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] She well knows the ancestors of said Eliza Mason who is the daughter of Margaret Hurdcastle who is the daughter of David Langham who was the son of William Langham who was the son of William Langham a Cherokee Indian. I know them well in Madison County Arkansas. Affiant further states that she has known the said Eliza Mason for the past 23 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Eliza Mason indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Eliza Mason she verily believes the said Eliza Mason to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that she has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Eliza Mason, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness: Chas. P. Ellis, Charissa Langham

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of September 1896, by the said Charissa Langham, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Charissa Langham and know her to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by her signed, was fully made known and explained to her before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Eliza Mason to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Eliza Mason or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield, Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1899. Chas. P. Ellis Notary Public.

Affidavit of Witness.

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Ediza Mason for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF Missouri } es. COUNTY OF Greene }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Dennis Vaughan, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That he is 81 years of age, and is a resident of Springfield Greene County in the State of Missouri. That his post-office address is Springfield in the County of Greene and State of Missouri.

That he is personally acquainted with Ediza Mason who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] That he well knew the ancestors of said Ediza Mason who is a daughter of Margaret Harbottle who is the daughter of David Vaughan who was a son of William Vaughan who was the son of William Vaughan who was a Cherokee Indian by blood. I know all these names and names prior to the said Ediza Mason.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Ediza Mason for the past 25 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Ediza Mason indicates that she is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Ediza Mason, he verily believes the said Ediza Mason to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said Ediza Mason, and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

Witness L. J. Hunt, Dennis Vaughan, Charles Ollis, mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of September 1896, by the said Dennis Vaughan, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant Dennis Vaughan and know him to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by him signed, was fully made known and explained to him before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said Ediza Mason to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said Ediza Mason or to any member of her family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at Springfield Mo. the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the 2nd day of March 1897. Charles P. Ollis, Notary Public.

Vertical handwritten note on the right margin: 'I am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.'

Nation's No. 1175  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

*Eliza Madon*

Demurrer and Answer.

FILED SEPT 25  
A. S. 1880



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of .....

*Eliza Wood*

Nation's No. *1195*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *William Vaughan* through whom the petitioner *has* claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hatchings, Hastings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *17th* day of *Sept* 1896.  
*J. L. Adair*  
*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*Sarah Matthews.*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept. 7-26*

*H. W. Jansway*

*Secretary*

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Hon. Samuel Mayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Cherokee Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Roxie Mathews and of the affidavits of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in support of same.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September, 1896.

John B. Latham  
Mr. A. Latham n. s.

My commission expires Feb. 14, 1900.



Roxie Matthews. 31.

# Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Dances Commission

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my husband - W. M. Matthews; age 37

Names of Children.	Ages.	Names of Children.	Ages.
Marion, Matthews	13	Mack, Matthews	2
Jammy, Ollie "	11		
Lela "	7		
Leora "	4		

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory,

your petitioner states:

That she is a daughter of Nancy E. Smith, who is an applicant before your Honorable Commission for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Ind. Ter. and petitions before your Honorable Commission to the evidence in the case of said Nancy E. Smith in support of this her application.

Petitioner states that she is married and is the mother of 5 children whose names and ages are above set out and who she asks your Honorable Commission to enroll with her.

Petitioner states that her present residence is Como, Hopkins County, Texas.

STATE OF Texas } Roxie Matthews  
COUNTY OF Hopkins } ss.

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Roxie Matthews

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as she verily believes

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

J. L. Smith  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires June 1<sup>st</sup> 1897

Nation's No. 2729

Commission's No .....

In re Application of

Sarah Mothers

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 28 1896

A. S. FICKENON

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Sarah Mathews*

Nation's No. *2729*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Julius Stone*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Westrup & Bonclimat* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Nov*, 1896.

*J. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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IN THE MATTER OF

*Peter Collins Jesse Nichols  
and Frank Nichols*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 7-96*

*St. W. Jacobus  
Deputy*

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Hon Samuel Mayer ~~Governor~~ Chief of the C.erokee Nation, Pahleguah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Katey Collins and Jesse Nichols Frank Nichols and of the affidavits of Lewis M. Jarvis and in support of same.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

John B. Latham  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
M. A. Latham  
Notary Public

My Commission expires Nov 14 1900

Patsy Collins.

Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Doves Commission

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Name of my child Hilary Collins; age 35

Names of Children.	Ages.	Names of Children.	Ages.
Emily			
Susan			
Minta			
Rose Belle			

As grounds for asking admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T., your petitioner states:

That she wishes her family above enumerated to become citizens of the Cherokee Nation Indian Territory and claims her right to citizenship, because of relation by blood to the Cherokee Nation and the Cherokee Tribe: that her ancestors were Cherokee as she is informed and believes and as informed by her parents, who know the facts and by old persons who have known her ancestors for almost 100 years, and these facts are more fully demonstrated, by the color, features and hair and the many peculiarities of the said Cherokee Nation that have followed them even unto the present day.

STATE OF Tennessee, County of Hancock, Patsy Collins

On this 7 day of August 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Patsy Collins who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee Citizenship, are true, as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written. D. A. Green Notary Public

My Commission expires in 1897



Jesse Nichols:

### Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable James Commission

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that their immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom they ask the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my wife Loucinda Nichols age:

Names of Children.	Ages.	Names of Children.	Ages.
Mary Elizabeth	11	Artie Missie	4
James Franklin	11	Julia	1
Martha Mahala	11	Lea Jesse	1
Ida	11	Eva	3

As grounds for asking admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T., your petitioner states:

That he wishes with his family above enumerated to become citizens of the Cherokee Nation Indian Territory and claims his name to Citizenship because of relation by blood to the Cherokee Nation and the Cherokee Tribe: That his ancestors were Cherokee Indians as he is informed and believes and as informed by his parents whose now dead, and as informed by old persons who have known his said ancestors, and these facts are more fully warranted by the color, features, and hair, and the many peculiarities of said tribe, that follow even to this day.

STATE OF Tennessee  
COUNTY OF Hancock

Jesse Nichols

On this 7 day of August 1896 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Jesse Nichols who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
D. A. Greene  
Notary Public

My Commission expires in 1897

Frank Nichols.

### Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Dance Commission

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my Artie Missie ; age: 33 years

Names of Children.	Ages.	Names of Children.	Ages.
<u>Martha</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Dora</u>	
<u>John Jesse</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Lewis</u>	
<u>Marta</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Margie</u>	
<u>Jefferson</u>	<u>5</u>		

As grounds for asking admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I, T., your petitioner states:

That he wishes his family, above enumerated to become citizens of the Cherokee Nation Indian Territory and claims his right to citizenship because of relation of blood to the Cherokee nation and the Cherokee tribe: that his ancestors were Cherokee as he is informed and believes and as informed by his parents, who know the facts and by old persons who have known them for many years and which facts are fully demonstrated by the color of the hair, skin and general features, and by the many peculiarities of the said Cherokee Indians, and which facts and features continue with them to the present day

STATE OF Tennessee  
COUNTY OF Hancock

Frank Nichols

On this 7 day of August 1896 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Franklin Nichols who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee Citizenship, are true, as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

F. A. Green

Notary Public.

My Commission expires in 1897

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Patsy Collins Frank Nichols and Jesse Nichols for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Tennessee COUNTY OF Hancock

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Lewis M. Jarvis who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 66 years of age, and a resident of the State of Tennessee and County of Hancock and that he is personally acquainted with petitioners who are applicants for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

I have known the above petitioners and their ancestors ever since the year 1841 - their ancestor - the Ancestor of Patsy Collins is the same as the Ancestor of the other two petitioners - they are brothers and Sister, and I knew their Grand Mother on the Nichols side, and I knew their great Grand Grandmother and their great Great Grand Mother - they were Indians of the Cherokee appearance - I knew their Grand Father Jesse Goodman Hannah Goodman and Mahala Goodman the Mother of them and the former the Grand Mother and Grand Father and they were Indians and I believe of the Cherokee blood - they speak English because they were raised in the English settlements - I have studied the history of the human races and I am an expert in tracing them - and can tell by the features of the race to which race they belong

Affiant further states: That he has known the said petitioners for the past all their lives years, and knows that they have been and are recognized by their neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said applicants indicate that they are Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said applicants he believes the said petitioners to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Lewis M. Jarvis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of August 1896

J. A. Greene Notary Public

My Commission expires on 1897

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Nation's No. *2719*  
Commission's No .....  
In re Application of

*Patsy Collins et al*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 28 1921  
A. S. J. KENNON

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Patsy Collins*  
*James Nichols*  
*Frank Nichols*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. *2719*  
Commission's No.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*James Goodmon*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Edw. H. Hootchings* *W. H. Hootchings* *W. H. Hootchings* Attorneys,  
John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

No. 551

Patey Collins, Jesse Nichols & Frank Nichols

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The Cherokee Nation

Affidavit for Oath

15/15/96

Before the Honorable Commission to  
the Five Civilized Tribes -

In the matter of Application of Patsy Collins,  
Jesse Nichols and Frank Nichols for rights of  
Citizenship in Cherokee Nation.

Affidavit for appeal

Comes Thos. B. Parkman, Attorney for Patsy Collins,  
Jesse Nichols and Frank Nichols and prays an  
appeal from the decision rendered by the Hon-  
orable Commission to treat with the Five Civ-  
ilized Tribes of Indians - to the United States  
District Court, as provided by act of Congress of  
June 10 1846 which decision was rendered against  
the applicants, Patsy Collins, Jesse Nichols & Frank Nichols  
which on the 16 day of October 1846.

That this appeal is not taken for purposes  
of delay but that justice may be done -

Patsy Collins, Jesse Nichols, Frank Nichols  
by Thos. B. Parkman - atty.

Thos. B. Parkman states that he is the attorney for  
Patsy Collins, Jesse Nichols, Frank Nichols - the above  
applicants - and that the matters & things set  
forth in the foregoing affidavit for appeal are true  
as he verily believes -  
Thos. B. Parkman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1899.

Tom Ho cott.  
Notary Public

My com - expires  
Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1899.

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No 551

Patry Collins, Jessie Nichols & Frank Nichols

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The Charles H. H. H.

Applicant for Citizenship

15/3/99



**End**

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No. 1797  
Application of 352

Sarah E. Cole

for

Cherokee Citizenship.

Filed Sept. 7, 1846  
H. M. Jaenow  
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Rejected

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARZ.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the <sup>5th</sup> ~~4th~~ day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tablequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 377 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Sarah E. Cole and of the affidavits of ..... and ..... in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this <sup>5th</sup> ~~4th~~ day of September, 1896.

*State Ark.  
County Sebastian*

John B. Latham  
Mr. W. Latham  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



# Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Slave Commission

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my husband J H Cole; age 38

Names of Children.	Ages.	Names of Children.	Ages.
<u>Leu Emma Toon</u>	<u>16</u>		
<u>Ida G Toon</u>	<u>14</u>		
<u>Sarah B. Toon</u>	<u>11</u>		

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:

That she is a daughter of John J Smith who was of Cherokee & white blood

STATE OF Arkansas } Sarah E Cole  
 COUNTY OF Washington } ss.

On this 31 day of August, 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Sarah E Cole

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as I verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

M J Gouard

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 1st Feb'y, 1897.

Nation's No. *2987*

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Dorah E. Cole*

*et al.*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 28 1896. 2

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Sarah C. Cole*  
*et al*

Nation's No. *2981*  
Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John Smith*  
through whom the petitioner claims to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.  
By *Hastings, Hutchings & Bancroft* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, *25* day of *Sept* 1896.

*S. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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*No. 1798*  
Application of 553

William Craven

for

Cherokee Citizenship.

Filed Sept 7, 1896  
H. M. Jacaway  
Secy.

*Rejected*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham.....do solemnly swear that on the <sup>5th</sup>~~4th~~ day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 277..... received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of William Carver..... and of the affidavits of M. M. Moore, Lucy Trammell and Superior Howard..... in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this <sup>5th</sup>~~4th~~ day of September, 1896.

State Ark.  
County Sebastian

John B. Latham  
Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

# Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Davis Commission

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my Wife is Sarah J. Cravens; age 28

Names of Children.	Ages.	Names of Children.	Ages.
<u>Jessie Cravens</u>	<u>6</u>		
<u>Colonel "</u>	<u>4</u>		
<u>George "</u>	<u>1</u>		

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory,

your petitioner states: Jama son of Martha Cravens who was a daughter of Mathenia Inhorn who was a daughter of Betty Mullins whose maiden name was Betty Sutton who was a Cherokee Indian and lived with the Cherokee tribe in the old reservation and moved this year with the tribe as they were being moved to this present reserve in the Indian Territory

STATE OF Arkansas }  
 COUNTY OF Washington } ss. William Cravens

On this 31 day of August 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, William Cravens

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as he verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written

W. S. Seiland  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 1st Feb'y 1897



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of William Cranms for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas COUNTY OF Washington

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared N. G. Whompley Grammer & Sufferance who, after being by me duly sworn, stated: That they are 56, 62 & 42 years of age, and a resident of the State of Arkansas and County of Washington and that they are personally acquainted with William Cranms who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

William Cranms is a son of Martha Cranms whose mother was a daughter of Mathema Whoon who was a daughter of Betsy Mullins whose maiden name was Betsy Sutton who was a Cherokee Indian and lived with the Cherokee tribe in the east and moved this far west with them as they were being moved to their present reservation in the Indian Territory

Affiant further states: That they have known the said William Cranms for the past 30 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said William Cranms indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said William Cranms he believes the said William Cranms to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Lucy Grammer, Elizabeth Howard, W. J. Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of August 1896

N. S. Edwards Notary Public

My Commission expires 1st Feb 1897

Nation's No. 2980

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*William Draomo*  
*et al*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 28 1890

A. S. MCKENNON

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*William Crooks*  
*et al*

Nation's No. *2980*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant ..... entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Robert Sutton* .....

..... through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *H. L. Dawes, F. C. Armstrong & B. Cabaniss* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *23* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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IN THE MATTER OF

*John Dodson*

**PETITION AND MEMORIAL**

...FOR...

**CITIZENSHIP**

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 7/00*  
*H. W. Jarman*  
*Secy*

*Respectd*

**THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK**

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Man Samuel Mayer Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 272 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of John Dodson and of the affidavits of B. R. Tuller and M. D. Geogel in support of same.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September, 1896.

John B. Latham  
John A. Latham N.P.

My commission expires Nov. 14, 1900.

John Dodson 53

# Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Davis Commission:

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my wife Martha M. Dodson; age: 26.

Names of Children.	Ages.	Names of Children.	Ages.
John E. Dodson	27	Ernest Dodson	9
Robert J. Dodson	24	Alice Dodson	7
Joseph H. Dodson	17	Grover Dodson	6
Eva Dodson	15	Rose E. Dodson	3
Arthur Dodson	12	Winifred Dodson	1

As grounds for asking admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I, T., your petitioner states:

That he is 53 years old and was born in Alabama and removed from there to Arkansas in 1853. That he removed to the Cherokee Nation about 1890, and remained there off and on for about 3 years. That he now resides in Arkansas.

That petitioner is the son of John M. Dodson, dead, who lived in Alabama and Arkansas. That said John M. Dodson was the son of Elizabeth Dodson (nee Fagan) who was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and was a sister, or half sister of John Martin, a Cherokee Indian who removed West with the Cherokees and whose name appears upon the Cherokee Indian Rolls of 1835 - page 238.

Applicant knows that his father and his grand-mother spoke the Cherokee Indian language and was regarded as Cherokee Indians.

Applicant is an admixture of white and Cherokee Indian blood and at least 1/8 Cherokee blood -

STATE OF Arkansas

COUNTY OF Sebastian

John Dodson

On this 27 day of July 1896 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, John Dodson who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee Citizenship, are true, as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

J. W. Eastman

Notary Public

My Commission expires

Feb. 14 1900.



**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.**

STATE OF Arkansas  
 COUNTY OF Stanc } ss.

Before Me, the undersigned, a <sup>Justice of the Peace</sup> Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid,  
 personally appeared M. D. George who after being by me  
 duly sworn states that he is 73 years of age, and a citizen of Searcy  
 County and state of Arkansas and that he <sup>was</sup> is personally acquainted with  
John M. Dodson father of John Dodson  
 who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T., and affiant further  
 states that the said John Dodson is the identical person to he represents  
him self to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation and that the said

M. D. George first became acquainted with John M. Dodson in  
Rayburn Co. Ga. about the year 1833. I was acquainted with, and visited  
 at the house of John Martin of Cherokee Indian blood in Murray  
Co. Ga. The said John Martin being an uncle of the said John  
M. Dodson father of the applicant. The said John M. Dodson  
 had the following children now living To-wit Robert, John the  
 applicant, Geo. M., David, Richard, James, Joseph, Littlelan B.  
Harvey, Jacob, Jefferson, William, Refus, Lucinda, Query and Famida  
Samuel and Nancy J. Dodson, Elizabeth

Affiant further states that he has known the said John M. Dodson  
 for the past 60 years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his  
 neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as a person having Cherokee Indian blood;  
 and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said John M. Dodson  
 indicate that the said John M. Dodson is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and  
 circumstances and from statements made to me by the said John M. Dodson  
 Affiant states he has every reason to believe, and does believe that the said John Dodson  
 is of Cherokee Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim  
 of the said John Dodson to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T.  
 attest Thomas George M. D. George  
Estella Mills

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1893  
 and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said M. D. George  
 and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

My commission expires on the 30 day of October 1894  
J. T. Mills  
 Justice of the Peace

State of Arkansas  
County of Stone

I W. H. Nelson Clerk of Circuit  
Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the County and  
Probate courts and Recorder within and  
for the County and State aforesaid do hereby  
certify that J. T. Mills is a Justice of the Peace  
duly commissioned and acting; that his  
commission was dated on the 30th day of  
October 1892 and will expire on the 30th day of  
October 1894.

Given under my hand and  
seal this 31st day of Aug 1893

W. H. Nelson  
Clerk



Know All Men By These Presents:-

We the undersigned, after being duly sworn make the following statement:-

- 1st. That we the undersigned knew, and were personally known to John M. Dodson father of John Dodson
- 2nd. That the said John M. Dodson was a resident of Stone County, Arkansas for the period of twenty five years.
- 3rd. That during this residence he continually claimed to be of Cherokee Indian ancestry, and was taken and accepted by his friends and acquaintances to be of Cherokee Indian ancestry.
- 4th. That his personal appearance tended to confirm his statement that he was of Cherokee Indian ancestry, in the minds of the undersigned friends and neighbors
- 5th. That his habits, methods of life, etc, resembled those peculiar to the Cherokee tribe of Indians.
- 6th. That we the undersigned, through a long acquaintance with the said John M. Dodson believe, that the said John M. Dodson was of Cherokee Indian ancestry, and ask respectfully that this statement be considered in connection with the plea of the said John Dodson son of John M. Dodson for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.



- 1 James H. [unclear]
  - 2 W. J. Johnson
  - 3 H. C. [unclear]
  - 4 [unclear]
  - 5 J. H. [unclear]
  - 6 David J. [unclear]
  - 7 J. H. [unclear]
  - 8 [unclear]
  - 9 M. S. Harris, Constable
  - 10 J. M. Harris
  - 11 J. J. Goodman Rev
  - 12 R. [unclear]
  - 13 R. [unclear]
  - 14 John [unclear]
  - 15 [unclear] Ex. State Supt.
  - 16 Eld. [unclear]
  - 17 J. Y. [unclear] Merchant
  - 18 Rev. S. Williamson Attorney, Ex. State Supton.
- Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 6 day of August 1896  
H. J. [unclear]

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CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRACY.

STATE OF ARKANSAS.

County of

Stone

W. H. Nelson

County Clerk in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that

W. J. [unclear]

whose genuine signature appears to the above and foregoing

instrument

is, and was at the time he signed the same, a

Justice of the Peace of said County, duly commissioned and sworn, that his Commission is dated

Oct 31

1894 and will expire

Oct 31st

1896, and that his official acts are entitled to full

faith and credit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office.

this the

6

day of

August 1896

W. H. Nelson Clerk.



State of Arkansas  
County of Stone

W. H. Nelson, Clerk of the Circuit Court and ex-officio Clerk of the County Court and Recorder within and for the County of Stone do hereby certify that J. D. Perry is a Justice of the Peace duly commissioned and acting; that his commission was dated Oct 30 1892 and will expire Oct. 30 1894.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 18th day of Sept. 1893.

W. H. Nelson  
Clerk

George B. ... removed from ...  
Office ... that he has heard John M. ...  
... the Cherokee ...  
... the Indian ...

Affiant further states that he has known the said John M. ...  
(he having ...)  
for the past ... years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as a person having Cherokee Indian blood; and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said John M. ... indicate that the said ... is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made ... by the said ...  
Affiant states he has every reason to believe, and does believe that the said ... is of Cherokee Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said John ... to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T.  
B. R. Tubbs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ... day of Sept. A. D. 1893  
and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said B. R. Tubbs  
and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

J. D. Perry  
Justice of the Peace  
My commission expires on the ... day of ... 189...





Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*John Dodson*

Nation's No. 2745 -  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John Morton*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Huddup, Nottup & Bondinat* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *23* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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Filed Sept. 7-96

Wm. J. Conway  
Secretary

Respectfully  
Respect

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~14<sup>th</sup>~~ day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tennessean Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 377 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Mary Marshall and of the affidavits of Susie Rardue, Migge Williamson and Nancy D. Wyland, John B. Latham in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> day of September, 1896.

State Ark.  
County Sebastian

Thos. A. Latham  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



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**Application for** \_\_\_\_\_ **Citizenship.**

To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom \_\_\_\_\_ asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my husband James Marshall age \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages.
<u>Essie Marshall</u>	<u>10</u>		

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:

That her name is Mary Marshall (see Mary Purdie)  
 That she is the daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ and Lucie Purdie  
 That her father \_\_\_\_\_ had been and is a Cherokee Indian by blood and a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation. That her mother Purdie was an admixture of \_\_\_\_\_ and White blood and was by Cherokee blood. That her mother Lucie Purdie lives in the Cherokee Nation.  
 That Abraham was born and raised in the Cherokee Nation. He and his mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 That applicant is an admixture of Cherokee Indian and white blood.

STATE OF Arkansas } Mary Marshall  
 COUNTY OF Sebastian }  
 On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for \_\_\_\_\_ citizenship, are true, as she verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
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 NOTARY PUBLIC.  
 My Commission expires March 14 1900

# Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Mary Marshall  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.  
STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Sebastian

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Susie Purdue who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 34 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah District and that she is personally acquainted with Mary Marshall who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

*(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)*

That the said Mary Marshall is her daughter that she is 17 years old, and married that she has one child 7 months old. That her father's name was Sammon Purdue who is now dead, that Sammon Purdue was the husband of affiant and resided in the Cherokee Nation and was a Cherokee Indian by blood and a member of the Cherokee Tribe and was  $\frac{1}{4}$  Cherokee Indian blood and  $\frac{3}{4}$  white blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Mary Marshall for the past 10 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Mary Marshall indicate that she is of Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Mary Marshall he believes the said Mary Marshall to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of September 1894.  
(Signed) Thos. B. Latham  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Mar 14 - 1900

# Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Mary Marshall  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.  
STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Sebastian

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Maggie Williamson who, after being by me duly sworn, states:  
That she is 54 years of age, and a resident of the State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian and that she is personally acquainted with  
Mary Marshall who is an applicant for Citizenship in the  
Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

I know Blinwood Perdue for 26 years and he was always recognized by the Cherokee Indians as a Cherokee Indian, and lived in the Cherokee Nation all the time I knew him, and I never heard of him living any where else. Blinwood Perdue was a quarter blood Cherokee, and was the father of the claimant Mary Marshall.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Mary Marshall for the past 17 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Mary Marshall indicate that she is of Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what she has heard and knows of the family of the said Mary Marshall she believes the said Mary Marshall to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of September, 1896.

My Commission expires January 15, 1900

# Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Mary Marshall  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.  
STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Sebastian

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Nancy J. Wylder who, after being by me duly sworn, states:  
That she is 64 years of age, and a resident of the Bequoysah District  
Cherokee Nation and that she is personally acquainted with  
Mary Marshall who is an applicant for Citizenship in the  
Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

I know the father of the claimant, his name was Blinnard  
Pedue, I also know his father and his grand father  
Joe Pedue, he was a Cherokee Indian, about a half breed,  
he was recognized as an Indian, ~~born in~~  
and drew money. Blinnard Pedue was always  
recognized as a Cherokee Indian. Blinnard Pedue  
and his daughter Mary Marshall the claimant, were both  
born in Cherokee Nation, and Blinnard died at  
my house in the Cherokee Nation and in buried  
there. Mary Marshall never lived out of the  
Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states. That she has known the said claimant  
since she was 17 years of age, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally, as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical  
appearance of the said Mary Marshall indicate that she is of Indian blood  
and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what she has heard  
and knows of the family of the said Mary Marshall, she believes the  
said Mary Marshall to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee  
Indian Tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of Sept, 1896.

Nancy J. Wylder  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My Commission expires July 18, 1900



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Nation's No. 7977  
Commission's No

In re Application of

*Mary M. ...*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Mary M. [unclear]*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. *1917*  
Commission's No.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*William D. [unclear]*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Harvey, Hill & [unclear]* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. S. [unclear]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

Elizabeth Bell <sup>and</sup>  
Frank Odde.

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the *Clarke* Nation, I. T.

Filed 9/7/96

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THOS. B. LATHAM  
LAWYER.  
FORT SMITH, ARZ.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5  
day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Fort Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Hon. Samuel M. Hayes  
~~Governor or Chief of the~~ Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Elizabeth Bell and Joseph Udde and of the  
affidavits of L. M. James and Josiah Nichols  
in support of same. John B. Latham

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian M. D. Latham N. P.

*Commission expires March 14, 1900.*

Joseph Odde

# Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners

The undersigned respectfully petitions the Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner, together with his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he claims the right to citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Name of Child	Age
Francis	28 years
William	
Robert	

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I, T., your petitioner states:

That he was born in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory and claims his right to citizenship by blood to the Cherokee Nation and Cherokee tribe; that his ancestors were Cherokee as he is informed and believes and as informed by old persons who know the facts and by old persons who have known the facts for near 100 years and these facts are demonstrated by the color of the skin and hair and by the general features & those peculiarity has followed them until today

STATE OF Tennessee,  
COUNTY OF Hancock

Joseph Odde

On this 7 August 1896 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public and for the County and State aforesaid, Joseph Odde who, after being duly sworn to me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee Citizenship, are true, as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

D. A. Greer  
Notary Public

My Commission expires in 1897

Elizabeth Bell

### Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners

The undersigned respectfully petition your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my husband is Burdin Bell: age 42 Years

Names of Children	Ages	Names of Children	Ages
1 <u>Eliza Jane</u>		<u>Franklin</u>	
2 <u>Mary</u>		<u>Sarah</u>	
3 <u>Martin</u>		<u>William</u>	
4 <u>Harriet</u>		<u>Burdin</u>	
5 <u>George</u>			

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I, T., your petitioner states:

That she wishes her family above enumerated to become citizens of the Cherokee Nation Indian Territory. She claims her right to citizenship, because of her connection by blood to the Cherokee Nation and the Cherokee tribe; that her ancestors were Cherokees, as she is informed and believes, and as informed by her parents who are now dead and as informed by old persons who have known her said ancestors: and these facts are more fully warranted by the color features, and hair and the many peculiarities of said tribe that follow even to this day

STATE OF Tennessee  
COUNTY OF Hamilton

x Elizabeth Bell her mark

On this 7 day of August 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Bell who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee Citizenship, are true, as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

D. A. Green

Notary Public.

My Commission expires in 1877



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of *Joseph Belle, Patsy Collins*  
and *Elizabeth Belle* for Admission to Citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation.

STATE OF *Tennessee*  
COUNTY OF *Hancock*

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, the said State aforesaid, personally appeared *L. M. Jarvis* who being duly sworn, states that *he* is *66* years of age, and a resident of the State of *Tennessee* and County of *Hancock* and that *he* is personally acquainted with *The Claimants* who *are* applicants for Citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation. And further states:

*(After reading of the petition and memorial of the said Indian blood)*  
I have known the claimants, *Joseph Belle, Patsy Collins* and *Elizabeth Belle* since their birth and I have known their ancestors on the mother side ever since the year 1841 - their ancestors on their mother side the *Goodmans* and *Bunches* were said to be Cherokee Indian - their color of a dark red, high cheek bones long thin hair erect in form and black eyes, and features very much like the African race and very much the reverse - I know the applicants to be descendants of these old *Bunch* and *Goodman* ancestors who were known in this community as Cherokee Indian descent. They were colored like Indians, they had features like Indians, and they had habits like Indian and resembled the Cherokee tribe and they were Indians and were always called of the Cherokee tribe - I have studied the races of mankind and I am an expert in defining the races.

Affiant further states that *he* has known the said *Petitioners* (*5* *separately*) for the past *20* years and that *they* have been and is recognized by their neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as *Cherokee* Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *applicants* indicate that *they are Cherokee* Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said *Petitioners* *he* believes the said *Petitioners* to be a descendant by blood of the *Cherokee* Indian tribe.

I have read the foregoing testimony and I understand it.  
*L. M. Jarvis*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *10* day of *September* 189*6*

*L. A. Greener*  
Notary Public

My Commission expires in *1897*

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of *Joseph C. Bell and Elizabeth Bell* for Admission to Citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation.

STATE OF *Georgia*

COUNTY OF *Hancock*

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared *Josiah Nichols*, who, after being duly sworn, states: That *he* is *63* years of age, and a resident of the State of *Georgia* and County of *Hancock*, and that *he* is personally acquainted with *Joseph C. Bell* who is an applicant for Citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows or believes to be true, and is sworn to be true.)

*I have known the above ~~Petticoats~~ <sup>all the time</sup> their ancestors for 50 years. ~~John~~ <sup>James</sup> ~~Goodman~~ <sup>Goodman</sup> was the wife of *Mr. Will* ~~James~~ <sup>James</sup> ~~Goodman~~ <sup>Goodman</sup> the father of *Petticoats* the daughter of *all* ~~James~~ <sup>James</sup> ~~Goodman~~ <sup>Goodman</sup> and the grand daughter of *Perkins* ~~Goodman~~ <sup>Goodman</sup>.*

Affiant further states: That *he* has known the said *Petticoats* for the past *all his life* years, and knows that *she* has been and is recognized by *her* neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having *Cherokee* Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *applicant* indicate that *she* is of *Cherokee* Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said *applicant*, *she* believes the said *Petticoats* to be a descendant by blood of the *Cherokee* Indian tribe.

*Josiah Nichols*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *8* day of *August* 189*6*.

*J. R. Nichols* J.P.

My Commission expires *per Hancock County*

(over)

State of Tennessee

Alvin R. County, J. B. Dismore  
for Clerk of the Court in and  
do certify that J. V. Nichols, whose  
signature & signature appears to  
the within official certificate  
of the place of said County, duly  
Commissioned and sworn as such  
that he will forthwith and credit is due  
all his official acts as such  
and that his Commission will  
expire Oct 1st 1900  
at office in Nashville

Wm. R. 17th 1900  
J. B. Dismore  
Clerk County Court

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Nation's No. 2726  
Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Joseph C. DeL*  
*Elizabeth C. DeL*

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Joseph Odell Ball*  
& *Elizabeth Ball*

Nation's No. *2726*  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Bunch & Gordon family*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Nostrop & Braden* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*John H. Carter*

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the  *Cherokee*  Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 7-26*

*Attest January*

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5  
day of September 1896. I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Hon Samuel Mayer  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Chilleyah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of John R. Carter and of the  
affidavits of Henry H. Elliott and Elisha Carter  
in support of same. John B. Latham

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.

Mr. J. Latham n.p.

My Commission expires Nov 14, 1900.

John F. Carter Age 34

### Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Senate of the Cherokee Nation

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Name of my Wife	Names of Children	Ages	Names of Children	Ages
Lucinda Carter	Thomas Carter	10	Claude Carter	9
	Fred Carter	7	Joe Carter	2

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I, T., your petitioner states:

That he was born in Nelson County State of Kentucky, and is 34 years old. That his father's name was Jonathan Carter now deceased who lived in Kentucky and removed to Arkansas Johnson County in 1861. That his mother's name was Rachel Ann Carter who also lived in Kentucky and was a cousin of my father. My mother and father were both of Indian blood and descent and were an admixture of white and Indian blood. I believe at least the Indian blood. I also believe from what I have heard my parents say and from their appearance and the place they resided and the name the family bore that they were of the Cherokee Indian blood.

STATE OF Arkansas COUNTY OF Sebastian

John F. Carter

On this 8th day of August 1896 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, John F. Carter who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee Citizenship, are true, as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

J. B. Patham Notary Public

My Commission expires Mch 14 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of John J. Carter for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Oklahoma COUNTY OF Muskogee

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Henry H. Elliott, who, after being duly sworn, states: That he is 63 years of age, and a resident of the Cherokee Nation and County of DeWozah District, and that he is personally acquainted with John J. Carter, who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that you know, or have heard, or believe to be true.)

That he was well acquainted with Jonathan Carter, the father of John J. Carter, the applicant; that the said Jonathan Carter was of mixed blood, and had the appearance of a half bred Indian; that he has heard the said Jonathan Carter say during his lifetime, that he was a son of the Cherokee tribe, and that his people were always be regarded as Cherokee Indians.

Affiant further states that the applicant John J. Carter has the appearance of a half bred Cherokee Indian, and is regarded as such by everyone who knows him.

Affiant further states that he has known the said John J. Carter for the past 16 years, and now that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as being of Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said John J. Carter indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said John J. Carter, he believes the said John J. Carter to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Henry H. Elliott

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of August 1896

Thos. A. Latham

Notary Public

My Commission expires Feb. 14 1900





I have been informed by my only  
brother-in-law, John G. Carter,  
that he has been informed by a  
man who has been in the  
territory about twenty eight years, that he is a son  
of Jonathan Carter, and a brother of  
Caleb Carter, a man who has heard  
it said by his father & relatives of the  
Carter family, that they had Indian  
blood in them, and it would be as  
a fact that he is a son of  
Jonathan Carter, and a brother of  
John G. Carter

I have also been informed by my  
brother-in-law, John G. Carter,  
that he has been informed by a  
man who has been in the  
territory about twenty eight years,  
that he is a son of Jonathan Carter,  
and a brother of Caleb Carter,  
and that he has heard by the  
Carter family, and by others, that  
they had Indian blood in them.

John G. Carter  
Subscribed and sworn to on this 11th  
day of August 1894, and I hereby certify  
that John G. Carter, John M. G. Carter and  
Thomas G. Carter each testified to the several  
above statements and was sworn to before me  
before me. Witness my hand and seal  
day & date above written  
J. J. Carter  
Circuit Clerk

Nation's No. 2788

Commissioner's No.

in Application of

*John Carter*

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*John A. Carter*

Nation's No. *9738*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his atomal demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Archel Ann Carter*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hotelings, Hotelings & Bondurant*, Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *2d* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. J. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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IN THE MATTER OF

*Martha Lampkins -  
Lewis Patm*

**PETITION AND MEMORIAL**

...FOR...

**CITIZENSHIP**

in the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 9/7/86.*

*H. W. Jarman  
Sey*

*Respect*

**THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.**

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Mr. Samuel Huges Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Martha Sampkins Lewis Paton and of the affidavits of Joseph B. Brunner and John B. Latham in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian  
Mr. A. Nathan  
My commission expires March 14, 1900. N.P.

2 Martha Sampkins

# Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of the Territory of Oklahoma

The undersigned respectfully petitions your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship, and to the benefits of the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she desires the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Names of children.	Ages.	Names of children.	Ages.
Frances	30	Fydia	10
Annie	25		
John	23		
Wiley	22		

As grounds for issuing citizenship to your petitioner, I, T., your petitioner states:

My father name David Paton a full blood Cherokee Indian he lived near the corner of the Ark & Missouri in the Cherokee nation lived with a Cherokee by the name of James Day. My father name was Feltie Paton a half breed Cherokee.

STATE OF Oklahoma  
COUNTY OF Cherokee

Martha Sampkins  
Notary Public

On this 27 day of Aug 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within the County and State aforesaid, Martha Sampkins who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for her citizenship are true, as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

James F. Reed  
Notary Public

My Commission expires Feb 9 1899

attest W.R. Foy



Lewis Patm - 42

# Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable James C. [unclear]

The undersigned respectfully petitions the undersigned to be admitted to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my wife Levi Patm age 42

Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages.
<u>Charlie Patm</u>	<u>9</u>		
<u>Rachel Patm</u>	<u>5</u>		
<u>Lee Patm</u>	<u>4</u>		
<u>Miller Patm</u>	<u>3</u>		

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory,

your petitioner states:

That his name is Lewis Patm and his age is 42 years. That his father was James Patm who was a full blood Cherokee Indian and he lived on the Cherokee Nation in the corner of the Arkansas and Missouri line. He was with a Cherokee Indian by the name of [unclear] his mother name was Betty Patm and she was a half blood Cherokee Indian.

STATE OF Arkansas } Lewis <sup>his</sup> Patm  
COUNTY OF Itaska }

On this 29 day of March, 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Lewis Patm

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as he verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written. Mr. A. [unclear]  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires March 14 1900 1896

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Lewis Pata & Martha Lampkin  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Virginia  
COUNTY OF Shenandoah

Before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Joseph Bruner who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 60 years of age, and a resident of the County of Shenandoah District and that he is personally acquainted with Applicants Lewis Pata & Martha Lampkin who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about applicant's name and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That affiant was well acquainted with Kitty Pata who was the mother of Lewis Pata and Martha Lampkin and she lived in my home in the Cherokee Nation, Ind. She was a half breed and was an admixture of Cherokee Indian and Negro blood. I never saw Lewis Pata but Lewis Pata has been dead about 6 years.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Kitty Pata for 3 years before her death and knows that she has been and was recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Kitty Pata indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Applicants he believes the said Applicants to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Joseph Bruner  
Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896

Thos W. Parham  
Notary Public

My Commission expires Mar. 14, 1900

Nation's No. 2746  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

Miss Polson et al

Demurrer and Answer.

7: 2

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Louis Polon &  
Masha Lanthier*

Nation's No. *2746*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*July Polon*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins, Harling & Bondnat* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

*30* day of *June*, 1896.

*D. J. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*William B. Weaver, Tennessee*  
*James T. Bush J. Wilson*

**PETITION AND MEMORIAL**

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

*of the* *United States* Nation, I T

*Filed 9/17/26*

*At the January*

*term*

*Repealed*

THOS. B. LATHAM  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, AR.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Paul Smith Arkansas addressed to Mrs Samuel Mayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of William B. Shaw, James Sarah, Millson and of the affidavits of Mrs Nancy H. Shaver and George Reedy in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896. John B. Latham. State of Arkansas County of Sebastian. J. A. Hartman n. b. My commission expires Nov. 14, 1900.







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# Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of the General Land Office, Washington, D.C.

The undersigned respectfully petitions your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the United States, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privilege of Citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my wife: *Samuel Barnes* age: *38*

Names of children.		Names of children.		Ages.	
<i>Luella woman</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Leona Barnes</i>	<i>7</i>		
<i>Dora M. Barnes</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>John J. Barnes</i>	<i>5</i>		
<i>Dora F. Barnes</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Lena W. Barnes</i>	<i>3</i>		
<i>Joseph L. Barnes</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Wm. J. Barnes</i>	<i>1</i>		

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the United States, your petitioner states:

That the undersigned is a native born citizen of the Cherokee Nation and was born in the Cherokee Nation in 1850. That this name, H. Barnes, was the name of the father of the undersigned, and the name of the father of the undersigned is the name of the father of the undersigned.

*38 years 1*

*1 Mulberry St.*

Applicant is a native born citizen of the Cherokee Nation and was born in the Cherokee Nation in 1850. That this name, H. Barnes, was the name of the father of the undersigned, and the name of the father of the undersigned is the name of the father of the undersigned.

*W. J. Barnes*  
*James Barnes*  
STATE OF *North Carolina*  
COUNTY OF *De S. Court - D.C.*

*her*  
*James Barnes*  
*Smith*

On this *28* day of *July*, 189*8*, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, *Samuel Barnes*

who, after being duly sworn to me, said: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for *her* Citizenship, are true, as *she* verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

*Louis S. Byrd*  
Notary Public

My Commission expires *Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1898*

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.**

STATE OF California  
COUNTY OF San Diego

Before Me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared William D. Brown who after being by me duly sworn states that he is 65 years of age, and a citizen of the United States (by birth) County and state of California and that he is personally acquainted with

William D. Brown  
Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said William D. Brown is the identical person see represents himself to be in application for citizenship in said Nation and that the said William D. Brown is a Commander of one of the regiments of the State Militia in San Diego California  
Blanc

Affiant further states that he has known the said William D. Brown for the past years and knows that he is and has been recognized and treated by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as a person having some Indian blood; and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said William D. Brown indicate that the said William D. Brown is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to me by the said William D. Brown Affiant states that he has every reason to believe, and does believe that the said William D. Brown is of some extent of Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said William D. Brown to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T.  
Signed William D. Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1893  
and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said William D. Brown and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.  
M. C. Howell  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1893



**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.**

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Fulton

Before Me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid,  
personally appeared George Reedy who after being by me  
duly sworn states that he is 32 years of age, and a citizen of Franklin  
County and state of Arkansas and that he is personally acquainted with

Michael J. Harris  
Who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T., and affiant further  
states that the said Michael J. Harris is the identical person he represents  
himself to be in his application for citizenship in said Nation and that the said  
Michael J. Harris is a descendant of  
one John Davis a Cherokee Indian of  
North Carolina Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Michael J. Harris  
for the past 10 years and knows that he ~~is~~ has been recognized and treated by his  
neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as a person having Cherokee Indian blood;  
and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said John Davis  
indicate that the said Michael J. Harris is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and  
circumstances and from statements made to me by the said Michael J. Harris  
Affiant states that he has every reason to believe, and does believe that the said Michael J. Harris  
is of Cherokee Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim  
of the said Michael J. Harris to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T.  
George Reedy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of November A. D. 1899  
and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said George Reedy  
and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.  
Neil M. Smith  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 14 day of February 1895

Case No. 2744

Complaint No.

In the Matter of

Millard B. Brown et al

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Willard S. Shaw*  
*Joseph Mulliver &*  
*Amesee Bams*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. *3744*  
Commission's No.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John Lewis*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

*Respondent further states that neither of the applicants herein named have complied with the law & treaties in regard to re-admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hartley & Bondurant* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

*John L. Adair*  
28 day of *Sept*, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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IN THE MATTER OF

*Wm. H. ...*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *State* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 8/2/96*

*Wm. H. ...*

*Rejected*

THOS. B. LAIRD  
LAWYER  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Gen Samuel Mayes Governor or Chief of the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Sarah Williams and of the affidavits of and in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896. John B. Latham Mr. A. [Signature] State of Arkansas County of Sebastian The Commission expires Nov. 14, 1900.

*Sarah Williams*  
 Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners

The undersigned respectfully petitions your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Name of my husband	Age	Name of children	Ages
<i>Samuel L. Williams</i>	<i>29</i>		
<i>Florentina Williams</i>			
<i>Samuel A. Williams</i>			

As grounds for asking admission to Citizenship in the United States, your petitioner states:

*That she is the daughter of *Walter* who is an applicant for citizenship in the United States and before the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia in the case of said *Livingston D. Danaher**

N.S.A. Ind. Ter  
 STATE OF *North Carolina*  
 COUNTY OF *Northampton*

*Sarah F. Williams*

On this *25th* day of *July*, 189*6*, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Sarah F. Williams* who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for *her* Citizenship, are true, as *she* verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
*William O'Brien*  
 Notary Public

My Commission expires *July 25th 1897*



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Nation's No. 2721  
Commissioner's No.  
In re Application of

*Frank Williams*

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Sarah Williams*

Nation's No. *2721*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*L. S. Vaughan*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Bondurant* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *April*, 1896.

*D. S. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*Melinda Gouin*

**Petition and Memorial**  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 9/12/20*

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*Rejected*

THOS. B. LATHAM  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Lattin do solemnly swear that on the 5  
day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Port Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Mr. James C. Hayes  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Sebec Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Michael G. Green and of the  
affidavits of William B. Lane and Boyd Steward  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896,  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian Mr. A. [Signature]  
Commission expires Nov 19, 1900. N. B.

Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Commissioners of the Cherokee Nation, at Cherokee, N.C.

The undersigned respectfully petitions for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that he is a native-born person, for whom the following named persons, for whom he is the petitioner, to wit:

Name of petitioner: Johnnie Rouns

As grounds for asking admission to Cherokee Nation, I, your petitioner, states:

That she was born in Georgia, above mentioned to be a citizen of the Cherokee Nation Indian Territory, and claims her right to citizenship, because of relation by blood to the Cherokee Nation and the Cherokee tribe, that her ancestors were Cherokees as she is informed, and believes, and is informed by her parents who know the facts, and by other persons who have known her ancestors for almost 100 years, and that she has the same color, features, and hair, and the many peculiarities of the pure Cherokee Nation, that her father's name even was in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF ... COUNTY OF ...

On this ... 189... personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within the County and State aforesaid, who, after being duly sworn, deposes that the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for ... Citizenship, are true, as ... verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day and date last above written.

My Commission expires ... Notary Public

The undersigned is the wife of the said deceased  
 of whom you have heard of and who is a truly reliable  
 person and has been of Cherokee Indian blood  
 and as the ground of her claim is in the Cherokee land

FULL NAME OF CLAIMANT	AGE	OCCUPATION	POSTOFFICE	REMARKS
Mahala Gains	57	Farming	White Sulphur Springs	Wife
John Gains	67			Deceased Husband
Leta Gains	33		White Sulphur Springs	Daughter
Yasbe Moore	36			Son
Frank Moore	35		White Sulphur Springs	Son
Eliza Holman	33	Carpenter's wife	White Sulphur Springs	Daughter

CHARACTER OF CLAIM

CHARACTER OF EVIDENCE

Blood and Descent	Record or Parol: If Record state where Records or Rods are. If by Parol state the names and Postoffice addresses of the witnesses. If your claim has been tried, state when, where and the decision. If you are held on protection papers, state when issued.
Marriage	
Delaware	
Shawnee	
Freedman under Treaty of 1866	Boyd Stewart, Sneedville Tenn Emmanuel Lawson " " L. M. Zorvisky " "

In witness of which Application I hereunto  
 set my hand on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September  
 1893, Mahala Gains  
 mark  
 Witness  
 J. H. Campbell  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 12<sup>th</sup> day  
 of September 1893 J. H. Campbell  
 Notary Public





AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

STATE OF Tennessee  
COUNTY OF Hancock

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared *Wm. Steward* who after being by me duly sworn states that *he* is *65* years of age, and a citizen of *near Sneed* <sup>Hancock</sup> County, and State of *Tennessee* and that *he* is personally acquainted with *Mahala Goins* who is an applicant for citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said *Mahala Goins* is the identical person *she* represents *her* self to be in *her* application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said *Mahala Goins* is the *legitimate* wife of *James Goins* and the *legitimate* wife of *Josiah Nichols* by *deed*. *She* has *no* living heirs to *her* *paternal* *name* *was* *James* *Goins* a *descendant* of *Jesse* *Goins* deceased. *That* *he* is *well* acquainted with *Jordan* *Goins* the *father* of *Jesse* *Goins* who *was* *to* be a *Cherokee* Indian and *his* *color* and *features* and *straight* *hair* showed *the* *same*. Affiant further states that *he* has known the said *Mahala Goins* for the past *48* years and knows that *she* is and has been recognized and treated by *her* neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having *Cherokee* Indian blood; and that the complexion, physical appearance, language and manners of the said *Mahala Goins* indicate that the said *Mahala Goins* is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to *him* by the said *Grand* *father* and *father* affiant states *he* has every reason to believe, and does believe that the said *Mahala Goins* is of *Cherokee* Indian blood.

Affiant further states that *he* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said *Mahala Goins* to citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T., and that is not related by blood or marriage to the said *Mahala Goins* except a *distant* *relation*. *Boyd* *Stewart*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *11* day of *September* A. D. 1893

and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said *Boyd Stewart* and know *him* to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

*J. N. Campbell*  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 189

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Nation's No. 2720  
Commission's No.  
in re Application of

*Frank L. ...*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Mohala Gormus*

Nation's No. *2720*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*James Go oil-mor*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hunting, Hunting & Brudner* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Sept*, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*David Cole*

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 9/7/96*

*M. W. [unclear]*

*[Signature]*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5  
day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Port Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Gen Samuel Mayes  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tulleguah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Daniel Eads and of the  
affidavits of W. B. Haggood and J. M. Keeton  
in support of same. John B. Latham

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas W. B. Nathan N. P.  
County of Sebastian  
Commission expires Nov. 14, 1900.



Daniel Eads.

### Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable Senate of the United States

The undersigned respectfully petitions your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the United States under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner's immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks to be admitted to citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Name of my wife Martha Eads age 54

Names of Children	Ages
<u>Cynthia Eads</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>Flora W.</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>Minnie Drene</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Mary Eads</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>James Eads</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>Birdie Beach</u>	<u>14</u>

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the United States, your petitioner states:

I am the wife of mixed white and Cherokee Indian Blood, as shown by the proofs now on file with my attorney, and I am the mother of the above named children.

That applicant was born at East Feliciana Parish La. on the 14th day of August 1846. That she is the daughter of John and Maria Eads who lived at East Feliciana Parish La. and that she is at least 14 years of age.

STATE OF Louisiana Banet Eads

COUNTY OF East Feliciana

On this 4th day of August 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Daniel Eads who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for citizenship are true, as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

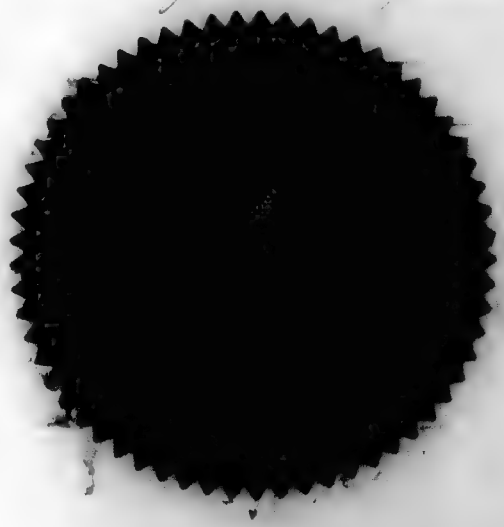
J. H. Cravens  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires June 1st 1900

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

I, the undersigned SECRETARY OF STATE  
of the State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that

whose name is inserted in the enclosed instrument of  
writing was a member of the  
Charles ...  
...

having been duly commissioned, qualified  
and sworn to, and his signature to  
said instrument is in due form and of his proper  
handwriting, and his testimony therein is in due form and  
ought to be given to all his opponents as such.



Given under my signature, authenticated with the  
impress of the Seal of the State of Louisiana, in  
the City of Baton Rouge, this ...  
day of ... A. D. 18

*A. S. Adams*  
SECRETARY OF STATE.

State of Mississippi  
Parish of East Feliciana

Personally  
examined, appeared before  
me the undersigned,  
authority, ~~consent~~ <sup>on</sup> whose  
oath says he is twenty nine  
years old, and was born  
land, ~~in~~ in East Feliciana  
Parish ~~that he has~~  
known ~~him~~ ~~as~~ for  
forty zero years, that ~~Mr~~ Eads  
has always been known  
as part Indian blood, and  
he thinks surety of the  
Cherokee Nation.

That he derived  
his Indian blood from  
his father William Eads as  
was well known to all  
the old citizens of this  
section of the country.

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me ~~the~~ 1 day of August  
~~Month~~ 1892. ~~Wm~~ ~~Sworn~~

Thomas D. East

Col. 13<sup>th</sup> Dist. Court

v





State of Tennessee  
County of East Tennessee

Witnessed came  
and appeared before me the  
undersigned Justice of the Peace  
B. H. Hopper, who on oath says he  
is seventy seven years old and  
was born in the said State of  
Tennessee. That he has known Daniel  
Eads for nearly forty years, that  
he has always been known  
as part Indian blood and he thinks  
surely of the Cherokee Nation,  
that he derived his  
Indian blood from his father  
W. Eads - who was known  
to be the old Chief of this  
section of the Country.

sworn to and subscribed

before me 18<sup>th</sup> day of April

March 1892

H. B. Hopper

Justice of the Peace

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Nation's No. 2/12

Commissioner's No.

In re Application of

*E. C. ...*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*David Eads*

Nation's No. *2722*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not withdrawing his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

*William Eads*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins, Hootins & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*J. H. [Signature]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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IN THE MATTER OF

*W. A. Row*

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

.. FOR ..

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Choctaw* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 9/17/26*

*H. W. Jennings*  
*Seal*

*Respect*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of September 1896. I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Pat. Smith Arkansas addressed to Dr. Samuel Mayer Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Sahleguah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of W. A. Goem and of the affidavits of ..... and ..... in support of same.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

John B. Latham  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
W. B. Hartman Not.

This commission expires Nov. 14, 1900.

W. A. Goen. age 41.

### APPLICATION FOR CHEROKEE CITIZENSHIP.

To the Principal Chief and National Council of the Cherokee Nation:

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your Honorable Body for re-admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation under the treaties and laws of said Nation, as was formerly held and enjoyed by his ancestors. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Full Name of Applicant	Age	Occupation	Post Office Address
W. A. Goen <small>Husband's Name.</small>	41	Farmer	Josephine, Ark.
Julia M. Goen <small>Wife's Name.</small>	37		
<small>Names of Children:</small>			
William Reese	14		
Thomas	16		
Mary Ann	10		
Eddie Anderson	11		
Henry H. } Sammy Lee } <small>twins.</small>	7		
Fannie	6		
Betty	2		

Your petitioner further states, on grounds for asking re-admission to Cherokee Citizenship: That he was born at Josephine, Ark. of W. A. Goen who lived at Josephine, Ark. who was the son of Julia Goen who lived at Josephine, Ark. who was the daughter of Clairborne Goen who lived at Josephine, Ark. and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and a member of the tribe, and who resided with the tribe in the old Cherokee Nation East, and whose family, petitioner verily believes, was enrolled by the U. S. Government, in 1835, prior to the Cherokee removal West. That the petitioner has been taught by his ancestors and relatives that he is an admixture of White and Cherokee Indian blood, and has always been so recognized and considered by the intimate friends and acquaintances of the family, and that he is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. Petitioner also files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with his family and its history to show that petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and, as such, is entitled to be admitted to the rights of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Very respectfully submitted,

W. A. Goen

STATE OF Ark.  
COUNTY OF Franklin } ss.

On this 17 day of July, 1898, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, W. A. Goen who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee Citizenship, are true, as he verily believes. And I do certify that I am personally acquainted with W. A. Goen and know he is a credible person, and that I have no interest, directly or indirectly, in the prosecution of the claim of W. A. Goen for Cherokee Indian Citizenship, and I am not related to the said W. A. Goen by blood or marriage.

GIVEN under my hand and seal the day and date last above written.

W. A. Goen  
Notary Public.



Nation's No. 2723  
Commissioner's No.  
In re Application of

770 Gorn

**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*M. A. Horn*

Nation's No. *2723*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds therein stated.

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his former demand, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Chaboune Horn*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, was not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west of the Indian Territory, as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hootings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *15* day of *Sept*, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*Madison Goodman*

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the *United States* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 9/7/90*

*at the court*

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham, do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Mrs. James D. Hayes, Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Chickasaw Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 322 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Madison Goodman and of the affidavits of Johnathan Adkins and John B. Latham in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896. State of Arkansas County of Sebastian. W. P.

By Commission expires March 14, 1900.

*Madison Gordon*

# Application for U.S. Citizenship.

To the Honorable Judge \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom \_\_\_\_\_ asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children.	Ages.	Names of Children.	Ages.

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:

*(See affidavit following)*

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_ personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, \_\_\_\_\_ who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for \_\_\_\_\_ citizenship are true, as \_\_\_\_\_ verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_\_

*Madison*

## APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

To the Honorable National Council of \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, Ind. Ter.

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this \_\_\_\_\_  
Application for citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation in the Indian Territory, in  
accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the  
following statement of the grounds of this \_\_\_\_\_ Application, to wit:

That \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_  
of one \_\_\_\_\_ who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging  
to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this  
\_\_\_\_\_ Application for \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship by blood, and  
respectfully waits the time when \_\_\_\_\_ Application shall be truly heard  
and tried. Respectfully submitted.

Age 75 years; Postoffice \_\_\_\_\_

Family, with their relationship attached is as follows:

NO.	NAME.	SEX.	AGE	RELATIONSHIP.
	<i>William</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>child</i>
	<i>William</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>child</i>
	<i>John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>child</i>
	<i>John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>child</i>
	<i>John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>child</i>
	<i>John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>child</i>
	<i>John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>child</i>
	<i>John</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>child</i>

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
August 1896, Madison

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896.

~~JOSEPH P. BYERS~~, Attorney.

*B. J. Byers*  
Clerk County Court



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of *(Guis)* *112* for Admission to Citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation.

STATE OF *Georgia*  
COUNTY OF *Hardee*

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the State of *Georgia*, personally appeared *Johnathan Willis* who, after being duly sworn, states that *he* is *74* years of age, and a resident of the State of *Georgia* and County of *Hardee* and that *he* is personally acquainted with *Habibah Goodman* who is an applicant for Citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that agent knows or believes to be true and reliable.)

*I have known them the above petitioners and their ancestors & knew Jesse Goodman the father of petitioners about 35 years and Jordan Goodman the grand father of petitioners for about 35 years and they looked to have Indian blood in them and they were looked upon by the people of their county as Indians and their neighbors did not like to associate with them on the account of there being Indians*

Affiant further states that *he* has known the said *petitioners* for the past *30* years, and knows that *they* has been and is recognized by *their* neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having *Cherokee* Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *applicants* indicate that *they* is of *Cherokee* Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said *applicants* he believes the said *petitioners* to be a descendant by blood of the *Cherokee* Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *5* day of *August* 189*6*

*Johnathan Willis*  
Notary

My Commission expires *1896*  
*J. P. Nichols* a Justice of the Peace for *Hardee* County

(over)



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Nation's No. 2732

Commission's No.

In the Application of

*Madison Wells*

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Malison Goodman*

Nation's No. *2732*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his former demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John Goodman*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west of the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authentic rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hulchings, Haslings & Boncliat* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *23* day of *July*, 1896.

*W. H. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*J. C. Lee*

**PETITION AND MEMORIAL**

...FOR...

**CITIZENSHIP**

in the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

Filed 9/7 86

*H. W. Jarman*  
*Seal*

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Post Smith addressed to Samuel Mayer Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Sahleguah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of J. A. Lee and of the affidavits of W. C. Esterwood, Thomas Hampton and Oliver Fields in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
John B. Latham N.P.  
City of Oklawaha  
County of Sebastian

Commission expires March 14, 1900.



# Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of the Territory of Kansas  
 The undersigned respectfully petitions your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Territory of Kansas, under the treaties and laws of said Territory and the United States. Your petitioner states that his family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privilege of Citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Name of individual	Age	Sex	Color
<i>John J. ...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>
<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>
<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>

As grounds for asking admission to Citizenship in the Territory of Kansas, your petitioner states:

*I was born in the State of Missouri, and have resided in the Territory of Kansas for the last five years. I am a white male, and have been married to a woman of the same race. I have no other children. I have been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the last five years. I have no other religious affiliations. I have no other connections with my former home. I have no other interests in the Territory of Kansas. I have no other claims on the Territory of Kansas. I have no other obligations to the Territory of Kansas. I have no other duties to the Territory of Kansas. I have no other responsibilities to the Territory of Kansas. I have no other liabilities to the Territory of Kansas. I have no other debts to the Territory of Kansas. I have no other obligations to the Territory of Kansas. I have no other duties to the Territory of Kansas. I have no other responsibilities to the Territory of Kansas. I have no other liabilities to the Territory of Kansas. I have no other debts to the Territory of Kansas.*

STATE OF *Kansas*  
 COUNTY OF *...*

On this *...* day of *...* 189*...*, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, *...* who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for *...* Citizenship, are true, as *...* verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
*L. B. ...*  
 My Commission expires *April 1st 189...*

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

STATE OF ...
COUNTY OF ...

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared ... who after being by me duly sworn states that ... is ... years of age, and a citizen of ... County, and State of ... and that ... is personally acquainted with ... who is an applicant for citizenship in the ... Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said ... is the identical person ... represents ... self to be in ... application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said ...

Affiant further states that ... has known the said ... for the past ... years and knows that ... is and has been recognized and treated by ... neighbors, acquaintances, ... as a person having ... Indian blood; and that the complexion, ... language and manners of the said ... indicate that ... is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and the statements made to ... by the said ... affiant states ... has every reason to believe, and does believe that the said ... is of ... Indian blood.

Affiant further states that ... has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said ... to citizenship in the ... Nation, I. T., and that is not related by blood or marriage to the said ...

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ... day of ... A. D. 189... and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said ... and know ... to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity. My commission expires on the ... day of ..., 189...

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

STATE OF ...
COUNTY OF ...

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared ... who after being by me duly sworn states that ... is ... years of age, and a citizen of ... County, and State of ... and that ... is personally acquainted with ... who is an applicant for citizenship in the ... Nation, I. U., and affiant further states that the said ... is the identical person ... represents ... to be in ... application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said ...

Affiant further states that ... for the past ... years ... and has been recognized and treated by ... neighbors, acquaintances ... as a person having ... Indian blood; and that the complexion, physical appearance, language and manners of the said ... indicate that the ... is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances ... by the said ... affiant states ... and does believe that the said ... is of ... Indian blood.

Affiant further states that ... has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said ... to citizenship in the ... Nation, I. T., and that is not related by blood or marriage to the said ...

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ... day of ... A. D. 189... and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said ... and know ... to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

My commission expires on the ... day of ... 189...

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NO .....

IN THE MATTER OF

*W. S. Lee*

Claim to Citizenship in.....

*Cherokee*

Nation, I. T.

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NO .....

IN THE MATTER OF

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Claim to Citizenship in.....

Nation, I T.

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NO .....

IN THE MATTER OF

*John Doe* .....

Claim to Citizenship in .....

Nation, I T.

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REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at *St. Louis Mo*  
Registered Letter Parcel No. *377* Rec'd. *95* 189*6*  
of *Geo B. St. Louis*  
addressed to *Mrs. Jane Mays*  
*St. Louis Mo*  
*Jan 20 1896* P. M.



Notion's No. 2785-  
Commissioner's No.  
In re Application of

*[Handwritten signature]*

Demurrer and Answer.

Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*J. C. Lee*

Nation's No. *2755-*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Homey Hunter*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boudino* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *23* day of *Feb.* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Application of  
James Van Winkle

for  
Circuit Membership

Filed Sept 7, 1896  
State of Arkansas

Respectfully

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and Registry Receipt No. 327, received from postmaster, hereto attached, as a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Spencer Van Winkle and of the affidavits of Agnes Van Winkle and John B. Latham in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896.

John B. Latham  
Notary Public

John B. Latham  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Perry Van Winkle  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Alabama  
COUNTY OF Washington

Before me, the undersigned, Notary Public for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Agnes Van Winkle who after being duly sworn, states: That she is 72 years of age, and a resident of the State of Alabama and County of Washington and that she is personally acquainted with Spencer Van Winkle who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

*(Here set out all that witness knows of the applicant and the blood of Indian blood.)*  
I was the wife of Perry Van Winkle who was a son of a Cherokee Indian by the name of Yandy. I know Yandy and knew that he was a Cherokee Indian, and I knew that Perry was a half blood Cherokee Indian and knew that Spencer was the son of the applicant is of Cherokee Indian blood and was a son of Perry - I am not the mother of Spencer but I married his father after Perry was born.

Affiant further states that she has known the said Perry Van Winkle from 1869 to the present and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Perry Van Winkle indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Perry Van Winkle she believes the said Perry Van Winkle to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of August 1896  
Agnes Van Winkle  
W. D. Edwards  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires 1 Feb'y 1897



Nation's No. 2076

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Esperance Louise Hamelin*  
*et al.*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*John L. Adair*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. *2976*  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the applicant makes no state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his *objection*, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that  
*H. J. Gandy*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

By *Adair, Hutchings & Boudinot* Attorneys,  
S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.  
John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*G. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

Petition and Memorial

FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept 11, 1896  
H. M. Perry  
Secy.

Respectfully

L. J. Hunt, Secy.

## Application for Enrollment AND CITIZENSHIP

To the Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON, THOMAS B. CABANISS, and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by an Act of Congress of June 4th, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States.

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner \_\_\_\_\_  
for and on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ heirs, this day makes this \_\_\_\_\_ application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and allotment of land in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

Your petitioner further states that \_\_\_\_\_ immediate family consists of the following named persons who bear the relationship to your petitioner herein designated and for whom, with your petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_ ask \_\_\_\_\_ the privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

NAME OF APPLICANT.	AGE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

Names of members of family and relationship.

*[Faint handwritten entries in the table above]*

Your petitioner further states, as grounds for asking the said privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States, for \_\_\_\_\_ self and \_\_\_\_\_ said heirs above named. That \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who lived at \_\_\_\_\_ who was the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who lived at \_\_\_\_\_ and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and a member of the Tribe, and who resided with the Tribe in the old Cherokee Nation, East, and whose family your petitioner verily believes was enrolled by the United States Government in 1835, prior to the Cherokee Indian removals West. That your petitioner has been taught by \_\_\_\_\_ ancestors and relatives that \_\_\_\_\_ is an admixture of \_\_\_\_\_ and Cherokee Indian blood, and has always been so recognized and considered by the intimate friends and acquaintances of your petitioner's ancestors and \_\_\_\_\_ family, and that \_\_\_\_\_ is at least \_\_\_\_\_ Cherokee Indian blood.

Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with ..... family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with ..... family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness : .....

STATE OF ..... }  
COUNTY OF ..... } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared ..... of ..... County, State of ..... whose post-office address is ..... in the County of ..... State of ..... who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says ..... age is ..... years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this ..... petition and memorial for citizenship for ..... self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as ..... verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said ..... and know ..... is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by ..... signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said ..... by blood or marriage, or to any member of ..... family

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at ..... this ..... day of ..... 189.....

My Notarial commission will expire on the ..... day of ..... 189.....

*Charles P. Oliver* Notary Public.

**Affidavit of Witness.**

**In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of Benjamin N. Baughen...**

for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF *Mississippi*  
COUNTY OF *Quitman*

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared *James B. Garrison*, who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows: That *Benjamin N. Baughen* is *31* years of age, and is a resident of *Quitman County* in the State of *Mississippi*. That *Benjamin N. Baughen* post-office address is *Quitman, Miss.* in the County of *Quitman* and State of *Mississippi*.

That *Benjamin N. Baughen* is personally acquainted with *Benjamin N. Baughen* who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States. Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.]

*James B. Garrison* who was a son of *Benjamin Baughen* who lived in *Madison County, Mississippi* who was a son of *David Baughen* who was the son of *William Baughen* a Cherokee Indian by blood.

Affiant further states that *Benjamin N. Baughen* has known the said *Benjamin N. Baughen* for the past *25* years, and knows that *Benjamin N. Baughen* has been recognized by *his* family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Benjamin N. Baughen* indicates that *he* is of Indian blood and decent.

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *he* has heard and knows of the family of the said *Benjamin N. Baughen* *he* verily believes the said *Benjamin N. Baughen* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *he* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Benjamin N. Baughen* and is not concerned therein. *Am* fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

*Witnessed* *James B. Garrison* Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *21* day of *August* 1896, by the said *Benjamin N. Baughen* and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant and know *him* to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *James B. Garrison* signed, was fully made known and explained to *Benjamin N. Baughen* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said *Benjamin N. Baughen* to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said *Benjamin N. Baughen* or to any member of *his* family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Quitman, Miss.* the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *2* day of *October* 1897.  
*Charles J. Ellis* Notary Public.



**Affidavit of Witness.**

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial of *Benjamin N. Laughlin*.....

for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

STATE OF *Missouri*.....  
COUNTY OF *Greene*.....

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared *Lucinda Laughlin*..... who after being by me duly sworn, states as follows:  
That *she* is *36* years of age, and is a resident of *Springfield*..... County in the State of *Missouri*..... That *her* post-office address is *Springfield*..... in the County of *Greene*..... and State of *Missouri*.....  
That *she* is personally acquainted with *Benjamin N. Laughlin*..... who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Cherokee Indian Nation, of the Indian Territory of the United States.

Affiant further states: [Here set forth all the witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.] *she* well knew the ancestors of said *Benjamin N. Laughlin*..... *her* father was *Benjamin Laughlin*..... who was the son of *David Laughlin*..... who was the son of *William Laughlin*..... a Cherokee Indian captured from a son of *William Laughlin*..... who married *Elizabeth Henderson*..... a Cherokee.

Affiant further states that *she* has known the said *Benjamin N. Laughlin*..... for the past *36* years, and knows that *he* has been recognized by *his* family connections, neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Benjamin N. Laughlin*..... indicates that *he* is of Indian blood and decent. *That* *his* father was *Benjamin Laughlin*..... and *the* wife of *said* *Benjamin Laughlin*.....

Affiant says that from the above facts and circumstances and from what *she* has heard and knows of the family of the said *Benjamin N. Laughlin*..... *she* verily believes the said *Benjamin N. Laughlin*..... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Indian Territory in the United States. Affiant further states that *she* has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe by the said *Benjamin N. Laughlin*..... and is not concerned therein. Am fully aware of the contents of the foregoing, and that the same has been duly read and explained to me.

*Lucinda Laughlin*.....  
*Charles P. Ollis*.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *1st* day of *December*..... 1896, by the said *Lucinda Laughlin*..... and I certify that I am well acquainted with said affiant *Lucinda Laughlin*..... and know *her* to be a credible person. I further certify that the contents of the foregoing statement by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to *her* before signing. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of the said *Benjamin N. Laughlin*..... to citizenship in the said Cherokee Indian Tribe. That I am not related to said *Benjamin N. Laughlin*..... or to any member of *his* family by blood or marriage.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield*..... Mo..... the day and date last above mentioned.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *1st* day of *March*..... 1897.  
*Charles P. Ollis*..... Notary Public.

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Nation's No. 11 4  
Commission's No  
In re Application of

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. Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

Nation's No.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

through whom the petitioner claim, to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *John L. Adair, Executive Secretary* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 17th day of August, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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IN THE MATTER OF

*George S. ...*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *United States* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 9/7/96*

*H. W.*

*Proctor*

THOS. B. LATTIN  
LAWYER,  
FONT SMITH, ARK

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at East Smith addressed to Wm. Samuel Murray Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Cherokee Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of License & Tugbar Jr. and of the affidavits of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in support of same.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.

John B. Latham  
Notary Public

Lorenzo D. Vanden...

Application for ... Citizenship.

To the v. Honorable ...

The undersigned respectfully ... Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the ... Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that ... immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom ... asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Table with columns: Name of mother, Names of children, Ages, Names of children, Ages.

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I, T., your petitioner states:

I am the son of ... Cherokee Nation, I, T., your petitioner states: That he is the son of ...

Applicant ... Cherokee Nation ...

STATE OF ... COUNTY OF ... Lorenzo J. ...

On this ... 1896 ... personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, ... who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for ... Citizenship, are true, as ... verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written. ... Notary Public ... My Commission expires ...



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Nation's No. 2730  
Commission's No.  
in re Application of

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Lorenza & Taylor*

Nation's No. *2730*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection demurs on the same for answer to said application, says that

*John Taylor*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authentic records of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Shubling, Hottel & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *27th* day of *September*, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*Wm. L. Waddy*

**Petition and Memorial**

FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the *U.S.* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 9/9/06*

*at ...*

*Repeat*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Port Smith Arkansas addressed to Gen Samuel Moyer Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Luther L Hedley and of the affidavits of John B Latham and John B Latham in support of same.

State of Arkansas -  
County of Sebastian

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.

Thos. A. Latham M.P.

Commission expires March 1900.

Lidda L. W.

# Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable

The undersigned respectfully petitions your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship, and to the benefits and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner's immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she wishes to apply for citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my husband	Age	Names of children	Age
Charles L. Woolly	59	John Woolly	16
		John Woolly	16
		Catherine Woolly	8
		Rosie Woolly	4
		Clara Woolly	

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship, your petitioner states:

That she is a native born citizen of the Republic of the United States, and that she is a native born citizen of the State of Arkansas, and that she is a native born citizen of the County of Washington, and that she is a native born citizen of the Township of ... and that she is a native born citizen of the ...

Affiant is a native born citizen of the United States, and that she is a native born citizen of the State of Arkansas, and that she is a native born citizen of the County of Washington, and that she is a native born citizen of the Township of ...

Affiant is a native born citizen of the United States, and that she is a native born citizen of the State of Arkansas, and that she is a native born citizen of the County of Washington, and that she is a native born citizen of the Township of ...

STATE OF Arkansas COUNTY OF Washington

L. L. Woolly

On this 22 day of July, 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, L. L. Woolly who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Charles Citizenship, are true, as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

J. P. B. Hartman  
Notary Public

My Commission expires March 14 1900

Nation's No. 2714  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

Richard S. Sealey

• **Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Lidda & Noalley*

Nation's No. *2714*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John Vaughn*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins, Hooding & Bondine* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*[Signature]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*Nancy A. Smith*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Circle* Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 7/86*

*3d Cir. January*

*Received*

THOS. B. LATHAM  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Guthrie, do solemnly swear that on the 2 day of September 1896 I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Mrs Samuel Hayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation Chickasaw Indian Territory that Registry Receipt No. 377 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Nancy E. Smith and of the affidavits of Mrs E. C. Morgan and J. M. Hutson in support of same. John B. Guthrie

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 2 day of September 1896. State of Arkansas County of Sebastian Mrs. P. Guthrie Notary Public

Commission expires July 4, 1900.

Nancy E. Smith

Application for

Citizenship.

To the Honorable

The undersigned respectfully petition the Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Name of my ~~husband~~ *J. M. Smith* 42 years died in 1889

Names of Children	Ages	Names of Children	Ages
<i>Sarah Matthews</i>	<i>39</i>		
<i>Lon Ella Varnell</i>	<i>35</i>		
<i>John M. Smith Jr</i>	<i>32</i>		
<i>Notie A. Matthews</i>	<i>31</i>		

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the United States, your petitioner states:

That she derives her Cherokee Indian Blood from her father, Julius, Colmore who formerly lived in Roanoke county Tennessee, and died there about 1879, that he was about one half Cherokee Indian Blood, that she is an admixture of white and Cherokee Indian Blood, that she has about one fourth Cherokee Indian Blood, that my name is Nancy E. Smith, and that my Residence is Correll Hopkins county Texas, that my husband's name is J. M. Smith, and that he died in Hopkins county Texas on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1889.

Nancy E. Smith

STATE OF *Texas*  
COUNTY OF *Hopkins*

On this *12<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 189*6*, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Nancy E. Smith* who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for *Cherokee* Citizenship, are true, as *she* verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

*J. F. Smith, a Notary Public*  
*in and for Hopkins County Texas*  
My Commission expires *June 1<sup>st</sup> 1897*

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of *Mrs. Nancy E. Smith* for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF *Texas*  
COUNTY OF *Johnson*

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared *J. M. Hartson* who, after being by me duly sworn, states; That he is *61* years of age and a resident of the State of *Texas* and County of *Johnson* and that he is personally acquainted with *Nancy E. Smith* who is an Applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Cherokee blood.)

*I was well acquainted with Claimant's Father, Julius Elmorsin, Rowan County, Tennessee, and the said Julius Elmorsin was recognized and known as being a quarter blood Cherokee Indian.*

Affiant further states: That *he* has known the said *Nancy E. Smith* for the past *54* years, and knows that *she* has been and is recognized by *her* neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Nancy E. Smith* indicate that *she* is of Indian blood and descent. Affiant says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said *Nancy E. Smith* he believes the said *Nancy E. Smith* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for Citizenship of the said *Nancy E. Smith*

*J. M. Hartson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *10* day of *September* 1896 and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said *J. M. Hartson* and know *him* to be a credible person.

*Phil. D. Allison,*  
Notary Public.





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Nation's No. 2728  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Nancy E. Smith*

Nation's No. *2728*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurres, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Julius Elmore*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Nathaniel Howling & B. B. Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*John D. Smith*

Petition and Memorial

FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the *State of* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 9/9/96*

*John D. Smith*

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Gen. Samuel Hayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Sableyvali Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of John M. Smith and of the affidavits of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian  
By commission expires Nov. 14, 1900.  
Mr. A. Latham  
N. P.

*John M. Smith*

# Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Commissioner

The undersigned John M. Smith memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my wife Elly Smith age 26

Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages.
<u>William H. Smith</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Sister H. Smith</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Walter M. Smith</u>	<u>6</u>		
<u>Elly May Smith</u>	<u>3</u>		

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory,

your petitioner states: That he is a son of Nancy E. Smith who is an applicant before your Honorable Commission for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation and he and petitioner refer your Honorable Commission to the evidence in the case of said Nancy E. Smith in support of this his application.

Petitioner states that he is married and is the father of children whose names and ages are above set out and who he asks your Honorable Commission to enroll with him -

Petitioner states that his present residence is

STATE OF Texas } John M. Smith  
COUNTY OF Collins }

On this 31 day of August 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, John M. Smith who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as he verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

J. F. Smith  
Notary Public in and for Hopkins County, Texas  
My Commission expires Jan 1 1897

Nation's No. 2787  
Commission's No.

In re Application of

Wm Smith

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*John Smith*

Nation's No. *2737*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Nancy E. Smith*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Whitney, Worley & Baudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Sept* 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 377 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Annie Smith and of the affidavits of Martha E. Pollard and John B. Latham in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> day of September, 1896.

Notary Public

John B. Latham

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

# Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable James C. ...

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my ... age		Name of my ... age	
Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages
<u>Richman Smith</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>John M. ...</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Chas Smith</u>	<u>21</u>		
<u>Mary Yates</u>	<u>19</u>		
<u>Minnie Smith</u>	<u>12</u>		

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:

I was a slave and belonged to Flora Ridge a Cherokee Indian at the time of the war and was taken to Texas by her and after the war was over we were taken back to the Indian Territory where I lived until two years after the war was over & then she brought me to Fayetteville Ark and told me to hire out for a living that she could not support me any longer

STATE OF Arkansas } Annie Smith <sup>her</sup> ~~mark~~ <sub>attest</sub> <sup>present</sup>  
 COUNTY OF Washington }

On this 31 day of August 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Annie Smith who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as she verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
W. S. ...  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.  
 My Commission expires 1st Feby 1897.

I, the undersigned,  
Father of Annie Smith and Children  
to be enrolled as Cherokee Freedmen:-

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State of Arkansas  
County of Fayetteville

I, the undersigned, W. J. Pollard, a Notary  
Public in and for said County and State, duly  
qualified and acting, personally appeared Mrs.  
M. E. Polson, to me well known, and makes  
the following statement to wit:

I, the undersigned, Martha E. Pollard, my age is  
29 years, I reside at Fayetteville, Arkansas. I have  
known the said Mrs. M. E. Polson since 1856. I was personally  
acquainted with Annie Smith, who is an  
applicant for rights in the Cherokee Nation, as a  
Cherokee Freedman. I have known the said  
Annie Smith since 1857. She is of negro blood  
and was owned as a slave by Mrs. Dr. W. D.  
Polson who was a Cherokee Indian and was  
purchased by Miss Flora Ridge, a daughter of the  
late John Ridge, Chief of the Cherokee Nation.  
The said Annie Smith resided in the Cherokee  
Nation with Mrs. Dr. Polson - after the war  
until 1867 or 1868 when she came to Fayetteville  
Arkansas.

I know the children of the said Annie Smith,  
their names are as follows: Joe McManas,

Attest that I have read the foregoing  
and certify that the same is a true and  
correct copy of the original as the same  
was filed in my office.

Martha E. Pollard

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
in the County of ... State of ...  
this 11th day of ... 1881.

W. S. Fullerton

Notary Public

My commission expires ...



Nation's No. *7059*

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Am. South*

*et al*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

*Judson*

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*Amie Smith*  
of

Nation's No. *2957*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as now present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

*applicant failed to comply with provisions of law of 1866 relative to the return and residence of freedmen to this Nation.*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hastings, Hutchings & Baudin* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *26* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*John Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the <sup>5th</sup>~~10th~~ day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 377 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Bert Stewart and of the affidavits of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this <sup>5th</sup>~~10th~~ day of September, 1896. John B. Latham  
state of arkansas  
county of washington M. H. Pritchard  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

Bert Stewart.

### Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Senate Commission

The undersigned respectfully petitions the Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privilege of citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Name of my	Age	Name of children	Ages

As grounds for asking a passport to the Cherokee Nation, I T., your petitioner states:

he is a son of Laura Stewart who is a daughter of Perry Deann who was of Cherokee Indian and negro blood. The said Perry Deann was at the time of the war a slave and belonged to Deann of Fayetteville.

(see evidence in Laura Stewart case)

STATE OF Arkansas Bert Stewart

COUNTY OF Washington On this 14 day of August 1897 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Bert Stewards

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written. W. S. Peckard Notary Public

My Commission expires 1st July 1897

Nation's No.  
Commission's No. 2453

In re Application of

*Bank of America*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

*J. W. Sullivan*



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Paul Stewart*  
*et al*

Nation's No. *2983*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his grounds of demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authentic rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

*The applicant failed to comply with Art. 9. Sec. 1 of the Constitution to the extent of residence of four years in this Nation.*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hutchings & Bannard* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *03* day of *June*, 1896.  
*W. B. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*William J.  
Allis Pittman  
- born*

**Petition and Memorial**

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *State* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 9/17/26*

*Wm. J. Pittman*

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 3 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Jet Smith Arkansas addressed to Wm. Samuel Meyer Governor or Chief of the Delaware Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Children of Allis Patman, deceased and of the affidavits of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian John B. Latham n.p.

*This Commission expires Oct 14 1896.*

Children of *Allis Pitman* deceased.

# Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Commissioners

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States, of the following name *Thomas* of *Allis Pitman* deceased.

Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages.
<i>Eddy Pitman</i>	<i>16</i>		
<i>Nancy</i>	<i>14</i>		
<i>Albat</i>	<i>12</i>		

As grounds for asking admission to Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory,

your petitioner states: *That the above named children are the children of *Allis Pitman* deceased who lived at *Calisto* *Texas* and who died on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of *May* 1871 that the said *Allis Pitman* deceased was adopted as a son by *E. Smith* who is an applicant before the Commission for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation and the petitioners request your Honorable Commission to take notice of the case of said *Nancy E. Smith* in support of the application of her grand-children.*

*Noted and filed*

STATE OF Texas }  
COUNTY OF Harris } In the above named estate of *Allis Pitman*

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1894, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Roxie Mathews

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as she verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

*J. F. Smith*  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires June 1 1897

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Nation's No. *2727*

Commissioner's No.

In Application of

*George Allen*  
*et al.*  
*vs.*  
*State*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Ally's Petition*

Nation's No. *2727*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Nancy E Smith*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hoskins & Bondurant* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, *23* day of *July*, 1896.

*D. S. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

Petition and Memorial

FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 9/12/88*

*H. W. Jones*

*Seal*

*Repealed*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
PORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Mr. Samuel Mayes ~~Governor~~ Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Lulu Bobo and of the affidavits of E. Thompson and Urdine Thompson and F. M. Simmons in support of same.

John B. Latham

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.

W. D. Nathan Notary Public

My Commission expires Nov. 14, 1900



*Lulu Boko*  
Application for Citizenship.

To the Hon. James C. McPherson

The undersigned respectfully petitions your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the United States, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privilege of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my	Age	Name of Children	Age
<i>Anna Boko</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>ella Boko</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Lela Boko</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Earle Boko</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Jessie Boko</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>John Boko</i>	<i>1</i>

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T., your petitioner states:

*That she was born in Alabama that her mother was Polly Thomas (nee Dolly Thomas) and her father was Ralph Thomas and her first husband was a full blood Cherokee Indian.*

*Affiant was married to her first husband was Jack Boko and he has 4 children all named that said Jack Boko is now dead. That affiant second husband was John Boko and by him she has two children all named.*

*That affiant now resides at Fort Smith, Arkansas.*

*Affiant further states that she is a adherent of white man's Christian religion since she is at least 14 (years of age).*

STATE OF *Arkansas* *Lulu Boko*  
COUNTY OF *Alaska*

On this *29<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* 189*6* personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Lulu Boko* who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for *Cherokee* Citizenship, are true, as *she* verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written. *Thos. D. Latta*  
Notary Public

My Commission expires *March 14<sup>th</sup> 1900*



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorandum of *Lula Bete*  
for Admission to Citizenship of the *Cherokee* Nation.

STATE OF *Ark.*  
COUNTY OF *Johnson*

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State aforesaid, personally appeared *Caroline Thompson* and who, after being duly sworn, states: That *she* is *62* years of age, and a resident of the State of *Ark.* and County of *Johnson* and that *she* is personally acquainted with *Lula Bete* who is an applicant for Citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation. And further states:

*(Here set out all the facts known to you concerning the applicant.)*  
That *she* was John Thompson's second wife, lived with him until his death, he always claimed Indian blood, he was ~~was~~ first cousin to Sally Carr and Thomas Carr. They also claimed ~~Indian~~ blood and that *she* and Lula Bete's mother was John Thompson's daughter.

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Affiant further states that *she* knows the said *John Thompson* for the past *25* years, or thereabouts, that *he* has been and is recognized by *his* neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as being of *Cherokee* Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *John Thompson* indicates that *he* is of *Cherokee* Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what *she* has heard and knows of the family of the said *John Thompson*, *she* believes the said *Lula Bete* to be a descendant by blood of the *Cherokee* Indian tribe.

*Caroline Thompson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *14* day of *July* 189*6*.

*C. H. Oliver*  
Notary Public

My Commission expires *1896*





Nation's No. 2785  
Commissioner's No.  
In Application of

Sam Bond

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Lula Bobo*

Nation's No. *2735-*  
Commissioner's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Rolphord Thompson*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins & Hooley* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*J. B. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Wm. H. ...  
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*Rejected*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

*... ..*

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the <sup>5th</sup> day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 377 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Sarah Elizabeth Bledsoe and Elizabeth Bledsoe her daughter and of the affidavits of W. G. Moore, J. H. Baird, Lucy J. Amwell, and Patry Edwards in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this <sup>5th</sup> day of September, 1896.

State Ark  
County Franklin

John B. Latham

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Sarah Elizabeth Blidson for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Kansas COUNTY OF Washington

Before me, the undersigned a Notary Public for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Patsy Edwards who after being by me duly sworn, states that she is 72 years of age, and a resident of the State of Kansas and County of Washington and that she is personally acquainted with Sarah Elizabeth Blidson who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Alicant further states:

That Sarah E. Blidson is a daughter of Mathenia Mhoon who was a daughter of Betty Mullins who was before her marriage Betty Sutton who was a Cherokee Indian. They came to this country with the Cherokee as they were being moved from the East to the present Cherokee Nation. I have known the family for about 50 years and know from their habits appearance &c that they are Cherokee Indians, they have always claimed to be Cherokee Indians.

Affiant further states that she has known the said Sarah Elizabeth Blidson for the past 30 years and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as being Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Sarah Elizabeth Blidson indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Sarah E. Blidson he believes the said Sarah E. Blidson to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Attest Sherman Gallard

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 78 day of August 1896

Patsy Edwards

W. S. Gallard

My Commission expires 1st Feb'y 1897

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Elizabeth Bledsoe for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas COUNTY OF Washington

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the county and State aforesaid, personally appeared Toney Trammell who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 70 years of age, and a resident of the State of Arkansas and County of Washington and that he is personally acquainted with Elizabeth Bledsoe who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows of claimant's ancestry and lineage of Indian blood.) Claimant is a daughter of Mathenia Inheon who was a daughter of Betsy Mullins whose maiden name was Betsy Sutton. I have known the family for about 60 years and have known them to be Indians. Betsy Mullins was a Cherokee Indian and lived with the old tribe in the East and moved this far west with them as they were moving to their present reserve in the Indian Territory.

Affiant further states that he has known the said Elizabeth Bledsoe for the past 40 years and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Elizabeth Bledsoe indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Elizabeth Bledsoe he believes the said Elizabeth Bledsoe to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Attest: Stephen P. ... R. Vaughan

Toney Trammell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of August 1896

W. D. Sellard Notary Public My Commission expires 1st Feby 1897



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Elizabeth Bledsoe  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Washington

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared  
W. J. Baird who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 62  
years of age, and a resident of the State of Arkansas and County of Washington and  
that he is personally acquainted with Elizabeth Bledsoe who is an applicant for Citizenship  
in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about applicant's family and descent (if of Indian blood).)  
I have known Elizabeth Bledsoe for many years  
she is a daughter of Mathenia Mhoon  
a daughter of Peter Mhoon

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Elizabeth Bledsoe for  
the past 50 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances  
and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance  
of the said Elizabeth Bledsoe indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent.  
Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the  
family of the said Elizabeth Bledsoe he believes the said Elizabeth Bledsoe  
to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of August 1896  
W. J. Baird  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires 1st July 1897

To Hon Henry L Davis, J. C. Armstrong, A. S. McKinnon,  
Thos B. Cabanes & U. B. Montgomery, U. S. Commissioners  
Gentlemen

The undersigned your petitioner in behalf  
of her said daughter Elizabeth Bledsoe who  
is a minor and a member of her family hereby  
make application for the purpose  
of being placed on the revised rolls of the  
Cherokee Indians and those allowed to share in  
the distribution of lands in  
the Cherokee Nation by virtue of their Cherokee blood, ~~as~~  
the grounds on which her claim is based is as follows

I am a daughter of Mathima Mhoon who was  
a daughter of Ritey Millins who was formerly  
Ritey Sutton who was a member of the  
Cherokee tribe and resided with them in the  
old Cherokee Nation in the East and with them  
went this far on their way to their present  
residence in the S. S. My parents ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~  
I have always taught me that I am of Cherokee  
Indian <sup>and</sup> white blood <sup>and</sup> our friends & neighbors have  
always considered us as such. I also ask that  
my said daughter who is a minor & a member  
of my family, be included with me. I am 60 years  
old and am a widow. Sarah Elizabeth

Bledsoe  
Sarah Elizabeth Bledsoe on oath states that the  
facts set forth in the above

and foregoing applications are true.  
I, Elizabeth Bledsoe  
Subscribed in person to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day  
of August 1846

W. S. McClure  
Notary Public

State of Arkansas  
County of Washington

W. G. Mhoon on oath states

I am personally acquainted with Sarah Elizabeth Bledsoe and have known her for 57 years. She is a daughter of Mathema Mhoon who was a daughter of Betsy Mullens whose name prior to her marriage was Betsy Sutton - Betsy Sutton the Grand Mother of Sarah Elizabeth Bledsoe was a Cherokee Indian and was a member of the Cherokee tribe in the old nation in the East & moved with the tribe this far on their way to their present residence in the Indian Territory. The family has always claimed to be and were considered by their friends & neighbors as Cherokee Indian. I have always been taught by our parents & grand parents that we are of Cherokee Indian & white blood.

W. G. Mhoon

Subscribed & sworn before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day  
of August 1896

W. S. Edwards  
Notary Public

My Commission expires  
1st day of February, 1897.



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Nation's No. 19

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Samuel P. Blodgett*  
*et al*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Barak E. Wadsworth*  
at it  
Nation's No. *7938*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his former demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Robert Cotton*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*G. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*Lorenzo D. Langham*

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

..FOR..

CITIZENSHIP

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*Filed 9/7/96*

*H. W. Jones*  
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*R. Latham*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Post Smith (Arkansas) addressed to Mr. Samuel Meyer Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 322 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Lorenzo S. Vaughan and of the affidavits of George W. Blythe, John D. Hillier and in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 7 day of September, 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

*To remain in office until 11/4/1900.*

Lorenzo D. Vaughan

# Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Senate of the Cherokee Nation

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Name of wife		Names of Children		Ages	
Eliza Vaughan		Lorenzo Vaughan		21	
		Alonzo Vaughan		19	
		Eliza J. Thayer		18	
		Sarah E. Vaughan		20	
		Mary Thorn Vaughan		17	
		Samantha Vaughan		15	

As grounds for asking admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T., your petitioner states:

That he is 20 years old and resides in the Sequoyah District, Cherokee Nation, that he was born in Tennessee and is the son of John Vaughan, dec'd who lived in Tennessee and was the son of W. Vaughan and Cloud, and that the said Cloud grandfather of petitioner was a Cherokee Indian by blood and resided in the old Cherokee Nation East and a member of the Cherokee Nation in the Cherokee Rolls of 1827.

Applicant is an admixture of Cherokee Indian & White blood.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Sebastian

Lorenzo Vaughan

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Lorenzo D. Vaughan who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee Citizenship, are true, as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written. Mr. A. Parham

My Commission expires Feb. 14 1900

# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

## IN THE MATTER OF CLAIM

Of *John B. Childers* To Cherokee Indian Citizenship.  
AFFIDAVIT OF

*John B. Childers*  
STATE OF *Alabama*,  
COUNTY OF *Faulkner*

On this, the *21* day of *August*, A. D. 189*3*, personally before me *John B. Childers* a Notary Public, in and for the

county aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, appeared *John B. Childers* aged *63* years, a resident of *Faulkner* County, and State of *Alabama* whose postoffice is *More*

who, after being duly sworn according to law, says that he is well acquainted with one *L. D. Taugman* the claimant named in the above entitled claim to Cherokee Indian citizenship, and have known the said claimant for *fifteen*

*years*  
Affiant further states that the said *L. D. Taugman* is *the son of Mrs. J. M. Taugman*

and is a direct lineal descendant of the *Clark* family, whose name he believes, appears upon the census rolls, that were taken by the United States government, by

blood, of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in the year 18*35*

Affiant further says that he believes the said *L. D. Taugman* to be of Cherokee Indian blood, and rightfully belongs to the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further says the above statements are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John B. Childers*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *August*, A. D. 189*3*  
*John B. Childers*  
Notary Public.  
My commission expires.....



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Faulkner

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared G. W. P. Rhythe who after being by me duly sworn states that ..... is 58 years of age, and a citizen of Faulkner County, and State of Arkansas and that he is personally acquainted with L. D. Vaughan & L. L. Woolly who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T., and affiant further states that the said L. D. Vaughan & L. L. Woolly the identical persons they represents themselves to be in ..... application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said L. D. Vaughan & L. L. Woolly ..... is of the direct lineal descent ..... of the blood of Indians ..... the Cherokee tribe of Indians in the year 1885 ..... Affiant further states that he has known the said L. D. Vaughan & L. L. Woolly for the past 15 years and knows that they are has been recognized and treated by their neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as a person having ..... Indian blood; and that the complexion, physical appearance, language and manners of the said L. D. Vaughan & L. L. Woolly indicate that the said L. D. Vaughan & L. L. Woolly is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances ..... the said L. D. Vaughan & L. L. Woolly affiant states he has every reason to believe, and does believe that the said L. D. Vaughan & L. L. Woolly is of Cherokee Indian blood.

Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said L. D. Vaughan & L. L. Woolly to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T., and that is not related by blood or marriage to the said L. D. Vaughan & L. L. Woolly

Subscribed  
by me only

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of Aug, A. D. 1893.

and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said G. W. P. Rhythe and know him to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

M. E. Moore  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on the ..... day of ....., 189....

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No  
IN THE MATTER OF

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*Claim to Citizenship in* .....

*Nation, I T.*

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# GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIM

Of L. D. Vaughan To Cherokee Indian Citizenship.

AFFIDAVIT OF

George W. Blythe  
STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Faulkner

On this, the 21 day of August, A. D. 1893, personally before me M. E. Moore, a Notary Public, in and for the county aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, appeared George W. Blythe age 55 years, a resident of Faulkner County, and State of Arkansas, whose postoffice is Moore

who, after being duly sworn according to law, says that he is well acquainted with one L. D. Vaughan claimant named in the above entitled claim to Cherokee Indian citizenship, and also knows the said claimant for fifteen years.

Alfiant further states that the said L. D. Vaughan is the son of James M. Vaughan

and is a direct lineal descendant of the Ward family, whose name he believes, appears upon the census rolls, that were taken by the United States government, by blood, of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in the year 1835.

Alfiant further says that he believes the said L. D. Vaughan to be of Cherokee Indian blood, and rightfully belongs to the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Alfiant further says the above statements are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Alfiant George W. Blythe  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of August, A. D. 1893.  
M. E. Moore  
Notary Public.  
My commission expires.....

Nation's No. 2724  
Commission's No.

In Application of

George S. Vanphine

**Demurrer and Answer.**

Filed  
March 2, 1911

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Louisa D. Vaughan*

Nation's No. *2724*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*J. M. Vaughan*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins Herlihy & Bondino* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *20* day of *June*, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*Julia Weber*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 17, 76*

*H. M. Jacobway*

*Secy.*

*Respectfully*

*L. J. Hunt, Atty.  
Springfield, Mo.*



## Application for Enrollment AND CITIZENSHIP.

To the Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON, THOMAS B. CABANISS, and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by an Act of Congress of June 4th, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States.

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner *Julia Baker* for and on behalf of *her self* and ..... and ..... heirs, this day makes this ..... application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and allotment of land in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

Your petitioner further states that ..... immediate family consists of the following named persons who bear the relationship to your petitioner herein designated and for whom, with your petitioner, ..... ask ..... the privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States.

NAME OF APPLICANT.	AGE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
<i>Julia Baker</i>	<i>21</i>	

Names of members of family and relationship

Your petitioner further states, as grounds for asking the said privilege of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation, Indian Territory, United States, for *her* self and ~~the~~ said heirs above named. That *she* is the *daughter* of *Calizabeth Baker* who lived at *Missouri*, a daughter of *John Mackdaniel* who was the *son* of *James Sperlin Mackdaniel* who lived at *Tennessee* and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and a member of the Tribe, and who resided with the Tribe in the old Cherokee Nation, East, and whose family your petitioner verily believes was enrolled by the United States Government in 1835, prior to the Cherokee Indian removals West. That your petitioner has been taught by *her* ancestors and relatives that *she* is an admixture of *white* and Cherokee Indian blood, and has always been so recognized and considered by the intimate friends and acquaintances of your petitioner's ancestors and *her* family, and that *she* is at least *one thirty-eighth* Cherokee Indian blood.

Your petitioner files herewith affidavits of persons acquainted with *McC* family and its history to show that your petitioner is a blood descendant of the Cherokee Indian Tribe now of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States, and as such is entitled to be admitted with *McC* family above named, to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Indian Tribe of the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory in the United States.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Witness: ..... *Julia Weber* .....

STATE OF *Missouri* )  
COUNTY OF *Greene* ) ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared *Julia Weber* of *Greene* County, State of *Missouri* whose post-office address is *Springfield* in the County of *Greene* State of *Missouri* who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says *her* age is *21* years; that the foregoing statements set fourth in this *her* petition and memorial for citizenship for *her* self and family in the Cherokee Indian Tribe in the Cherokee Indian Nation in the Indian Territory of the United States, are true as *she* verily believes. And I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said *Julia Weber* and know *she* is a credible person; that the foregoing statements by *her* signed, was fully made known and explained to affiant before signing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim or in its prosecution, and that I am not related to the said *Julia Weber* by blood or marriage, or to any member of *her* family.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal at *Springfield, Mo.* this *24* day of *April*, 189*0*.

My Notarial commission will expire on the *24* day of *April*, 189*0*.  
*Charles P. Ellis* Notary Public.

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Nation's No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_  
In re Application of \_\_\_\_\_

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

Nation's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

\_\_\_\_\_ through whom the petitioner claims to derive \_\_\_\_\_ right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



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Appointment of **579**  
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Wm. Wallace

for  
Clerk of the Court

Filed Sept. 7, 1896

Attest  
Jas. J. J. J.  
Secretary

*Rejected*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the <sup>5th</sup> day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tanahoa, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 377 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Ross Wallace and of the affidavits of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this <sup>5th</sup> day of September, 1896.

State Ark  
County Sebastian

John B. Latham

W. D. Latham

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



Ross Wallace:  
 Application for **CHEROKEE** Citizenship.

To the Honorable Davis Commissioner

The undersigned respectfully petitions for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my wife Ann Wallace age 62

Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages.
<u>Perry Franklin</u>	<u>4</u>		

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:

At and during the war of 1861-5 I was a slave and belonged to Bill Hubber who sold me to Jim Thompson and belonged to them as the slave of the war. Jim Thompson was a Cherokee Indian and lived at Hubber Falls. My Brother Dude Hubber lives about 10 miles from Ft. Gibson a milliner & at Acks Store, I know Sam Brewer who married my sister he lives at Ft. Gibson Andy Brewer who lives on 14 mile Creek near Ft. Gibson also knows one Fannie Brewer at Ft. Gibson knows one too - Barney Shepherd who lives 4 miles East of Ft. Gibson has known me since I was a child.

*Attest  
 J. J. Fortune  
 Notary Public*

STATE OF Arkansas Ross Wallace  
 COUNTY OF Washington Notary

On this 4 day of September 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Ross Wallace

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as he verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

W. S. Records  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 1st July 1897.

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Nation's No. *2476*

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Paul Anderson*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

*BY*

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Posey Wallace*

Nation's No. *2471*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

*applicant fails to comply with the provisions of the statute of 1866 relative to the admission of landmen of this Nation.*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Adair, Hildreth & Bond* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept* 1896.

*J. S. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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IN THE MATTER OF

*Bucky Walker*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

Filed 9/7/26

*H. W. Jarman*

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LA...  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the post-office at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Hon. Samuel Hayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Sahlegwah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Babe Wilker and of the affidavits of Lucinda North and in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian  
John B. Latham  
Mr. A. [Signature] N.P.

My commission expires Nov. 17, 1900.





AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of *Becky Walker* for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF *Arkansas*  
COUNTY OF *Washington*

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared *Lucinda North* who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is *5* years of age and a resident of the State of *Arkansas* and County of *Washington* and that he is personally acquainted with *Becky Walker* who is an Applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Cherokee blood.)

I have known *Becky Walker* intimately since she was a child and know her father and mother, her father was a Cherokee Indian and lived with the tribe at *Wills Valley* his name was *William Gason*. *Becky Walker* lived with the tribe until she was about 17 years old and was brought to this State by a man named *...* and has lived in *Arkansas* ever since then. She looks very much like the Indians and has always been regarded as a part of the tribe.

Affiant further states: That *she* has known the said *Becky Walker* for the past *60* years, and knows that *she* has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Becky Walker* indicate that *she* is of Indian blood and descent. Affiant says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said *Becky Walker* she believes the said *Becky Walker* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for Citizenship of the said *Becky Walker*.

Attest *W. S. Secord*  
*Notary Public*

*Lucinda North*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *18<sup>th</sup>* day of *Feby* 189*5* and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said *Becky Walker* and know *her* to be a credible person.

My Commission expires  
1st day of February, 1897.

*W. S. Secord*  
Notary Public.

Nation's No. 2742  
Commissioner's No.  
In re Application of

Hebrina Holtz

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Rebecca Hall*

Nation's No. *2742*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Melvin Debra*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

*And that these applicants have no right to be heard before your Honorable Commission*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Boardman* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *20* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*J. H. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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Application of 1727  
Rosa Matthews  
for

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U.S. Citizenship

Filed Sept 7, 1896

H. W. Jernigan  
Secretary

Rejected

MOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Mrs. Daniel Hayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Adahquah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Sarah Mathews and of the affidavits of and in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896. John B. Latham Mr. A. Smith n. p. State of Arkansas County of Sebastian

W. A. Commissioner expires Oct. 14, 1900

Sarah Matthews

Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Deas, Commissioner

The undersigned respectfully petition at I memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my Husband, M. Matthews age 47

Table with 4 columns: Names of Children, Ages, Names of Children, Ages. Rows include William Matthews (20), Nevada (16), Pearl (4), and Ethel.

As grounds for asking admission to the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory,

your petitioner states:

That she is a daughter of Nancy E. Smith who is an applicant before your honorable Commission for citizenship in the Cherokee nation, and she petitions your honorable Commission to the evidence in the case of said Nancy E. Smith in support of this her application.

Petitioner states that she is married and is the mother of children whose names and ages are above set out, and she asks your honorable Commission to enroll with her.

Petitioner states that her present residence is in Cass County Texas

STATE OF Texas, COUNTY OF Hopkins, Sarah C. Matthews

On this 31st day of August 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Sarah Matthews

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as she verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

J. F. Smith, Notary Public, My Commission expires 1897



Natur's No. 2/11  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

*Robert Mathews*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Roxie Motherer*

Nation's No. *2711*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that:

*Julius E. Eason*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins, Hoskins & Bondnot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *July*, 1896.

*John Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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E. A. Rowland

AFFIDAVITS OF WITNESSES.

In The Matter of Petition and Memorial of *Benjamin D. Jones*  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

State of Arkansas )  
County of Pope )

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the  
County and State aforesaid, personally appeared

*Joseph Howard*

who after being by me duly sworn, states, That he is 49 years of age  
and a resident of the State of Arkansas, and County of Pope and that he  
is personally acquainted with *Benjamin D. Jones*  
who is an Applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states

That he was acquainted with *Benjamin D. Jones* who was the son of Sarah J. Hinton by her former husband *Wm. Jones* and the said Sarah J. Hinton was the daughter of *Allen Brown* and the said Allen Brown was the son of *John Brown* who was a true youth Cherokee Indian and was a brother of *Robert and Betty Brown*. *Allen Brown* was an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and was at least three eighths Cherokee Indian blood. Affiant is credably informed that *John Brown* was three fourths Cherokee Indian and was a citizen and a member of the Cherokee Indian Tribe of Indians. Any information of these facts were shared by *Benjamin D. Jones* with this *Brown* family all my life.

Affiant further states: That he has known *Benjamin D. Jones* for the past *all his life* years, and has known *Benjamin D. Jones* has been and is recognized by his neighbors and acquaintances and by the public generally, as *Benjamin D. Jones* having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said *Benjamin D. Jones* indicate that he of Indian blood and decent. Affiant further says that the facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said *Benjamin D. Jones* he believes the said *Benjamin D. Jones* to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian Tribe.

*Joseph Howard*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* 1896.

*U. L. Meade, Notary Public*  
*my comm. exp. 12/9/1899*

I, C. J. [unclear], do solemnly swear that on the 1 day  
of Sept, 1896, I registered a package at the postoffice at  
Wagoner, Ind. Ter., addressed to Hon. S. H. Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation,  
at Tahlequah, Ind. Ter., that registry receipt, No. 6, received from postmaster,  
hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the ap-  
plication of [unclear] and of the affidavits of  
[unclear] and [unclear]  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1896.

A. S. McQuinn  
Clerk

REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Letter No. 136 Rec'd Sept 8th 1896  
of E. J. Brown  
addressed to Russellville Ark  
Sam Mayo Chief  
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Harry Bettes attorney. M.



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Nation's No.

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In re Application of

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
L. P. Jordan, et al.

Nation's No. 1000.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant ~~s~~ are  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

through whom the petitioner claim to derive ~~their~~ right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*J. P. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Report





Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Law Commission:-

The undersigned respectfully petitions and memorializes your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the laws and Treaties of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons:- Carroll Neal, age 10; W. S. Neal, age 10; S. T. Neal, age 12; and S. S. Neal, age 2, and that she uses the privilege of citizenship with herself.

As grounds for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:- That she is a daughter of Mrs. E. J. Rowland, who is a daughter of Allen Brown, who was a son of John Brown, a three-fourths Cherokee Indian who was a son of Michael and Jesse Brown whose names ~~appear~~ appear upon the census rolls of 1801; and who was the great grand father of the petitioner. That the said John Brown was duly recognized by the proper authorities and by all who knew him, and by the public generally as a Cherokee Indian in the old Cherokee Nation in Georgia, and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and immunities of such Cherokee Indians. And that the name of the said John Brown appears, or should appear upon the authorized rolls of the said Cherokee Indians for the year 1801. That your petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said John Brown. That she is at least three-fourths Cherokee. *Mary J. Neal*

State of Arkansas  
County of Pope.

On this 21st day of September, 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary J. Neal who, after being duly sworn by me, says:- that the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship are true, as she verily believes

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

*Mary J. Neal* Notary Public

My commission expires *Sept 10 1895*



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I, C. J. [unclear], do solemnly swear that on the 9 day  
of Sept, 1896. I registered a package at the postoffice at  
Wagoner, Ind. Ter., addressed to Hon S. H. Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation,  
at Tahlequah, Ind. Ter., that registry receipt, No. 27, received from postmaster,  
hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the ap-  
plication of [unclear] and of the affidavits of  
C. J. [unclear] and [unclear]  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 9 day of Sept, 1896.

A. J. McComan  
County

REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Letter No. *127* Rec'd *Sept 8th* 189*6*  
of *E. S. Brown*  
*Russellville Ark*  
addressed to *Sam May, Chief*  
*Vienna St*  
*Harry J. Pettes acting P. M.*



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Nation's No. 3958

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Mary J. Neal.*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Mary J. Neal*

Nation's No. *3458*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*The Ancestor*  
through whom the petitioner claims to derive *a* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the enrollment rolls of said Nation, that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hitchings Hastings W. Bousie* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *16* day of *Sept* 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Amendment

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Albert A. Hughes

Joseph Howard

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Albert A. Hughes

Affiant further states that he was acquainted with Albert A. Hughes, who was the son of Sarah J. Dintore. He said Sarah J. Dintore was the daughter of Allen Brown. He said Allen Brown was the son of John Brown who was a three fourth Cherokee Indian and was a brother of Rachel and Betsey Brown. Allen Brown was an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and was at least three eighths Cherokee Indian blood. Affiant is credably informed that John Brown was a three fourth Cherokee Indian and was a citizen and a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. My means of these facts are I have been acquainted with the Brown family all my life.

all his life Albert A. Hughes

Don't know what his neighbors know about his Indian blood

Albert A. Hughes

Albert A. Hughes

Joseph Howard

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 5th of September 1899

U. L. Meade, Notary Public  
My comm. expires 12/31/1899

I, C. S. [unclear], do solemnly swear that on the 1 day  
of Sept, 1806. I registered a package at the postoffice at

Wagoner, Ind. Ter., addressed to Hon S. H. Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation,  
at Tahlequah, Ind. Ter., that registry receipt, No. 2, received from postmaster,

hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the ap-  
plication of [unclear] and of the affidavits of

[unclear] and [unclear]  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1806.

A. S. McCann  
Clerk

REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at WAGONER, I. T.  
Registered Letter No. 137 Rec'd Sept 8th 1896  
of E. T. Brown  
addressed to Russellville Ark  
Sam Mays Chief  
Tullahoma Tn.  
Harry Potter return 9 P.M.



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Nation's No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission's No \_\_\_\_\_  
In re Application of \_\_\_\_\_

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEP 26 1908

A. S. [unclear]

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
Albin C. [unclear],  
Nation's No. 1121.  
Commission's No. [unclear]

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is is are entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

[unclear] through whom the petitioner claim to derive their right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By [unclear] Attorneys:

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 26 day of Sept. 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*D. B. [unclear]*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Francis Ridge  
Cherokee

Report

P. O. Shawnee Mound  
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## Application for Cherokee Citizenship

To the Honorable, the DAWES COMMISSION, Vinita, Indian Territory:

The undersigned, Laura Dressen, your petitioner, makes this application for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, as a Cherokee Indian by blood, in accordance with all the Treaties, the Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation, and precedents established and of record, and respectfully submits the following statement of facts for the grounds of her claim, to wit:

That she is the daughter of one William Snyder and the wife of one Prady Ridge and the daughter of one John Walker who, your petitioner firmly believes, were Cherokee Indians by blood and duly acknowledged members of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and from whom she derived her Cherokee Indian blood, entitling her to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

That her name and the names of said ancestors should be found to appear on the Census Rolls, taken and made of Cherokees east of the Mississippi river, in the years, 1835, 1848, 1851, and 1852.

And your petitioner, she, respectfully awaits the time this her application for admission, together with the proof in support thereof, shall be truly heard and passed upon.

That the age of your petitioner is 24 years; that her postoffice address is Wagon Wheel, Indian Territory and that her family, by virtue of Cherokee Indian blood, consists of the following named to-wit:

No.	Names	Sex	Age	Relationship	Remarks.
	<u>Stella F. Dressen</u>	<u>female</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>daughter</u>	

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at this, the 24 day of August, A. D., 1896.

Attest: Laura Dressen

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Wagon Wheel, Indian Territory

this, the 31 day of September, A. D., 1896.

[SEAL]

G. W. [Signature]  
Notary Public

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## Application for Cherokee Citizenship

To the Honorable, the DAWES COMMISSION, Vinita, Indian Territory:

The undersigned, James T. [unclear], your petitioner, makes this application for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, as a Cherokee Indian by blood, in accordance with all the Treaties, the Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation, and precedents established and of record, and respectfully submits the following statement of facts for the grounds of his claim, to wit:

That James T. [unclear] is the son of one [unclear] and the son of one [unclear] and the son of one [unclear] who, your petitioner firmly believes, were Cherokee Indians by blood and duly acknowledged members of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and from whom he derived his Cherokee Indian blood, entitling him to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

That his name and the names of said ancestors should be found to appear on the Census Rolls, taken and made of Cherokees east of the Mississippi river, in the years, 1835, 1848, 1851, and 1852.

And your petitioner respectfully awaits the time this application for admission, together with the proof in support thereof, shall be truly heard and passed upon.

That the age of your petitioner is [unclear] years; that his postoffice address is [unclear] and that his family, by virtue of Cherokee Indian blood, consists of the following named persons:

No.	Names	Sex	Age	Relationship	Remarks.
1	<u>James T. [unclear]</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Delushany, Mo. this, the 24 day of August, A. D., 1896

Attest:

[Signature]  
[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me at [unclear] this, the 24 day of August, A. D., 1896

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G. W. [unclear]  
Notary Public





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Nation's No. 2184

Commissioner's No.

In the Application of

*Francis Judge*

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Demurrer and Answer.

Sept 25 1896

S. J. KENNON

Attorney

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Fronis Ridge et al*

Nation's No. *2124*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not establish, in fact, to show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objections, and persisting up at the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that:

*John Walker*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive *this* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory, as it present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authentic rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins, Hartney & Brundist* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *19* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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By the Court  
I have read the  
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Nelson & Brutin in support of said  
application  
J. Roberts

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1896  
Nelson & Brutin  
Notary Public





that they are not to be taken  
except at the office of the  
and unless they are taken as  
a copy of the same.

and in witness  
whereof I have subscribed before  
me this 11th day of August 1881

R M Elder  
Notary Public  
Hill County Texas

John C. Harvey  
Laffoon Jr  
Sam Harvey

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1886, and I hereby certify  
that the reputation of Thomas J Walling  
is good

J. B. Barry, J. P. & ex officio  
Notary Public Bexar  
County Texas

James and John  
Walling -  
Attendant of  
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The State of Texas, in and for the County of Hill, do hereby certify that I am personally well acquainted with the said James Walling, and that I have known him for more than twenty years, and know each of them to be of good reputation, and of honest and upright character, and I would not hesitate to give my name, either orally or in writing, to the same, and to make such statement this Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1896

J. P. ...  
Ex Representative

I can testify that I have known James Walling ever since the fall of 1865, and I fully concur in the statement of the Hon. Dave Borden above made as to the character of said Walling. Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1896 J. C. Abbott  
M.C. 6<sup>th</sup> Dist Texas

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My Commission Expires Mar. 2, 1890

Nelson O. Buckton  
Notary Public





affidavit  
of  
D. J. Burson

Apprentice of  
Jessie, writing

Copied

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

REGISTERED AT MEXICO

To the Honorable District Court

Gentlemen: The undersigned hereby presents to you the application for enrollment as a member of the Cherokee Nation of Indians...

That Jesse R. Walling is the son of George R. Walling and Sarah of one...

The undersigned hereby presents to you the application for Cherokee citizenship to be heard and tried...

with their relationship attached as follows:

No.	Name	Relationship
1.	Jesse R. Walling	Applicant
2.	George R. Walling	Father
3.	Sarah	Mother
4.	...	...
5.	...	...
6.	...	...
7.	...	...

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 14th day of August 1896

Es officio Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the application for a commission in the United States Army. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend to your military duties at present, and I trust that you will be able to do so in the future. I have your application and the reports of the Surgeon General and the Adjutant General, and I have the honor to inform you that your application has been approved, and that you are hereby commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, to rank from the 10th day of August, 1862. I have the honor to inform you that your commission is subject to the approval of the President of the United States, and that you will receive your commission from the Adjutant General of the Army. I have the honor to inform you that your commission is subject to the approval of the President of the United States, and that you will receive your commission from the Adjutant General of the Army. I have the honor to inform you that your commission is subject to the approval of the President of the United States, and that you will receive your commission from the Adjutant General of the Army.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 Geo. W. Walling



The State of Texas &  
County of Ermita & This Day  
personally appeared Geo  
W. Walling who after being  
by me duly sworn dep  
that the foregoing statement  
is true and correct  
Geo. Harrison  
Jd and apprecio  
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Application

Shelby County, Texas  
County of Cross, Texas, in the hands of  
and authorities in this case personally  
appeared J M Robinson and Gayle Talbot  
of Cross County, Texas, who being by  
me duly sworn, depone and say, we are  
well acquainted with John C. Walling and  
know him to be a full brother to John C.  
Walling who is an applicant for enrollment  
as a Citizen of the Cherokee Nation, I or we  
do not know or recall how long Walling and  
John C. Walling for 10 years and know  
them to be full brothers from what  
they have said and from general  
reputation.

Witness my hand and seal  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1896

Wm. Harrison Jr.  
and Cross County Notary  
Public Cross County  
Texas

affidavit of  
true witness

Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a letter or report, covering the upper and middle portions of the page.

I have never seen a man of his Cherokee  
right; have heard him talk the Cherokee  
language & he lived in the Cherokee  
Nation. And looked like a Cherokee

his  
James H. Haden  
Mort

Subscribed as sworn to before  
me this August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1896,

*[Signature]*





Officer  
John William Kelly

Accepted

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I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 11th  
inst. in relation to the  
proposed amendments to the  
constitution of the State, and to  
inform you that the same have  
been referred to the committee  
on the subject, and that they  
will report thereon at the next  
meeting of the Senate, which  
will be held on the 15th inst.  
at 10 o'clock, A.M. in the  
Senate Chamber, and that  
you are invited to be present  
at the time and place above  
mentioned, and to present  
any amendments or suggestions  
which you may desire to  
make in relation to the  
proposed amendments to the  
constitution of the State.  
Very respectfully,  
John C. Boston





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John Chisholm (attorney for  
The Choctaw Nation) (citizenship in  
the Choctaw Nation)

To the Honorable Commissioners  
of the Land Office

I am presenting to you  
the above styled case & desire to call  
your specially attention to some  
features of the case

First In the application of said  
Chisholm & Walling, made to Walling &  
Gussett & Walling, made only for part  
of the land in question

second comes the affidavit of J. M. Robinson and  
Gayle & Galt which shows that  
application made by Walling is a  
~~copy to applicant John Walling~~  
The cause of the necessity of this proof  
was the fact that when the case was  
started and the testimony of the prin-  
cipal witnesses were taken & the  
Gussett & Walling was not taken and  
be necessary as to putting in his application  
after the land was taken & sent  
in his application and the affidavits  
above referred to of J. M. Robinson and Gayle  
& Galt

Third comes an affidavit of Thomas Walden  
a highly respected old gentleman who  
resides at Walden Postoffice in the  
Choctaw Nation and is a recognized

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citizen of said State. He states  
he was well acquainted with  
Christman during his lifetime and that  
he was a very good citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation. He has heard him  
talk of his own people and speak of  
his own people in a very high opinion and it  
will hereafter be shown that said Jose  
Christman was a brother to one Annie  
Walling (nee Christman) who was the great  
grand mother of these applicants. There  
will be found in the records of Mrs.  
Annie Walling (nee Christman) (who was  
the niece of Christman) (through the line)  
which when read it was personally  
at a certain time to these applicants  
John Christman Walling and Jose R. Walling  
all their lives. The father of said Jose  
Walling and also a son of Jose  
Christman was James Walling and  
that she was well acquainted with and  
Annie Walling during her childhood and  
hood and up to her death in about 1835  
that she was known and recognized  
as being Cherokee Indian by blood  
and her legal blood descendants has  
always been so recognized including  
these applicants. That John and Jose Christman  
were full brothers to said Annie Walling  
and they with other Cherokees were to said  
Nation and that he has been informed

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they are... which she believes  
to be... that they... this  
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Fifth Comes the affidavit of Thomas Walling  
which sets up an instance about the  
same as ... Walling.

Sixth is Certificate of Credibility and respect-  
ability of the witnesses (Mr. Amos Walling  
and Thomas Walling) from the  
Hon. J. ... representative from  
Hillsboro, the Hon. J. Abbott  
member of U.S. Congress, and John  
W. ... an old citizen and ex  
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themselves that they would believe the  
testimony of said witnesses under  
any ... laws. (All of which I  
call your especial attention). These  
Certificates having been originally  
written on one piece of paper the  
original of which you will find  
in the case of the Thomas J. Walling  
which is or will be filed before this Court  
we procured for this case a Certified copy  
of said Certificates under seal of the  
Notary who compared said copy and origi-  
nal.

Seventh Comes the affidavit of ...

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He also states that he was  
a well known and well to do Walling  
(deceased) who only resided in Rusk  
Co. Texas and that he was a quarter  
blood Cherokee and that he was  
related to the Starr and Chisholm  
and that they were all under the Cherokee  
Tribes. (Come with the witnesses under  
that to show the parent of Cherokee blood  
which is the only one necessary in  
taking the Cherokee papers it is a fact that  
the said John Walling was about 1/4 blood  
Cherokee and you will find from evidence  
at trial that he was the grand father  
of the said Starr.

Eighth

Come with evidence made by Mr Wilson  
of the County of Madison and for a local  
att'y of that place and a Cherokee citizen  
who states that he met John Chisholm  
Walling and I have known first at  
Foblequah in 1894 and has since had  
relations with him such as has convinced  
him that said John Cherokee Walling  
related to said Bruton by blood that he  
said Bruton received his Cherokee blood from  
the Cherokee family to whom said Walling is related  
by blood and claims his Cherokee blood.

We respectfully ask that you carefully con-  
sider all the evidence and circumstances in  
the case and render therein your judgment  
accordingly. Respectfully submitted

John C. Walling  
for all appellants

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REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at Muldrau, I. T.  
Registered ~~Letter~~ No. 35 Rec'd 9 3 1896  
of J. C. Walling  
addressed to Hon. S. H. May, P. C.  
745 Lexington St.  
L. S. Byrd, P. M.



When the registered letter or parcel accompanying this card is delivered, the Postmaster will require signature to the receipt on the other side, also on his record of registered deliveries, and mail this card without cover to address below.  
A penalty of \$300 is fixed by law for using this card for other than official business.

**Post Office Department.**  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS. Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_  
RETURN TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Sender J. C. Walling  
Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box. }  
Post Office at Muldrow  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of OK

Stamp here name of Post Office  
and date of delivery.

REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT sent Sept-3., 1894

Fig. No. 35 from Post Office at Muldrow, Ok.

Reg. Letter Addressed to S. H. Mays, P. O. Box  
 Reg. Parcel Nahlevick, Ok.

After obtaining receipt below, the Postmaster will mail this Card, without cover and without postage, to address on the other side.

RECEIVED THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REGISTERED { \*LETTER.  
 PARCEL.

(Receiver's name on cross seal.)

Sign on dotted lines to the right.

When delivery is made to other than addressee, the names of both addressee and recipient must appear.

S. H. Mays  
John L. Deakin

\* From letter or parcel according to which is sent.

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Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner's No. \_\_\_\_\_  
In re Application of \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
John L. Adair, et al.

Nation's No. 779.  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant<sup>s</sup> are  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

through whom the petitioner<sup>s</sup> claim to derive their right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Attorneys

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

12<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1896.

D. J. Hall  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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Anna Ward  
Cherokee Nation

Filed Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1896  
A.S. McKinney  
Clerk

*Repeat*

Oklahoma City  
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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

In the Matter of the Estate of Anna Ward, nee  
Anna Darling to Cherokee Indian Citizenship,  
Affidavit of Applicant Anna Ward, nee Anna Darling.

Territory of Oklahoma, \*  
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Oklahoma County. \*

On this 7th day of September, A. D., 1896, personally appeared before me, D. F. MacMaster, a Notary Public, in and for the county and Territory aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, ANNA WARD, aged 30 years, a resident of said county and Territory, whose Post Office address is Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory, who, after being duly sworn according to law, says: That she is the wife of one Hudson Ward and that her maiden name was Anna ~~Sanders~~ Darling; that her father was an Englishman named George Darling; that her mother was named Elizabeth Sanders before her marriage to George Darling; that the said Elizabeth Darling was a half blood Cherokee Indian; that her father and mother resided near Webber's Falls in the Cherokee Nation, where the said Elizabeth Darling died when this affiant was an infant; that after the death of affiant's mother, affiant was placed in the hands of Phoebe Ann Lewis to be brought up; that the said Phoebe Ann Lewis resided at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and affiant remained with her until about 16 years of age and then removed to the Chickasaw Nation; that affiant's father George Darling, about the time affiant was placed in the hands of Phoebe Ann Lewis, went back to England and there died before again returning to the Indian Territory; that affiant remembers her grandfather Sanders, who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians; that affiant is a direct lineal descendant of the Sanders family whose names she believes appear on the census rolls of the Cherokee tribe of Indians taken by the United States Government; affiant has been frequently ~~seen~~ told by Cherokee Indians of affiant's relationship, as aforesaid, and affiant is very certain that she can fully establish the same and that she is rightfully ~~descendant~~ of Cherokee blood and belongs to the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

WHEREFORE, this applicant for enrollment prays that her name may be placed on the rolls of the tribe and that she may be granted all the rights, privileges and immunities belonging to such citizenship.

Witness my hand:  
John Lawrence  
J. R. Lowrey

Anna Ward, nee Anna Darling,  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Sept., 1896.

D. F. MacMaster, Notary Public  
Comm. & expires Aug 1 - '99.



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Nation's No. 2127

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Anna Nord*

Demurrer and Answer.

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A. S. McKENNEY

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**End**

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Application for  
citizenship

of  
J. M. Thomas  
Et al

vs

George W. Baker

\* Application for citizen-  
ship made in two copies with  
attached affidavits on  
the back cover #4

Rejected

G. W. BAKER



1876  
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A. M. Thomas  
5th Sept 1876 Principal

A. M. Thomas et al application  
applicants vs John H Jones,  
Edinburgh Hawley, Hawaiian Travaugh  
John R Gaud and Nat Christie

J. H. Baker

all

A. M. Thomas et al.  
vs Thomas

5th  
Sept 96  
J. H. Baker  
21 Nov 1897

rules and regulations of the said commission of the Cherokee N.

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United States Of America, Northern District, Arkansas  
Before the Daws Commission Sitting at Vinita, I, T.

A, M, Thomas, Et Al, Applicants.  
VS.

Application for citizenship before the  
Dwas Commission for citizenship of the  
Cherokee Nation.

The Cherokee Nation et al  
Respondents.

Now on this day comes before the undersigned Notary Public in and for the  
aforesaid Nation and district who being duly qualified to administer oaths  
Appeared in person A, M, Thomas and states that he resides at the town of  
Berryville Arkansa in the county of Carroll and sates <sup>as follows</sup> that his age is sixty  
three years old and that he is the son of Absalam and sally thomas the  
said Sally thomas is the daughter of Siferas And Polly ~~Thomas~~ Stanley  
and the said Polly stanley is the Daughter of Jehu Grammar, and  
Grammar who resided in the state of Georgia and what is called the elad  
Cherokee Nation <sup>and who was recognized as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation in 1835</sup> And that they was Regular Recognized and accepted Cherokee  
Indians and was according to all the customs and usages treaties and cen-  
sus, Rells <sup>1835</sup> acknowledged as such and that their names was placed upon the  
cherokee census rolls <sup>1835</sup> made and taken by the charrokee nation at the various  
dates That the said A, M, Thomas Derived his decent from the following  
lineal ancestors to wit: The said Sally Thomas was the daughter of Pelly  
Polly stanley and the mother of this applicant and that the said, Polly stanley  
was the daughter of John <sup>the husband of her mother was Charles Main teacher sister of Joseph</sup> Grammar, and who was the great grand father of this  
applicant and the said Polly stanley was the grand-mother of this applicant  
That the said Great grand-father had born to him as the issue of said marri-  
ge Polly Stanley and the heirs of their body and whose names is un-  
known to this aplicant and the said Pelly Stanley intermarried with one  
Siferas Stanley and that there was born to them as the issue of their  
body and the lawful issue of their body Sally Stanley and John Stanley  
Dave Stanley And Abraham Stanley and Joe Stanley and the said sally Stanley  
Intermarried with one Absalam S Thomas and there was born to them as the  
lawful issue of their body to- Wit: John Thomas Rid Thomas E, M, Thomas Mary  
Thomas S, A, Thomas and this aplicant and that the said aplicant has by vir-  
tue of his said marriage born to him and his wife the following named childre  
who are also elaimants and asks to be enrolled as edizens of the cherokee  
Nation as folows to wit -: G, W, Thomas, Jehu Stanley Thomas C, A, Thomas H, B, Thomas  
and J, F, Thomas S John E, Thomas Mary Thomas Sally, W Thomas Rosa, O, Thomas  
And Metta G, Thomas who are the lawful heirs, and issue of the aplicants body  
and entitled to citizenship in the cherokee Nation, and that he verrilly bel-  
lieves that he and the other decend ants and all his ances tors refered to  
has cherokee Indian blood in their veins and that he and they have right  
to be added to said rolls as citizens of the cherokee Nation and that they  
are ready and willing to remove to the cherokee Nation and abide the laws  
rules and regulations of the said commission of the cherokee Nation

*The said M. Thomas name is on the  
of the Cherokee Roll  
the original name is on paper*

that may be proper has been reviewed and that he is of the  
 the attached statements and depositions of the various witnesses who are  
 of their own personal knowledge to be that these applicants are Cherokee In-  
 dian by blood and the applicant further states that they the decendants  
 are the identical persons named that they resided and was the identical  
 Cherokee Lineal ancestors referred to in this complaint that their names  
 may be found on the Cherokee Census rolls of 1835, and all the other  
 authenticated rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and after all of which that your  
 honor commission, investigates all the facts and the proof asks that they be  
 given citizenship and due notice of the same that their Post office is at  
 Berryville Arkansas and to all of which they forever pray

*A. M. Thomas*

United States Of America }  
 Northern District Ind Ter, } ss

I A.M, Thomas states upon his oath that he is the identical person and that  
 the persons mentioned are the same persons mentioned in the aforesaid appli-  
 cation and that he is the applicant thereof and that the facts thereof be  
 according to his best knowledge information and belief that the same is  
 true and further he states not

*At - 16 - Berryville*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 21st day of July 1898

*G. H. Baker*  
 Notary Public.

My Commission Expires on the 21st Day of Nov,  
 1899

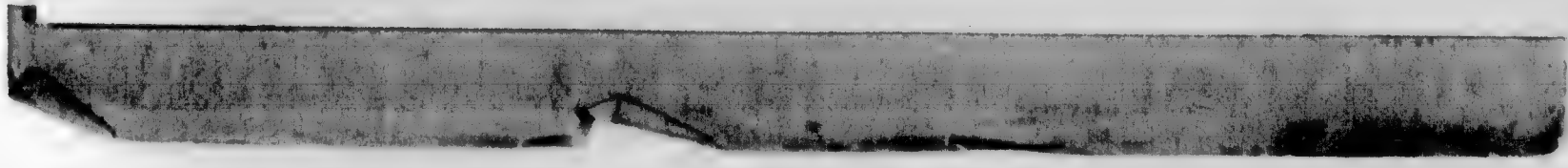
These are made in duplicate copies at the request of the applicant and reduced  
 to type writing by me in his presents and I do certify.

*G. H. Baker*

Notary Public,

*Witness*

*Witness*





State of Arkansas }  
County of Carroll }

On this day personally appeared John H Jones who being by me first sworn on his oath says, that he is well acquainted with A M Thomas who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation of Indians, and that he knows the said A M Thomas to be the son of Absalom & Sally Thomas: That Sally Thomas has always been said to be the daughter of DeFord and Pally Sturdie and that he has heard said and that it is generally understood that the said Pally Sturdie was the daughter of John Grammar, and that she was of Indian blood through her connection to him (the affiant well known). The affiant states further that he is sixty-five years of age; that his Post office address is Perryville Carroll County State of Arkansas and that he has been well acquainted with A M Thomas for at least fifty years; and that he believes the allegations set forth in the petition of A M Thomas are true, and that he is not interested in this claim John H Jones

John H Jones sworn to and acknowledged before me this 1st day of May 1856



Subscribed, and sworn to before  
me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896  
J. P. Sanchez Clerk  
Carroll County Ark

State of Arkansas } 55  
County of Carroll }

Elsabeth Hensley, County Clk.  
my duly sworn on her oath States  
that she is the age of 66 years and  
that her Post Office address is the  
Town of Fayetteville Carroll County  
Arkansas. That she is well acquainted  
with A. M. Thomas, who is an applicant  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation of  
Indians in the Indian Territory.

That she knows that the said A. M. Thomas  
was a son of Absalen Thomas and  
Susan Standler and that the said  
Polly Standler was a daughter of  
Suffas Standler and Polly Standler.

The affiant further States that she  
has always understood and that it was  
generally understood that Polly  
Standler and her descendants were  
of Indian origin and blood - That  
she understood this from the talk and  
general understanding in the neighborhood  
in which she has resided - Affiant  
further States that she has been acquainted  
with A. M. Thomas for fifty years.

Witness  
my hand  
A. H. Davis

Elsabeth Hensley  
County Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896  
J. P. Fancher  
County Clerk  
Carnegie County Ark

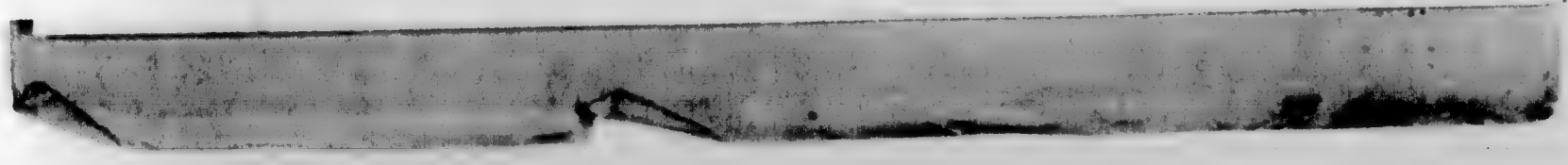
State of Arkansas  
County of Carroll,

on this day came before me a Notary Public within and for the County of Carroll and State of Arkansas in person appeared Hannah, [redacted] and she upon her oath that she is a resident of Carroll County in the State of Arkansas and that she is 71 years old and that she ~~was personally acquainted with A.M. Thomas her Grand-Father whose name was Polly Grammer and that she was the daughter of John Grammer who was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and that she formed her acquaintance in the state of Arkansas near the town of [redacted] and she was also acquainted with John Grammer her father and that she has been acquainted with the family of A.M. Thomas from his childhood and the childhood of his great-grandmother [redacted] and that they were all recognized Cherokees and had the habits of the Indians and that the said Polly Grammer intermarried with one Siforas Stanley, who was part Cherokee Indian and that they had born to them John, Dave Abraham and Joseph Stanley and Pety Hannah, Bill, and Fall, and Susie, Stanley and the said Sally Stanley was the mother of A.M. Thomas and that she is the identical persons named in his complaint as mentioned therein and that they were recognized Cherokee Indians derived from their Grandfather John Grammer and that the said A.M. Thomas is the identical son of Absalam Thomas and Silly Thomas and that Sally Thomas was the identical daughter of Polly and Siforas Stanley and that Polly Stanley was the identical daughter of John Grammer ~~sixties who was a Cherokee Indian of the old Cherokee Nation and that~~ I state the foregoing facts and statements from my own knowledge, and not from the knowledge of any other person and that the statements are true and that I am not interested in the result of the said claim of said citizenship directly or indirectly in the prosecution of the same and that further the affiant states not~~

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 28th day of July 1896  
Hannah  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires on the 27th

State of Arkansas }  
County of Carroll } ss  
I R.H. Jones A Notary Public within and for the  
foregoing state and county do hereby certify

*Handwritten note:* I have been told that the name of the family is Stanley





that the affiant in the foregoing affidavit is to me well known and that she is a creditable person and that her statement are in the county in whi which she lives entitled to full credit and faith in the the weighing of testimony before any of our courts and that the same statom ents should have the same in any suit pending in which she may testify and that I further certify that I have no interest in the result of the said claim and that I am of no kin to either partiy

Given under my hand this the 25 day of July A,D, 1896

*M. J. ...*

A. F. ...  
Notary Public,

Northern District  
Indian Territory

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On this day came before me a notary Public within and for the within Territory and District Appeared in Person John R Gourd and states under his oath that he is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and that he is the age of Eighty or more years old he cannot tell certain only can tell and recon from the time the soldiers moved the Indians from the old Cherokee Nation, Some say that I am 80, yers old I have a good recollection and can state that I can recollect way back all the old Cherokee people in the old Cherokee Nation I was well acquainted with Charles Macintosh and the whole family there was a large family of them one of Charles Macintoshes sisters Married to John Grammer he was also a Cherokee Indian and lived in the state of Georgia, On the waters of Dark warrior and I think that that there was an other stream by the name of Cartee Ka Creeks it has been so long ago I cannot tell hardly but that is the names Grammer is on the Cherokee roll I guess and Also Macintosh, they was all good Indians and and he is the Identical Great, great grand father of A M Thomas who is an applicant for citizenship and that I will state that the said Charles Macintosh and John Grammer, was Dully accepted and recognized Cherokees Indians in the State of Georgia, and that when I was acquainted with them they was old people and that I do not know whether they come to this country or not I have been in this country some fifty years I come to this country a foot with the soldiers at the time the emigrants come and I walked all the way I was acquainted with Polly, Grammer and she married Siforas Stanley and there was several children I donot know how many

I do not know whether they are dead or not I am not interested in the result of this claim or am I of kin to either of these claimants

*Witnessed by*  
*T. E. Dwyer*  
*G. B. Spencer*

*John R. Gourd*  
*X*  
*Notary*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27th day of July 1898

*G. B. Spencer*  
Notary Public

Made in duplicate copies and the statements was reduced to writing in the affiant's presents and that he was made acquainted with the statements before he swore to the same

*G. B. Spencer*

*Witnessed from inside side of the room by the witness G. B. Spencer*



AFFIDAVIT.

*A. M. Thomas*

CHEROKEE NATION.

} Nation's No *3694* -

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_ who being sworn states that \_\_\_\_\_ know  
the reputation of \_\_\_\_\_  
for truth and veracity in the neighborhood where \_\_\_\_\_ reside; that it is bad; that  
known as "Standing Witnesses" in Citizenship cases; and that affiant \_\_\_\_\_ would not believe them under  
oath.

*E. R. Coonson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1896.

Notary Public.



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Nation's No. 3594

Commission's No.

In re Application of

Alm. Thomas

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of

*A. M. Thomas*

Nation's No. *3594*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *Sam* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *John Brauner*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hatching Hastings & Band* - Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, *John L. Adair* day of *Apr*, 1896.

*D. S. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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John F. Turner  
is  
Cherokee Nation

REGISTERED MAIL  
A. S. NEWBERRY  
MAY 18 1880

Payable  
Parkio MO

To the Honorable Henry L. Dawes and others Composing the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes:

YOUR Petitioner *Wm T Turner*

would state and show from the proof submitted to the Commission that he is a Cherokee by decent and by blood having been born in *Atchison* County, State of *Missouri* on *26* day of *August* 1867. My fathers name was *William Turner*

My mothers name was *Lucy J Turner*

That I now reside in *Atchison County Missouri*

and have resided there for *29* years. And he avers these facts can be established by proof to the satisfaction of the Commission under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe. And

he further avers that these facts being proved he is entitled to be adjudged under the laws of such Nation and the laws of the Congress of the United States and the treaties of such Nation with the United States, a citizen of such Nation, with all the rights, privileges and protection of Citizenship in such Nation. Wherefore he herewith respectfully submit to the consideration of the Honorable Commission such proof and on the hearing he be adjudged entitled to such citizenship and his name be placed upon the proper roll as a citizen of such Nation.

Signature

*John H Turner*  
*William T Turner agent*



INDIAN TERRITORY.

Judicial Division

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NOW on this *7* day of *Sept* 1896  
personally appeared before me *J G B Lindsey*

a Notary Public in and for said Territory

*Wm T Turner* who being

duly sworn upon his oath states that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are correct and true. Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7* day of *Sept* 1896.

*J G B Lindsey*

Notary Public.



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PETITION OF

*John P. Turner*

for and on behalf of

and heirs

Attorney for Petitioner.

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AFFIDAVIT.

*State of*

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BE IT REMEMBERED. That on this *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* 189*6*

Personally appeared before me, *J. Turner* who is a reliable and creditable citizen of the County of *Atchafalaya* State of *Mississippi* and

after being duly sworn according to law, depose and says: That *he* is a resident of the County of *Atchafalaya*

*Atchafalaya*, State of *Mississippi* that age is *24* years; occupation that of *farmer*

that Postoffice is *Atchafalaya*; that *he* is personally and well acquainted with

*John Turner* who is a *son* of *Wm. Turner* of *Atchafalaya* and Grand *son* of *Wm. Turner* of *Atchafalaya* and Great Grand *son* of *Wm. Turner* of *Atchafalaya*

of *Atchafalaya* of *Atchafalaya* *Atchafalaya* or near *Atchafalaya*

Affiant makes this *own* sworn statement from *own* personal knowledge and acquaintance with the family.

*William J. Turner*

My Commission Subscribed and sworn to before me, a *Notary Public* this

*expires Jan 20, 1898* *17* day of *August* 189*6*

*John G. Lash,*  
*Notary Public*

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Nation's No. 107.  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
John L. Adair

Nation's No. 5000  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds hereinafter stated:

- 1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction of the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not show that the applicant is a person entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection, and insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

although the petitioner claim to derive their right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, as now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as it is present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the rolls of said Nation, that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By \_\_\_\_\_, Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 28 day of Sept 1896.

*D. J. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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No 3277

Julia P. Southern

Cherokee Nation

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J. H.

State of Texas

County of Johnson

31 Aug. 1897.

before me a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, duly  
legally sworn, Calvin C. Donahoe to me well known  
personally known to me the undersigned, that he proposed himself to  
be, and to be known to be, a witness to be sworn to and  
credited before the Courts of the said State and County and that  
he is 72 years of age, a farmer by occupation  
and that his last of his wife is Alvarado Tex  
and he further stated that he is  
acquainted with Lyllia P. Southern who is  
less than 25 years of age and she is the ~~grand~~ grand  
daughter of Frederick Glass

the said Lyllia P. Southern being a direct descendant  
of Frederick Glass is a Cherokee Indian of blood.

Calvin C. Donahoe  
Notary Public

Witness my hand and seal of office at 31 Aug.  
A.D. 1897.

L. H. Halding  
Notary Public

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1897

29<sup>th</sup> Aug . 1900.

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daughter of Frederick Sears having been taught - Miss

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Lydia P Southern

Fannie E Eastham

28<sup>th</sup> Aug

Alfred M Callaway

Notary Public,

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## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

To the Honorable Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, Archibald S. McKennon, Thomas B. Cabaniss and Alexander B. Montgomery, United States Commissioners, authorized by an act of Congress of June 4th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation:

GENTLEMEN:—

The undersigned, your petitioner,

*Lydia P Southern*  
for and on behalf of *herself*

and *her children*

and heirs, this day make their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of the funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation by virtue of their Cherokee blood, and Petitioner state that *she is a* Cherokee Indian by blood, deriving the same from *Fredrick Plass*

whose name will be found on the authenticated rolls of the Cherokees by blood, taken in the years 18 *1828 or 1835* the same to be submitted to your Honorable Commission for a full and complete investigation, and if found correct as stated, to be granted all the rights, privileges and immunities of other Cherokee citizens, and petitioner herewith files *her* proof in support of said claim, and respectfully awaits the time when *her* application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,

*x Lydia P. Southern*

Enrollment of family, with relationship attached, as follows:

Names	Ages	Relationship.
<i>Lydia P Southern</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Great Grand Daughter</i>
<i>Arthur W. Southern</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Great great " Son</i>
<i>John Southern</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>" " " Daughter</i>
<i>William Southern</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>" " " Son</i>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my hand this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of

*August*

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*x Lydia P. Southern*

United States of America  
Indian Territory,  
Northern District.

*Lydia P. Southern*

of lawful age being duly sworn states that he knows  
the facts set forth in the above and foregoing application and that the same are true  
as he verily believes.

*Lydia P. Southern*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1896.

*H. H. Holding*

My commission expires

*June 1st 1897*

Notary Public.

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REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at Wampanoag I.T.  
Registered Letter Parcel No. 119 Rec'd Sept 8, 1880  
of A M Callaway  
Wampanoag I.T.  
addressed to Gen. F. H. Mayer  
Johnston I.T.  
Antonie V. M. ... P.M.



State of Texas Indian Chieftain Print, Vinton.

County of Johnson SS

Lydia P. Southern after being duly sworn states on oath

my age is 18 years a resident and citizen of Johnson

county and state aforesaid; post office Amarado Tex. and has the following children to-wit:

John P. Southern

Willie Southern

Miss Southern

who were born to me in lawful wedlock and are my children as set forth in my application for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation

Seal Witness J. G. Holding

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Aug 1896

J. G. Holding  
Notary Public

I, J. G. Holding do certify,

that Lydia P. Southern is a

creditable person and is entitled to full faith and credit before any of the courts of the

state of Texas

Seal J. G. Holding

My commission expires Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1897 Notary Public

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Nation's No. 3365-

Commission's No

In re Application of

*Lydia P. Souther*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Lydia P. Southern et al*

Nation's No. *3365-*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state in its sufficient facts to show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

*Fredrick Glass*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Bondino*

Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *16* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*J. C. Wallace*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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No 3906

James McLaughlin  
US  
Customs Station

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of John McDonald for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Kansas  
COUNTY OF Sebastian

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Jackson S. Thomas who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 47 years of age and a resident of the State of Kansas and County of Sebastian and that he is personally acquainted with John McDonald who is an Applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Cherokee blood.)

I knew him in the Cherokee Nation in 1860, and have been well acquainted with him in the Cherokee Nation ever since

Affiant further states: That he has known the said John McDonald for the past 30 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the and indicate that is of Indian blood and descent. Affiant says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said he believes the said

to be descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim for Citizenship of the said John McDonald

Jackson S. Thomas  
Notary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of Sept 1896 and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said and know to be a credible person.

Thos. W. Partha  
Notary Public.

My Comm. exp. March 14-1900.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, J. D. Hunt - do solemnly swear that on the 8- day of September - 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith - Arkansas - addressed to Gen. Samuel Mayes - Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah - Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 400 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of John Mc Donald - and of the affidavits of Geo. W. Ham - and Jackson Stems in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 8- day of Sept - 1896.

State Ark - Court Sebastian

J. D. Hunt Notary Public My Com. exp. March 14 1900.

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**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.**

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:— The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of Simmell and children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

*That he is a son of Peter Glass who was a slave of John Glass who was a Cherokee in Feb 1863. and that he also belonged belonged to John Glass in 1863. and that he has always lived in the Cherokee Nation Indian Territory and was in the said nation on the 20th day of October 1866*

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

*Genie V. Lewis & Jackson Storms.*

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,

*John M. Donald*

Applicant.

NAMES	AGES	RELATIONSHIP
<i>John McDonald</i>	<i>52 yrs</i>	<i>Applicant</i>
<i>John McDonald</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Son</i>
<i>Jane McDonald</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Daughter</i>
<i>Ervin McDonald</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Son</i>

Indian Territory State Arkansas County Sebekia  
 Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County of Sebekia and State of Arkansas and aforesaid John M. Donald, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 8 day of Sept 1896.

*John M. Donald*

My commission expires on the 15 day of March 1900

*Thos. B. Smith*  
 Notary Public.  
 GALLIARD STAR PRINT.

*Abraham Lincoln*  
*Jan 18 1862*

State of Arkansas }  
County of Sebastian )

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, at the City of Fort Smith, this 15th day of August, 1866.

The B. Latham

County

John Glass

Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of August, 1866.

John Glass

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AFFIDAVIT.

*John McDonald*

Nation's No. *3216*

VS  
CHEROKEE NATION.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned

who being sworn states that *he* know *s*

the reputation of *G. W. Vann (col)*

for truth and veracity in the neighborhood where *he* resides; that it is bad; that *he is*

known as "Standing Witnesses" in Citizenship cases; and that affiant would not believe them under oath.

*G. W. Vann*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *24*

day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Bell*

Notary Public

Before the Honorable Commission to  
the Five Civilized Tribes.

In the matter of application of John Mc Donald et al  
for right of allotment to the Cherokee Nation.

Appeal from appeal

Case No. 2. Attorney for John  
Mc Donald et al and move an appeal from the  
decision of the Honorable Commission to  
set aside the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians to the  
Wash State District Court as provided by Act of  
Congress of March 30 1896 which decision was  
rendered against the applicant John Mc Donald  
on the 10th day of October 1896.

And that the appeal is not taken for purposes  
of delay but that justice may be done -

John Mc Donald  
by J. A. Sartain atty.

J. A. Sartain states that he is the attorney for John  
Mc Donald et al the above applicants and that the  
matter - things set forth in the foregoing affidavit for  
appeal are true as he verily believes.

J. A. Sartain

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of  
December 1896 - at Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas.

Tom H. Scott,  
Notary Public  
my com-  
Exp- Dec- 11<sup>th</sup> 99.  
(Seal)

John Mc Donald  
at the residence of  
The Greenhouse Station

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Nation's No. 3216

Commission's No

In re Application of

*M. Donnell*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*John McDonald*

Nation's No. *3216*

Commissioner's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Indian*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation, that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory as situated thereon.

*and*  
That the applicant has not complied with the 3<sup>rd</sup> article of the treaty of 1866.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hulley Hootings Boudet* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

*John L. Adair*

day of

1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Affidavit of

Wm Sawyer

No. 3278

Lillie G. Julian

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Filed 9 Sept 1896

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M Callaway atty  
Blomington, T.

United States of America  
Indian Territory  
Northern District-

On this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August - A.D. 1886  
before me a Notary Public within  
and for Territory and District - aforesaid  
personally appeared William Sangster  
- after being sworn to do Certify is a  
person entitled to full faith and  
credit before the Courts of this  
Territory who after being duly  
sworn upon his oath states  
that he is 41 years of age and he  
further states that he is the father  
of Susan S. Mician who was a  
daughter of Nancy Sangster the  
said Nancy Sangster was a daughter  
of Lucy Adamson her Lucy Adam-  
- son's maiden name was Lucy Harlow  
daughter of Harlow he further states  
that the above named Harlows were  
reputed by all their neighbors to be  
Cherokee Indians by blood

William Sangster  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Aug A.D. 1886

Alfred M. Callaway  
Notary Public

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

To the Honorable Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, Archibald S. McKennon, Thomas B. Cabaniss and Alexander B. Montgomery, United States Commissioners, authorized by an act of Congress of June 4th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation:

GENTLEMEN:—

The undersigned, your petitioner, *Lillian J. Julian*  
for and on behalf of *herself*

and heirs, this day make their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of the funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation by virtue of their Cherokee blood, and Petitioner state that *she is a Cherokee Indian* by blood, deriving the same from *James Harlow her great grand father and Lucy Harlow who married an Adameson her grand mother*

whose name will be found on the authenticated rolls of the Cherokees by blood, taken in the years 1828—1835—1846—1850 *but not permitted to examine same* the same to be submitted to your Honorable Commission for a full and complete investigation, and if found correct as stated, to be granted all the rights, privileges and immunities of other Cherokee citizens, and petitioner herewith files *her* proof in support of said claim, and respectfully awaits the time when *her* application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,

x *Lillian J. Julian*

Enrollment of family, with relationship attached, as follows:

Names	Ages	Relationship.
<i>Lillian J. Julian</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Great grand Daughter and Grand Daughter</i>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set *my* hand this *31<sup>st</sup>* day of *July* 1896. *6*

x *Lillian J. Julian*

United States of America,  
Indian Territory,  
Northern District.

*Lillian S Julian*

of lawful age being duly sworn states that he knows  
the facts set forth in the above and foregoing application and that the same are true  
as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the *51<sup>st</sup>* day of *July* 1896.

My commission expires *Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1900*  
*Alfred M Callaway*  
Notary Public.



REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at *Warrior I.T.*  
Registered <sup>Letter</sup> Parcel No. *116* Rec'd *Sept 8*, 1896  
of *A M Calloway*  
*Warrior I.T.*  
addressed to *Hon J H Mayes*  
*Tokley I.T.*  
*Antonio L. Matney P.M.*

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x Lillian J Julian

5<sup>th</sup> Sept

Alfred M Callaway  
Notary Public

Alfred M Callaway  
Lillian J Julian

Indian Territory

Alfred M Callaway  
Notary Public





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Nation's No. 3363  
Commission's No  
In re Application of

*Lillian J. Julian*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 9 1896  
A. S. MCKENNON

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Lillian J. Julian*

Nation's No. *3368*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief, of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*James A. Gray Holton*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

*Hutcheson Hodges Abraham* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *26* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*D. J. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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Melroy L. Bishop

Application

Cherokee Nation

Respect  
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All these matters  
I personally  
appeared before me at the N.C.  
in the said County & State, Delroy  
L. Bishop, age 21 years, P.O. is  
residing <sup>Ala.</sup> who being by me duly  
sworn says that she is a daughter  
of Sarah J. McCarley, whose maid-  
en name was Sarah J. Winsett  
and she was a daughter of  
Polly Winsett, and she was  
mother of John & Thos. H. Winsett.  
That Polly Winsett was known  
to be part Indian and belonged  
to the Cherokee Tribe, that Polly  
Winsett died in the State of  
Alabama. Now, for the reason, that  
she has Indian blood and  
belongs to the Cherokee Tribe, she  
files her claim for citizenship.  
That her husband's name is  
Oeler Bishop

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Delroy L. Bishop  
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Sworn & subscribed to before  
me, Sep. 3, 1894

B.R. Gile  
Notary P. O.

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Nation's No. 593.  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

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Demurrer and Answer.

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ALUM. B. S.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of applications  
of [Name] [Address]

Nation's No. 1000  
Commissioner's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation, comes in and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the merits of subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to render a decision thereon.

2nd. That the affidavits of the applicant and the evidence submitted do not show that the applicant is  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent notwithstanding the above, has filed a rejoinder upon the same for answer to said applica-  
tion, says that

• Respondent in his petition claims to derive their right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the rolls of said Nation, and neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation of Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By HITCHCOCK, HASTINGS & BONDINOT, Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

25 day of Sept. 1896.  
J. L. Ball

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No 3562  
Tule & Tait  
vs  
Cherokee Nation

S. L. KENNEDY  
COURT

~~Reptd~~  
Henry Eckler  
Brymer 1871



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Cherokee Nation

Indian Territory

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Be it Remembered, That on this 3th day of Sept 1896

Personally appeared before me Henry Sichter who is a reliable and creditable citizen of the County of Caldwell State of Missouri and after being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and says: That he is a resident of the county of Caldwell State of Missouri that that age is 38 years, occupation that of Farmer that postoffice is Brazzener that he is personally and well acquainted with Thine & Tart who is a Daughter of Mary J. Eschler of Missouri and grand daughter of Mary A. Ester of Missouri and great grand daughter of Thomas Mayo of Virginia at or near his own personal knowledge and acquaintance with the family.

Henry Sichter

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a J. C. B. Lindsay

this 3th day of Sept 1896

J. C. B. Lindsay

W.D.

Exhibit 29

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

To The Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON  
 THOMAS B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER P. MONTGOMRY, United States Commissioners  
 authorized by an act of Congress of June 1, 1902, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in  
 the Cherokee Nation:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner *Pine & Tait*  
 for and on behalf of *herself and heirs*  
 and heirs, this day makes this their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee  
 Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of lands and allotments of land in Cherokee Nation, by virtue of  
 their Cherokee blood, and I herewith submit the

*Exhibit*

in support of said claim, and respectfully await the time when *our* application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted

*Pine & Tait*

Enrollment of family, with relationship attached, as follows:

NAMES	AGE	RELATIONSHIP
<i>M. D. Tait</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>Pine &amp; Tait</i>
<i>Pine &amp; Tait</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>whose maiden name</i>
<i>Children</i>		<i>was, nee, Eichler a daughter</i>
<i>John H. Tait</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>of Mary J. Eichler of Mo</i>
<i>Edith M. Tait</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>and a Grand daughter of</i>
		<i>Mary J. Oater and a</i>
		<i>great Grand daughter</i>
		<i>of Thomas Hayes of</i>
		<i>Virginia who was a</i>
		<i>Cherokee Indian by</i>
		<i>Blood</i>

*And her niece the child of Catherine E. Haupter the grandchild of ~~Mary~~ Eichler to wit = Miller May Haupter -*

In witness of which I hereunto set my hand on this *8th* day of *Sept.* 18*96*.

*Pine & Tait*

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No.  
PETITION OF

for and in behalf of

and next

Attorney for Petitioner

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To the Honorable Henry L. Dawes and others Composing the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes:

YOUR Petitioner

*Jine E Tait*

would state and show from the proof submitted to the Commission that he is a Cherokee by decent and by blood having been born in *Caldwell* County, State of *Missouri*

on *10* day of *Aug* 18 *73* My father's name was *Henry Eickler*

My mother's name was *Mary J Eickler*

That I now reside in *in Henry Co. T.*

and have resided there for \_\_\_\_\_ years. And he avers these facts can be established by proof to the satisfaction of the Commission under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe. And

he further avers that these facts being proved he is entitled to be adjudged under the laws of such Nation and the laws of the Congress of the United States and the treaties of such Nation with the United States, a citizen of such Nation, with all the rights, privileges and protection of Citizenship in such Nation. Wherefore he herewith respectfully submit to the consideration of the Honorable Commission such proof and on the hearing he be adjudged entitled to such citizenship and his name be placed upon the proper roll as a citizen of such Nation.

Signature *Henry Eickler*



State of \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

SS

NOW on this *5th* day of *Sept* 1896

personally appeared before me *J. C. Brundsey*

a Notary Public for said county and state

*Jine E Tait* who being

duly sworn upon his oath states that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are correct and true. Subscribed and sworn

to before me this *5th* day of *Sept* 1896

*J. C. Brundsey*  
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires *March 19th* 1897.



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Nation's No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_  
In re Application of \_\_\_\_\_

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
[Name]

Nation's No. [Number]  
Commission's No. [Number]

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds therein sets

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction in the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear or determine the same.

2nd. That the applicant has failed to establish, in any way, to show that the applicant is  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not wanting his name connected with any proceeding up or the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

through whom the petitioner's claim to derive their right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is now, that he is not born a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation to the Indian Territory as it is now located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By [Name], [Title]

Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

[Signature] day of [Month], 1896.  
D. J. Bell  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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~~to~~  
the Comanche Nation  
Government and  
the Comanche  
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OFFICE OF  
WILSON O. BRITTON,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Applicant, M. P. ... and ... H. Gibbs had prepared  
their applications for ... which applicant  
is in ... about ... that ...  
said at about ... however following that  
of ... the affidavits of J. Walling  
showing the ... between ...  
H. Gibbs and ... Gibbs.

Fourth, is the affidavit of said John Walling  
stating that ... and ... Gibbs  
are the identical ... they represent themselves to  
be in their applications, and that they are the grand  
children of ... and great grand sons  
of ... that from family  
history and tradition he says several ...  
grand father of these applicants was a brother of  
... (she being the  
great grand mother of Applicant) that it would  
be ... generally that said ...  
... they having inherited same from  
the ... relatives  
respectfully submitted

Wm. C. ...  
Att'y for ...

### Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Nelson O. Bruton do solemnly swear that on the 8th day of Sept 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Pahlequah addressed to St Mary PC Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation Pahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 212 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Sam Sibbs McKing, Ellis Thomas Eaton, Frank Wilson, Debo and of the affidavits of Pho Walling Aron Walling, J. Walling and John C. Walling in support of same. Nelson O. Bruton

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 9 day of Sept 1896.  
Geo. W. Walling  
Notary Public

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I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the  
10th inst. and in reply to inform  
you that the same has been  
forwarded to the proper  
authorities for their consideration.  
Very respectfully,  
J. M. [Signature]



*McCaughey Tibbs  
Joseph W Tibbs  
Palm C*

REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at

Registered Letter Parcel No. *212* Rec'd. 189

of *J G Walling & Co*  
*Comanche Tex*

addressed to *Hm S H Mays PC*

*W. A. Thompson*

To the Honorable Law Commission:—  
 Gentlemen: The undersigned your petitioner  
 this day makes this his application for enroll-  
 ment as a member of the Cherokee Tribe  
 of Indians in accordance with an  
 act of Congress approved June the  
 tenth, 1830, and respectfully makes the  
 following statement of himself of this  
 his application to wit:

That James Gibbs is the son of one  
 Benia Gibbs and grand son of Isaac  
 Christman, deceased, whom the undersigned  
 truly believes was an Indian belonging to  
 said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above  
 facts as the usual grounds for this his ap-  
 plication for Cherokee citizenship by blood  
 and respectfully awaits the time when this  
 his application shall be truly heard and  
 tried.

Age 37, Post Office, Canton, Dale  
 County, Texas. Family with their  
 relations as follows:—

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Relationship
1	Isaac Gibbs	male	37	Applicant
2	Thos. Gibbs	male	8	son
3	Rosa Gibbs	female	6	daughter

4	gela Libbs female	-	daughter
5	Ada Libbs female	2	daughter
6	James Libbs male	2 mos.	son

respectfully sub-  
mitted.

Sam. Libbs

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me at Gordon Palo Verde  
County Texas this the 5th day of  
September 1895.

Arthur Speer  
Notary Public  
Palo Verde County  
Texas.

J. C. ...  
...

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

REGISTER PRATT, MULBROW

To the Honorable Dawes Commission —

Gentlemen: The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this application for enrollment as a member of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians, in accordance with an act of Congress Approved June the tenth, 1896, and respectfully make the following statement of facts in this application to-wit:

That, *Dr. J. C. [unclear]* is the *father* of *Dr. J. C. [unclear]* of one *Dr. J. C. [unclear]* whom the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said Tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this application for Cherokee citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when this application shall be truly heard and tried.

Age *47* Post office *Henry, Texas* family, with their relationship attached as follows:

No.	NAME	Sex	Age	Relationship
1.	<i>Sarah [unclear]</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Daughter</i>
2.	<i>John [unclear]</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Son</i>
3.	<i>John [unclear]</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>"</i>
4.	<i>John [unclear]</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>"</i>
5.	<i>John [unclear]</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>"</i>
6.	<i>Lue Smith, Jr.</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Daughter</i>
7.	<i>Susan [unclear]</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>"</i>

Respectfully Submitted, Signed *Mark [unclear]*  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this *20* day of *August*, 1896  
*Wilson [unclear]* Attorney *Mark [unclear]* Notary Public  
*Headstone County, Texas*



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APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

REGISTERED PRINT. MULBROW.

To the Honorable Deuces Commission —

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, under protest, this day makes this 7th application for enrollment as a member of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians as authorized by an act of Congress approved June the tenth, 1896, and respectfully make the following statement of grounds of this application to-wit:

That Joseph Nelson Sebb is the father of one William F. Sebb whom the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said Tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the legal grounds for this application for Cherokee citizenship by blood, and respectfully requests the time when application shall be truly heard and tried.

Age 47 Post Office Sebb family, with their relationship attached as follows:

No.	NAME	Sex	Age	Relationship.
	Joseph Nelson Sebb	Male	47	Applicant
	Jane Sebb	Female	42	Wife
	McHenry Sebb	Male	23	Son
	William F. Sebb	Male	16	Son
	Bulah Sebb	Female	12	Daughter

Respectfully Submitted, Signed Joseph Nelson Sebb  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of Aug 1896  
 Attorney J. N. Elder  
Notary Public  
H. McC 24

For Gibbs  
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notary & more various copies.

McKuzee Tibbs  
et al  
Affidavit of  
Thos. H. Ware  
Anna Walling

State of Texas }  
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Bosque County } Before me the undersigned au-  
thority on this day personally appeared Thomas  
J Walling, and Mrs Ann Walling, who being sworn  
on oath depose and say that the said Thomas  
J Walling is eighty five years old, and a citizen of  
Bosque Co. Tex, and that Mrs Ann Walling is  
seventy eight years old, and resides in Hill  
Co. Tex, and deponents further say that we are  
personally acquainted with M<sup>r</sup> Kinzie Tibbs,  
Isom C Tibbs, Thomas C Tibbs and Joseph W  
Tibbs, and that they are the sons of Themia Tibbs  
who claimed to be, and was recognized as the  
daughter of Claborn Chisholm (so he recogniz-  
ed her as such) and that the said Claborn Chis-  
holm, <sup>decd</sup> was the son of Isom Chisholm, <sup>decd</sup>  
who was a brother of Annie Walling (ne Chis-  
holm), <sup>decd</sup> also a brother of Jesse Chisholm who  
immigrated in an early day to the Cherokee Na-  
tion - and we have always understood and  
believe lived many years among the Cherokee  
Indians in the present Nation, and enjoyed  
all the rights and privileges of a Cherokee Ci-  
tizen - Said Isom Chisholm and Annie Wal-  
ling (ne Chisholm) died in about the year  
1828 before the present Cherokee nation  
was formed or settled - They further say  
that they believe the said Joseph W. Tibbs, M<sup>r</sup> Kinzie  
Tibbs, Isom C Tibbs and Thomas C Tibbs

are Cherokee Indian by blood, and that they  
received it through their great grand father,  
Isom Chisholm, and they are so considered by  
those well acquainted with them, also that  
the said Claborn and Isom Chisholm were  
always known and recognized as Cherokee  
Indians by blood

Thomas J. Walling<sup>sen</sup>

Mrs. Ann Walling

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2<sup>d</sup>  
day of Sept, 1896. And I certify that, Affiant,  
Thomas J. Walling is a credible person, and I  
have reason to believe that Mrs. Ann Wal-  
ling is also a credible person.

J. S. Barry, J. P., Ex-officio  
Notary Public Boggs Co., Mo.







Act of 2nd Territory  
Northern Dist. Before me  
Cherokee Nation. Wilson O. Branton  
a Notary Public in and for said  
Dist. & Territory on this day personally  
appeared John Branton who after  
being by me duly sworn & says he  
knows & recognizes Silas and Joseph W.  
Libbs and knows they are the identical  
persons they represent themselves  
to be in their applications for  
enrollment as Cherokee citizens  
that is that the said McKingie &  
Joseph W. Libbs are the grand sons  
of Abraham Chisholm and the great  
grand sons of John Chisholm  
both deceased that John Chisholm  
(as I have learned from family history)  
and from other such that it is true)  
was a brother of Anne Walling  
(the Anne Chisholm who was my  
great grand mother she being my  
grand father Jesse Walling mother)  
that it has always been generally  
understood as a fact beyond question  
that the said Libbs are Cherokee Indian  
by blood the same having  
come from the Chisholm family

to the charge of the water  
from the [unclear]

John C. Walling

Sworn and subscribed before  
me this 3rd day of Sept 1896

Nelson O. Brewster

Notary Public

I said J. C. Walling as aforesaid, and  
that I also know Thomas Holbrook  
Ditt, and that he is a full brother to  
said [unclear] Ditt, and to Joseph [unclear]  
mentioned in the return side hereof

J. C. Walling

Sworn and subscribed  
before me this 3rd Sept 1896

Nelson O. Brewster

Notary Public

Wm. Ditt

Wm. Ditt

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Wm. Ditt

Washington & the other Commissioners for  
the District of Columbia and  
the City of Washington

General Land Office Commission

On the 10th day of August 1878 in the above styled  
case & cause to wit: the most impor-  
tant part of the evidence and the case as it  
stands

that we do hereby affirmations of each of three  
applicants to wit: Thomas J. Gibbs Thomas W. Gibbs  
and Joseph Gibbs being prepared and sworn to  
Second Commissioner of the Land Office of Thomas J. and Mrs  
Anna Walling showing that they are personally  
acquainted with each of the applicants that  
that they are the son of Maria Gibbs who was recognized  
as a daughter of John Chisholm and that said  
John Chisholm was the son of John Chisholm  
who was a brother of Ann Walling (nee Chisholm) and  
and of John Chisholm who immigrated in an early  
day to this Nation where he lived and was recognized  
as a citizen and enjoyed all the rights and franchises  
of a citizen of the Cherokee Nation said John and Ann  
his brother and sister and father of applicant Ann Walling and  
mother of applicant Mrs Walling and John Walling  
died in about 1828 before the first sale which has now  
been made of the Cherokee Indians  
Third is the affidavit of Mrs Ann Walling relative to  
the applicant Mrs C Gibbs which was made before



OFFICE OF  
WILSON O. BRUTON,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

WILL PRACTICE  
BEFORE ALL COURTS OF THE  
GEORGIA, ALABAMA AND  
ALL U. S. COURTS FOR SOUTHERN DIST. I. T.

USA Ind Gen  
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London, Ind Dec 1886

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Nation's No. 2357

Commission's No.

In Application of

*McKimpie J. L. et al*

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Demurrer and Answer.

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W. H. KENNEDY

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*Mac King et al.*

Nation's No. 2351-

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds in law says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is an* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not wanting his demurrer to prevail, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Amie Chisholm*

through whom the petitioner *claim* to derive *their* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings Hastings & Band* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *12* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*J. D. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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Hamilton, Ala



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Nation's No. 1501  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. 1000.  
Commissioner's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation, demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds that to-wit:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction in the said matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the applicants have failed to show that the applicants are  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his right to answer in person, or by attorney, for answer to said applica-  
tion, says that

That the respondents' names do not appear in the records of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, as to their present location and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the records of said Nation, and neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By \_\_\_\_\_, Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 26 day of Sept. 1896.  
Notary Public.

**End**

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Martha A Todd

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Cherokee Nation

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Rejected

J. C. Walling  
Comanche  
Tex



A. J. Roberts, Secretary  
The Board of Directors  
of the  
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions  
No. 100 Broadway, New York  
Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your  
letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the  
application of the American Board of Commissioners  
for Foreign Missions for a charter of incorporation  
under the laws of the State of New York. I have  
the pleasure to inform you that the same has  
been granted by the Board of Directors of the  
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions  
and is now in force.

A. J. Roberts

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
Wm. O. Wood

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Martha A Godd  
Application  
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Martha Wallis  
of Linton

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APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

REGISTERED PRINT, WASHINGTON

To the Honorable Deacons Commissioners

Gentlemen - The undersigned does hereby make this application for enrollment as a member of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians, as provided by act of Congress approved June the tenth, 1896, and respectfully make the following statement in support of this application to wit:

That *Martha J. Collins* is the *great grand daughter* of one *Annie Hallingale (Chickahom)* who made and fully believes was an Indian belonging to said Tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents this application for this *Martha J. Collins* application for Cherokee citizenship, and that the same should be truly heard and tried.

Age *39* years. *Martha J. Collins* with these relationships attached as follows:

No.	NAME	Sex	Age	Relationship
	<i>J. S. Collins</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>Head of Family (Husband)</i>
	<i>Martha J. Collins</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>Wife Applicant</i>
	<i>Bernard O. Collins</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Son</i>
	<i>Samuel Collins</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Son</i>
	<i>Stella Collins</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Daughter</i>

Respectfully Submitted, Signed *Martha J. Collins*  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this *8<sup>th</sup>* day of *August*, 1896  
 Attorney, *55 Barry & P. Keroffier's*  
*Notary Public, Boone County*  
*West Virginia*

Sarah Ann  
Alexander  

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Applicant

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of the same name and also the  
land in the same name and  
the same name and also the  
same name and also the same  
name and also the same name  
from the State of Alabama  
Signed Thomas J. Walling

and also the same name and  
on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1896 and  
I certify that the same is  
the same name and also the  
same name and also the same

J. S. Barry, J. P. Ex-officio Notary  
Public Bexar County Texas

Martha Todd  
app. court of  
...

1874

(2nd ed)





Martha A. Dadd  
Co. 8th Regt.

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1862

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My Commission Expires Nov. 3, 1896  
Wilson O. Brewster  
Secretary Public

REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at Muldrow, I. T.  
Registered <sup>Letter</sup> ~~Parcel~~ No. 35 Rec'd 9, 3 1896  
of J. E. Walling  
addressed to Hon. S. H. May, P. C.  
L. S. Byrd, P. M.

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Nation's No. 32  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

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Demurrer and Answer.  
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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of \_\_\_\_\_  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.  
Nation's No. 307.  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds therein set forth.

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not set forth sufficient facts to show that the applicant is  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection demurs, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

\_\_\_\_\_ through whom the petitioner claims to derive \_\_\_\_\_ right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that \_\_\_\_\_ name  
does not appear on any of the authentic records of said Nation; that neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor any of \_\_\_\_\_ ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 3910

PETITION OF

*Allen G. Bunker*

for and on behalf of

*himself*

vs

*Cherokee Nation*

Attorney for Petitioner



# APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

To The Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON  
 THOMAS B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMRY, *United States Commissioners*  
 authorized by an act of Congress of June 4, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in  
 the Cherokee Nation:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner, *Allie A. Booker*  
 for and on behalf of *herself*  
 and heirs, this day makes this their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee  
 Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of land in Cherokee Nation, by virtue of  
 their Cherokee blood, and I herewith submit the *Abstract from chapter*  
*rolls of 1855 taken by U.S. of*  
*the Cherokee of all nation + also stated*  
*of Miller Harris*

in support of said claim, and respectfully await the time when *my* application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted

*Allie A. Booker*  
*mark*

Enrollment of family, with relationship attached, is follows:

NAMES	AGE	RELATIONSHIP
<i>Allie A. Booker</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>daughter of John</i>
<i>John M.</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Harris + father was</i>
<i>Sola C.</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>a son of John Harris</i>
<i>Laurance</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>is a Cherokee Indian</i>
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>by blood as is</i> <i>shown by prof</i> <i>now with file</i>

*Subscribed & sworn to*  
~~in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand~~ On this *26* day of *Aug* 1896.

*Jesse Watts*  
*Notary Public*

Indian Territory

Cherokee Nation

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear.

This on \_\_\_\_\_ Day of Sept. 1890

I Delivered to Sam H. Myers

Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

at Tahlequah T.P. a true copy

of Application affidavits and

other documents here to attached

in case of \_\_\_\_\_

of Cherokee Nation

\_\_\_\_\_

subscribed and sworn to before

me the

Day of Sept 1890

Geo. Hatto

Notary Public

To the Hon Commrs  
Taxes & J  
Lancaster

In re the claim of  
Allen Parker vs. Charlotte  
Noton. We respectfully submit  
that she is the daughter of John  
Hornes and second daughter  
of John Hornes jr. who was  
of Charlotte, N.C. and was  
born before his death a re-  
sident of the old  
Charlotte Noton now known  
as a person by his wife  
Mable Hornes & as is shown  
by Charlotte roll of 1835 a  
certificate of which is  
hereto attached.

4th considering the claim  
we will not that she has been  
be settled on the record, roll  
of the same Noton now  
being prepared by your  
honorable body.

Jesse Watts  
Atty for Petitioner

Indiana Territory  
Northern Division

I W. H. Norred do hereby certify  
that the name of John Harves  
appears on the Cherokee rolls of 1835.

The said Harves was at that  
time in Georgia, as is shown by  
the rolls, which were taken by  
Geo. H. Underwood, Enrolling Agent  
for the United States.

Agency East Dec 12-1835.

W. H. Norred

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 6th Sept 1896

Notary Public



State of Tennessee  
County of Brown

Personally appeared  
before me, D. H. Perewé,  
a Notary Public for said  
county & state, Millie Harris  
who on oath states that she  
is 70 years of age. That her  
first husband was Keener White  
Curt. That she is the  
widow of John Harris Sr  
formerly of old nation now  
deceased

Applicant states that she  
is personally acquainted  
with Ellen G. Barker wife  
of John G. Barker and knows  
that she is the daughter of  
John Harris Jr who is a  
son of John Harris Sr &  
who was my husband.

John Harris Jr is my  
son by the said John  
Harris Sr. I know the  
above fact of my own per-  
sonal knowledge & know  
that John Harris Sr. whose name  
appears on the church rolls of  
1838, son of Cherokee blood

certified  
J. R. Beane

Subscribed & sworn to on this 31 day  
of Aug 1876 D. H. Perewé.

Com & Exp 2-95.

Notary Public

To the Honorable Henry L. Dawes and others Composing the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes:

YOUR Petitioner *Allen A. Rooster*

would state and show from the proof submitted to the Commission that he is a Cherokee by descent and by blood having been born in *Sharp* County, State of *Ark* on *7* day of *July* 18*72*. My fathers name was *John Horner* My mothers name was *Sarah Horner*

That I now reside in *Sequoyah Dist Cherokee Ter* and have resided there for *4* years. And *He* avers these facts can be established by proof to the satisfaction of the Commission under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe. And *He* further avers that these facts being proved *He* is entitled to be adjudged under the laws of such Nation and the laws of the Congress of the United States and the treaties of such Nation with the United States, a citizen of such Nation, with all the rights, privileges and protection of Citizenship in such Nation. Wherefore *He* herewith respectfully submit to the consideration of the Honorable Commission such proof and on the hearing *He* be adjudged entitled to such citizenship and *his* name be placed upon the proper roll as a citizen of such Nation.

Signature *Allen A. Rooster*



STATE OF *Ark* |  
County of *Cherokee Ter* | SS

NOW on this *25* day of *Aug* 1896  
personally appeared before me *James Watts*

a Notary Public for said county and state

*Allen A. Rooster* who being  
duly sworn upon his oath states that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are correct and true. Subscribed and sworn to before me this *25* day of *Aug* 1896.

*James Watts*  
Notary Public.

Notion No. 2572  
Commission's No.

Application of  
*Albert B. Baker*

Demurrer and Answer.

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*Allen A. Baskin*  
*et al*

Nation's No. *2572*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not contain sufficient evidence to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection, and insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John Harris By*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authentic records of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Adair, Adams & Baskin* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Sept* 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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PETITION OF

*John W. McHenry*

and on behalf of

*Samuel J. McHenry*

and heirs

*Walter M. McHenry*

Attorney for Petitioner

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# APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

To The Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON  
 THOMAS B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMRY, United States Commissioners  
 authorized by an act of Congress of June 4, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in  
 the Cherokee Nation :

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner, *John W. McGraw*  
 for and on behalf of *self*  
 and heirs, this day makes this their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee  
 Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of land in Cherokee Nation, by virtue of  
 their Cherokee blood, and I herewith submit the *of papers in support of said*  
*claim, to-wit: a copy of the original*  
*Cherokee census roll of 1835, showing*  
*my name and that of my father*  
*and mother.*

in support of said claim, and respectfully await the time when *my* application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted

Enrollment of family, with relationships attached, as follows:

NAMES	AGE	RELATIONSHIP
<i>John W. McGraw</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Who is the grand son</i>
<i>James McGraw</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>of Jack Walker, a</i>
<i>Thomas McGraw</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Cherokee citizen of the old</i>
<i>John McGraw</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>nation, which is</i>
<i>John McGraw</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>shown by facts.</i>
<i>John McGraw</i>	<i>13</i>	
<i>John McGraw</i>	<i>11</i>	
<i>John McGraw</i>	<i>9</i>	
<i>John McGraw</i>	<i>7</i>	
<i>John McGraw</i>	<i>5</i>	
<i>John McGraw</i>	<i>3</i>	

In witness of which I hereunto set my hand on this *18* day of *July* 1896.

*John W. McGraw*  
*Notary Public*



Indian Territory  
Cherokee Nation

I do solemnly  
swear that on the day of Sept 1896  
I delivered to Sam H. Mays Principal  
Chief of the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah  
TN a true copy of the application  
of [unclear] and other documents herewith  
attached in case of [unclear]  
of the Cherokee Nation

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this day of Sept 1896

J. M. [unclear]  
Notary Public

Indian Territory }  
Cherokee Nation }

I on this the day  
of Sept 1896 do solemnly swear

To The Hon James Commission  
Petitioners:-

Relative to The claim  
of John A. McGaw for enrollment  
and citizenship in the Cherokee  
Nation we respectfully submit.

That said John A. McGaw is  
a grand son of Jack Wallace  
who was a Cherokee Indian.

In support of which we submit  
the affidavits of John McGaw and  
Frances Pluncks

That said Jack Wallace was  
a Cherokee Indian by blood  
and a recognized member  
of the tribe is shown by the  
affidavit of John P. Gourd.

Wherefore we respectfully ask  
that said John A. McGaw and  
children be admitted and enrolled  
as citizens

Jesse W. Watts  
atly for Petitioner







**STATE OF TENNESSEE---GIBSON COUNTY.**

Personally appeared before me, J. H. Gilliland Notary Public for said county, the  
within named persons John McEwen & Francis Russels  
with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that they  
executed the above writing and annexed instrument for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand at office, this the 22 day of July 1895.

J. H. Gilliland Notary Public.

Notice No. 5535

Commissioner's No.

In re Application of

John A. McNamee  
et al.

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*John A. McStrain*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation

Nation's No. *2335*  
Commission's No.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objections and demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John A. Wallace*  
through whom the petitioner claims to derive his right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hoskins, Hutchings & Bannister* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *29* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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PETITION OF

Mary A. Byrd  
for and on behalf of

herself  
and heirs

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Attorney for Petitioner

MANUFACTURED BY THE WESTERN BANK NOTE & LITHO. CO. ST. LOUIS, MO.

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

To The Honorable HENRY L. DAVES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. M. KENNON  
THOMAS B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMRY, United States Commissioners,  
authorized by an act of Congress of June 20, 1836, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in  
the Cherokee Nation:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner *Mary A. Byars*  
for and on behalf of *herself*  
and heirs, this day makes this their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee  
Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of lands and allotments of land in Cherokee Nation, by virtue of  
their Cherokee blood, and I herewith submit the

*Affidavits of Margaret  
E. McKinney, M. C. Hood, Thomas  
J. Taylor, John H. Ground, James  
G. M. Huley, M. L. Edgar & M. H. H. H. H.  
Montague*

in support of said claim, and respectfully request that the time when *her* application shall be heard and tried,  
be respectively submitted.

*Mary A. Byars*

Enrollment of said *her* claim is as follows:

NAMES	AGE	RELATIONSHIP
<i>Mary A. Byars</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>Daughter of Lem Byars</i>
<i>Thomas J.</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>who was a daughter</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>of Joseph Willomus</i>
<i>John L.</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>who was a son</i>
<i>Lemuel H.</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>of Wimmie H. H.</i>
<i>John H.</i>	<i>7</i>	
<i>Maggie A.</i>	<i>6</i>	

*Submitted & sworn to* 21 day of *Aug* 1880  
in witness of which I hereunto set my hand on this

*James Watts*  
Notary Public



Andran Lintony  
Cherokee Nation

I do solemnly swear  
sharon Day of sept 1880  
I delivered to Sam H. May  
Principal Chief Cherokee Nation  
at Tahlequah A.P. a true copy  
of application affidavit and  
other documents hereto attached  
in case of

US Cherokee Nation  
subscribed and sworn to before  
me the

Day of sept 1880  
Notary Public

To the Hon Deeds Com  
Gentlemen:

In the claim of Mary A. Byers  
et al for citizenship in the Cherokee  
Nation we herewith submit that  
Mary A. Byers is the grand daughter  
of Minnie Hill, and the daughter  
of Joseph Hillman. That said  
Mary A. Byers, with all her  
relation in the above styled  
claim is entitled to Cherokee  
Citizenship, as is shown by  
affidavits herewith submitted.  
Therefore we ask that they  
be granted the full benefits  
of admission to citizenship  
in the Cherokee Nation  
J. M. H. P.

August 16<sup>th</sup> 1896

Alma Crawford County  
State of Arkansas

To Whom it Concerns  
I, James C. Smith Probate and  
County Judge of Crawford  
County State of Arkansas  
Do hereby certify that I have  
known the family of Anna  
C. Byers and Mrs. J. J. Byers  
(her husband) for <sup>more than</sup> ~~more than~~  
fifty (50) years and that she  
has resided a Christian Citizen  
of our County and resided  
Commenced for your kind  
consideration as Prospective  
Citizen James C. Smith  
Probate and County Judge  
of Crawford County Ark

State of Ohio  
County of Hamilton  
G. J. Kelly

I, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hamilton, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the County of Hamilton, State of Ohio, to be in  
whose name

Bartholomew

and

of Ohio

Margaret E. McHenry

19th day of November 1892

G. J. Kelly Notary Public

G. J. Kelly  
Notary Public



Phenach District

United States Commissioner for Western District of Missouri W. F. Kasmus

72 District of Columbia - Delaware

after 5/1

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November 1892 W. F. Kasmus United States Commissioner

W. F. Kasmus United States Commissioner

Cherokee Nation,  
Tahlequah District,

Personally appeared before me  
R. M. Daumling, Deputy Clerk, Tahlequah  
District Cherokee Nation, John Jones  
after being sworn and duly qualified  
as provided in the said Constitution, that  
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Tahlequah District Cherokee Nation &  
I am a Cherokee  
by the Office is

I was personally acquainted  
with ~~John Jones~~ who was a  
Cherokee by blood and was born  
in the old Cherokee Nation  
and was a daughter  
of one James Blair and brother  
his daughter  
Minnie Blair was made  
old Cherokee Nation.

Ann Byers whose maiden  
name was Ann Williams who was the daughter of  
Joseph Williams of Winnie & Star of  
Winnie & Star of  
W. H. Byers in the year 1846  
was a grand daughter  
of Minnie Blair and I would  
recommend that she should  
be admitted to all the rights  
and privileges of other Cherokees  
according to the constitution of  
The Cherokee Nation.

John P. Jones  
sworn to and subscribed before me this  
the 4 day of November 1892  
R. M. Daumling  
Deputy Clerk, Tahlequah

I further certify that the aforesaid de-  
ponent is a person whose reputation for  
truth and veracity is good and that  
I have no interest in the matter  
herein testified to.

R. M. Dunning  
Deputy Sheriff D. C. Co.

I hereby certify that this is a true and  
literal copy of the original this 12  
day of November 1892

C. M. Dunning  
Deputy Sheriff D. C. Co.

Jabez H. Collins

James W. McNeely

Seventy

Twenty

James A. McNeely  
New York

5th day of Nov 1802

Jabez H. Collins N.P.  
Cow Expires 7/1/96

Jabez H. Collins



State of Texas of Precinct of Orange  
County of Decatur  
for the above said County and State  
Mr. L. Edgar, one personally known to me  
the person who presented herself to me and after  
being duly sworn by me as required  
by law deposited in my hands  
I am at present of the County of  
Will County, Texas.

I am personally acquainted with Mrs. Bettie  
White resident of State of Texas.

I have been personally acquainted with Mrs. Ann  
Byers one of Mrs. Bettie White who last lived  
and died in the County of Decatur, Texas.

After the decease of Mrs. Ann Byers  
she says that she was of Cherokee Indian blood and  
that she formerly lived in Texas. That her  
mother was named Ann Bellum and she was  
born and raised in Tennessee.

That she was a person of a general character  
was good for truth and veracity is good,  
deponent further says that from her personal  
knowledge of the above said Mrs. Byers  
mother of Mrs. Bettie White, she would believe  
that she was of Cherokee Indian blood  
deponent further she has no other information  
in any other than that the above said Bettie  
White was, her father being in the Cherokee  
Nation.

M. L. Edgar

Sworn to and subscribed to before me  
on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1890

J. C. Woodworth

Notary Public

I further certify, that the foregoing  
deponent is a person of whose reputation  
for truth and veracity is well known  
I have no ~~part~~ interest in the matter  
herein certified to.

J. C. Woodworth

Notary Public

Bellevue County, Wyo.

I hereby certify that the  
(within inclosed) is  
a true and correct copy of  
the original

J. C. Woodworth  
Notary Public

My Comm. expires

1/31/1900.

State of Texas,  
County of Bexar

Personally appeared  
before me W. E. Hilton  
a Notary Public in

and for the aforesaid County and State  
H. Montag, who being duly sworn as  
required by law depose and say as follows  
To wit: I am 20 years of age. I am at  
this time a resident of Bexar County  
Texas. I have been personally acquainted  
with Mrs. Bettie White for a number of years.  
I was also acquainted with her mother Mrs.  
Ann Bess. I was present and heard the  
death and statement of her mother which  
was as follows, that she was  
a Cherokee Indian by blood, that her  
children are entitled to the same rights and  
privileges as the Cherokee Indians  
that she had hoped to spend her last days  
in the Cherokee Nation, but that she never  
felt that death was near and she could  
never realize that hope, but that she  
wished her children to establish their  
rights and make the Nation their home.  
She urged Mrs. White to send for a Notary  
public and take her deposition on her  
death bed in regard to her Cherokee  
ancestry. She stated that she inherited her  
Indian blood from her Grandmother  
Miriam Starr, who was a Cherokee Indian  
and resident of what is now the State of  
Tennessee.

Mrs. Hannah Montag

Seen to and subscribed to before me  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1893.

W. C. Hillman  
Notary Public  
Brewer County, Texas

I hereby certify the within  
instrument is a true  
and correct copy of the  
original.

July 14 Bolling  
Notary Public

My Comm. expires  
1/31/1900.



Cherokee Nation  
Pohquah District

Personally appeared to before  
R. M. Dubuque, Deputy Clerk of Poh-  
quah District, Thomas J. Taylor who  
by one duly sworn  
I am 75 years  
dent of Pohquah  
District, Cherokee Nation I am a  
Cherokee by blood. My name is  
Pohquah

I was personally  
with Winnie Starr  
who was  
and who lived in the old  
Cherokee town, Tennessee  
she was a daughter of one  
and his daughter  
Winnie Starr was recognized  
citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
That Anna Poyas, whose name  
was Williams and  
who was married in Nashville  
to W. H. Poyas in the  
year 1846, was a daughter  
of Winnie Starr and would  
recommend that her descent  
and her rights  
according to the constitution of  
The Cherokee Nation.

Thomas J. Taylor  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
the 9 day of November 1892.  
Deputy Clerk T.C. G.W.

and further certify, that the aforesaid  
deponent is a person whose reputation  
for truth and veracity is good and  
that I have no interest in the  
matter herein mentioned.

R. M. Dammery

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No.  
PETITION OF  
*W. C. B. [unclear]*  
*[unclear]*  
for and on behalf of  
*[unclear]*  
and heirs

Attorney for Petitioner

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# APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

To The Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, LEWIS C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON  
 THOMAS B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMRY, United States Commissioners  
 appointed by an act of Congress of June 1, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in  
 the Cherokee Nation

I, the undersigned, son, petitioner *H. Byers*  
 for and on behalf of *himself*  
 and hereto do hereby present my application for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee  
 Indian and of receiving the benefits and allotments of land in Cherokee Nation, by virtue of  
 their heretofore and to be approved by the *affidavit of Margaret*  
*W. M. Kennedy M. C. Board*  
*Thomas Taylor John R.*  
*George W. Taylor A. M. Kelly*  
*M. L. Eady - Hannah Montoya*

and that my name and the name of the petitioner in my application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted

*signature*

*Rasie B. Byers*

NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP
<i>M. A. Byers</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>Great Grandson</i>
<i>Rasie</i>	<i>30</i>	
<i>Melle</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Great Great Granddaughter</i>
<i>Forster</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Great Great Grandson of Winnie Star</i>

*sworn to*  
~~by the petitioner~~ on this *29* day of *August* 1896.  
*My Comm. expires 1/31/1900.* *Julius H. Bollinger*  
*Notary Public*



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No.

PETITION OF

*Arthur White*

for and on behalf of

*himself*

and heirs

Attorney for Petitioner

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## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

To The Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON  
 THOMAS B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMRY, *United States Commissioners*  
*authorized by an act of Congress of June 4, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in*  
*the Cherokee Nation:*

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, *Walter White*  
 for and on behalf of *himself*  
 and heirs, this day makes this their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee  
 Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of land and allotments of land in Cherokee Nation, by virtue of  
 their Cherokee blood, and I herewith submit the *affidavit of Margaret E.*  
*M. Perry, M. C. Hadd, Thomas J.*  
*Jaylond, John H. Ground, James*  
*W. M. Huley, M. L. Edgar &*  
*Samuel Montgomery*

in support of said claim, and respectfully request that the time when said application shall be heard and tried,  
 be as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted

*Signature Walter White*

Enrollment of *Walter White*

NAMES	AGE	RELATIONSHIP
<i>Walter White</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>Son of William</i>
<i>John H. Ground</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>H. Ryers and Ann Ryers.</i>
<i>James W. Huley</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>My mother Ann Ryers</i>
<i>William</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>was the daughter of</i> <i>Joseph Williams and</i> <i>Joseph Williams was the</i> <i>son of Minnie Starr,</i> <i>who was a resident of the</i> <i>state of Tennessee.</i>

*Sworn to*  
 in witness of which I hereunto set my hand on this *2nd* day of *September* 1896.

*Joseph M. Maddox,*  
*Notary Public*

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Nation's No. 7364

Commissioner's No.

In the Application of

Wm. A. Squire  
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Demurrer and Answer.

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W. B. MCKENNON

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Mary A. Byars*  
*Jabal*

Nation's No. *2567-*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his above demand, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*James Stas*  
through whom the petitioner claims to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hudings, Hudings & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *28* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*J. S. Hill*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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661 IN THE MATTER OF  
*William A. Wootly*

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Choctaw* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 9/1/86*

*At the January*  
*term*

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATIMER  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Gen Samuel Mages Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahkiquah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of William Alfred Wolley and of the affidavits of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastrain

John B. Latham  
Mr. P. Nathan N. P.  
My Commission expires Nov 14, 1900.



William Alfred Woolly

# Application for ~~State~~ Citizenship.

To the Honorable ~~Commissioners~~ *Commissioners*

The undersigned respectfully petitions and memorializes your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the ~~United States~~ Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that ~~his~~ immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom ~~he~~ asks the privilege of Citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my wife *Margaret E. Woolly* age *19*

Names of Children

Names of Children

Ages

*Gerta Woolly*

As grounds for asking admission to the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T., your petitioner states:

*That I am the son of Wm. A. Woolly, who is an applicant for admission to the Cherokee Nation, I. T. and respectfully refer you to the evidence in the case of George D. Vaughan*

Attest *E. F. Chow and W. S. Looper* and *his W. A. Woolly*

STATE OF *Arkansas*  
COUNTY OF *Faulkner*

On this *24th* day of *August* 189*6* personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a *J. P.* within and for the County and State aforesaid, *W. A. Woolly* who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for *his* Citizenship, are true, as *he* verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

*J. F. Snow J. P.*

My Commission expires *Oct. 30th 1896*

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Nation's No. 3715

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*William Alfred Moody*

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*William Alfred Hoolley*

Nation's No. *2715-*  
Commission's No. .

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John Vaughan*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hudding, Hordrup & Boardman* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*J. H. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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No. 1569

M. Clinch

Cherokee Nation

Filed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1896  
H.M. [unclear]  
[unclear]

Copy of [unclear] 1896

Rejected

~~Rejected~~  
[unclear]

Grisson City  
N.C.

North Carolina  
Swain County

Be it remembered  
that on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August  
A.D. 1896 personally came before  
me William Conley whose post  
office address is Bryson City  
Swain County North Carolina  
personally known to me to be a  
reliable and creditable citizen  
whose statements are entitled  
to credit, and who being by me  
duly sworn according to law  
deposes and says: That his  
age is 77 years

That he was well acquainted  
with Benjamin Hyde and wife  
Elizabeth Hyde whose maiden name  
was Elizabeth Leatherwood who  
was Cherokee by blood -  
that affiant has resided in  
this section ever since the year  
1817 and makes this affidavit  
from his personal knowledge  
and long acquaintance with  
the Leatherwood families who  
have always claimed to be  
Cherokee by blood. Affiant

Further was that he was acquainted with Leathem Cline who is a daughter of Benjamin Cline and Elizabeth Leatherwood -

That he is personally acquainted with James M. Cline who is a son of Leathem Cline and Benjamin Cline daughter of Elizabeth Cline and Elizabeth Leatherwood - That applicant has no interest in the prosecution of the claim for citizenship of James M. Cline in the Cherokee Nation

Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of August 1886

Accepted  
Special Agent



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

VINITA, IND. TERR.,

1896.

See that you swear to your statement.

Evidence of service of papers on the Governor may be secured as follows: If convenient get his receipt to the papers. If you cannot do this, register to him, and when the registry receipt is returned to you, signed by him, have some disinterested person to make affidavit in form about as follows:

I, *J. S. Etnow* do solemnly swear that on the *19* day of *Aug*, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at *Bryson City, N.C.* addressed to *Hon. Daniel H. Murray* Governor or Chief of the *Cherokee* Nation, at *Lakelegua* Ind. Terr., that registry receipt, No. *24* hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of *James M. Cline* and of the affidavits of *John W. Battle* and *William Conley* in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this *19* day of *September*, 1896.

Attach receipt to this affidavit and send with papers to the Commission at Vinita, Indian Territory.

For the Commission.

To the Honorable George Davis  
and others comprising the Commission  
to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Your petitioner James M. Clice  
would state and show from the proof  
submitted to the Commission that he  
is a Cherokee by descent and blood,  
having been born in Jackson County  
now Swain County State of North  
Carolina on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1850  
My Grand Mother's name was Elizabeth  
Hyde <sup>her mother was Betty Walker</sup> ~~nee~~ Leathersword, and my mother's  
name was Catherine Clice nee  
Hyde

I am now a resident of Swain  
County N.C. and have resided here  
for 25 years and I do aver these  
facts can be established by proof to  
the satisfaction of the Commission  
under such rules and regulations  
as it may prescribe

And he further avers, these facts  
being proven he is entitled to be  
adjudged under the laws of such Nation  
and the laws of the Congress of the  
United States and the Treaties of such  
Nation with the United States, a

Citizen of such Nation, with all the  
rights, privileges and protection of  
Citizenship in such Nation  
Wherefore he herewith respectfully  
submits to the consideration of the  
Honorable Commission such proof  
and prays that on the hearing thereof  
he be adjudged entitled to such  
Citizenship, and his name be placed  
upon the roll as a citizen of such  
Nation  
J. M. Ellice

Subscribed & sworn to before me  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896

Attest  
Chief Justice Court  
J. M. Ellice

J. M. Ellice  
Governor of the  
Territory of  
N.C.

State of New York  
County of Seneca  
Be it remembered that on this 17th  
day of June 1896, before me  
a Justice of the County of Seneca  
and Notary Public, the following  
persons, to-wit: John C. Hart  
do hereby certify that the  
above named person or persons  
are the owners of the land  
described in the foregoing  
instrument, and that they  
are of legal age and sound  
mind, and are not under any  
legal disability, and that  
they have executed the  
above instrument voluntarily,  
and without any fraud,  
duress, or coercion, and  
that the contents of the  
above instrument are true  
and correct, and that they  
are well acquainted with  
the said Benjamin Hart



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The undersigned do hereby certify that  
the within and foregoing is a true and  
correct copy of the original as the same  
exists in the files of the Court.

Wm. H. <sup>W. H.</sup> ~~W. H.~~ <sup>W. H.</sup> ~~W. H.~~

Subscribed & sworn to before me  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896,

J. H. ~~W. H.~~ <sup>J. H.</sup> ~~W. H.~~  
Clerk Superior Court

Nation's No. *207*

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*J. M. Allen*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

*FILED* *1* *☆*

→A. S. MCKENNON←

→COM'R←

Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of J. M. Clue Nation's No. 300  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demur, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that W. W. Leonard through whom the petitioner claim to derive his right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. Mayes, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 20 day of Aug, 1896.

J. J. Bull  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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No 1486

PETITION OF

Adelia Green

for and on behalf of

Chevonie Nation

and heirs

Filed Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1896  
S. M. Deane  
A. K.

Report

Refused to sign  
James C. Wright  
L. M. ...  
John Ross Clinton  
John ...  
John ...

Attorney for Petitioner.

Attorney  
J. ...

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO THE HONORABLE HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by an act of Congress of June 4, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, your petitioner, *not called*  
*not called, was* *Abelia Creekmore*  
 for and on behalf of *her self*  
 and heirs, this day makes this their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of land in Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, and herewith submit the

*following affidavits*  
*John Ross - Abelia Holly Wright*  
*John S. Stephens*

in support of said claim, and requesting that the same when *over* application shall be heard and tried. Respectfully Submitted,

*not called*  
*John Bell* *Abelia Creekmore nee Bell*  
*William W. Daily* *mark*

Enrollment of family with names and relationship attached, as follows:

NAMES.	AGE.	RELATIONSHIP.
<i>Abelia Creekmore Applicant</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Great Great Grand Daughter of Holly Wright</i>
<i>William S. Creekmore</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>Son by marriage</i>
<i>John H. Creekmore</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Grandson</i>
<i>May S. Creekmore</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Daughter</i>
<i>Fannie Creekmore</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Daughter</i>

*Subscribed and sworn to before me*  
 In witness of which I hereunto set my hand on this *4* day of *Sept* 1896  
*My Comm. expires*  
*June 20 - 1900*  
*J. W. Wall*  
*Notary Public*



REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at *Cattus Ward 97*  
Registered Letter Parcel No. *50* . Rec'd *Sept 5* , 188*6*  
of *W. H. Belle's Les Adelia*  
*in re Kamaad*  
addressed to *Chief Magr*  
*A. Watts* . P. M.

I Alice Watts do solemnly swear  
that on the 5 day of Sept 1896  
I saw a package registered at the  
Post Office at Canton Mass addressed to  
Miss Elizabeth Chertoff  
Post No. That package receipt No 50  
Inscribed from Post Master Lerato  
Attached is a receipt for said package  
which contained two copies of the  
Applications of Adelia Creekman  
and of Elizabeth or Martha Kelly  
with reference to application to claim  
of James C. Wright for evidence  
in support of her claim

~~Subscribed~~ Alice Watts

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 5 day of Sept 1896

A. Watts  
Notary Public

My Com Expires  
June 20-1900

AFFIDAVIT.

Mathew J. Sullivan, Esq. SS.  
Charlotte, N.C.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 4 day of September 1898  
Personally appeared before me, Martha Belle, who is a reliable and  
creditable citizen of the County of Inlet, State of N.C.  
and after being duly sworn according to law, deposed and says: That she is a resident of the County of  
State of N.C.; that her age is 49 years; occupation that of  
that Postoffice is 2111-220-25; that she is personally and well acquainted with

Helena Crockett, who is a daughter of Smith, sister of  
and Grandmother of John and Sally Wright and Great Granddaughter  
of James T. Dolly Wright and Smith, at or near

Affiant makes this sworn statement from her own personal knowledge and acquaintance  
with the family of J. G. Walker  
Martha Belle  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public this  
4 day of Sept 1898

H. Watts  
Notary Public

My Comm. Expires  
Jan 20-1900





EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF  
CHEROKEE NATION.

I, John L. Adair, Executive Secretary of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original record in this Department, and that the same are correct transcripts and copies therefrom.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the Great Seal of said Cherokee Nation, at Tahlequah, this, the  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept. 1896.

John L. Adair,  
Executive Secretary.

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Nation's No. 250

Commission's No

In re Application of

*Cecilia Erickson*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Adelia Cullman*

Nation's No. *2130*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state in its sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not wanting his demurrer to be overruled, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Anna Edwards*  
through whom the petitioner claims to derive her right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that her name does not appear on any of the enumerated rolls of said Nation; that neither she nor any of her ancestors now reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Respondent, for a further and complete defense to the aforesaid Application says: That, heretofore, said applicant made application before a legally constituted Court, or Commission on citizenship, having jurisdiction over applications for readmission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation; That the said case was tried upon its merits, that upon a final hearing, judgment was duly given against the applicant and in favor of this Nation. A duly certified transcript of the aforesaid proceedings and judgment are annexed hereto and made a part of this answer.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *John L. Adair* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *22* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*John L. Adair*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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Memorial  
and  
application of  
Sarah V. Davis,  
for citizenship,  
all the rights  
accruing there-  
der in the Chen-  
Peroration  
and the testimony  
in support  
thereof.

No 1485

Sarah V. Davis

v.

Cherokee Nation

Filed 7 Sept 1896

H.M. Jewway  
C.R.

Filed

Rejected

Rejected

Filed by Sarah V.  
Davis the Claimant  
Belwood, Kansas

St Joseph  
Mo.

No. 830 Post Office, **Saint Joseph, Mo.**  
Received \_\_\_\_\_, 189 \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_  
addressed *Chief of the Bureau of Land* a <sup>Let.</sup> <sub>Par.</sub>  
*and Equat*  
*Sm per*  
FRANK M. ATKINSON, P. M., per *ME*

For particulars connected with the use of registered mail.

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COMMISSION OF THE NINE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

STATE OF MISSOURI )

Buchanan County ) SS:

I, E. T. EVANS, do solemnly swear that

I am aged *59* years, and that on the *4<sup>th</sup>* day of September 1898, I saw a package registered at the Post Office at St. Joseph, Missouri, addressed to the Hon.

*governor or*  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, at *Fairquah*  
Indian Territory; that registry receipt No. *830* received from the post Master hereto attached, is the receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of *Harold V. Davis*

and of the affidavits of *Josephine Colbert*

and of *Henry Foley*

in support of the same.

Subscribed and sworn to before )  
me this *4<sup>th</sup>* day of September )  
1898. *E. T. Evans*

*E. T. Evans*

Notary Public, in and for said County and state.



PROOF OF IDENTITY OF Sarah V. Davis.

BOURBON )  
MISSOURI ) SS:

Do it remembered, That on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896, Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in for said County and state aforesaid, Zachary Foley who is a reliable and credible citizen of the County of Buchanan and state of Missouri and after being duly sworn according to law, deposed and saith: That he is a resident of the County of Buchanan and state of Missouri

; that his age is 48 years; occupation that of Carpenter that his Post office is St. Joseph, Missouri.

that he is personally and well acquainted with Sarah V. Davis who is a daughter of W. J. Boatright, of now deceased, and Grand daughter of James Boatright of deceased of and Great Grand daughter of Benjamin Boatright, and great great grand daughter of Elizabeth Blackburn and James Blackburn, who were each her heads of the said Cherokee nation.

This affiant makes this a<sup>l</sup> sworn statement from his own personal knowledge and acquaintance with the family of the above named W. J. Boatright and in witness whereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896.

P. V. Williams  
Notary Public.  
My Term Expires  
March 30, 1896.

Zachary Foley

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of the County of Sullivan, State of Missouri  
No. 55:

Do it remembered, that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day  
of August 1898, Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in  
for said County and State aforesaid, Josephine Colbert  
who is a reliable and credible citizen of the County of Sullivan  
and State of Missouri and after being duly  
sworn according to law, deposed and saith: That she is a resident  
of the County of Sullivan and State of Missouri  
; that her age is 37 years; occupation that of Laundry  
Woman, that her Post office is St. Joseph, Missouri;  
that she is personally and well acquainted with Sarah  
L. Davis who is a daughter of W. J. Boat  
right of now deceased, and Grand daughter of  
James Boatright deceased, of  
and Great Grand daughter of Benjamin Boat-  
right and great great grand daughter of  
of Elizabeth Blackburn and James Black-  
burn, known each as blood of the said Benjamin Boat-  
This affiant makes this her sworn statement from her own personal  
knowledge and acquaintance with the family of the above named W. J.  
Boatright and the ancestors mentioned.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1898.

P. V. Wiss  
Notary Public.

My Term Expires  
March 30, 1899.

Josephine Colbert

W. F. WOODS, President

# WILLIAMS & WEAVER

HOME OFFICE, WILLIAMS & WEAVER ST. N.Y.

CASH CAPITAL \$250,000.00



## CITIZENSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Her-  
 bert W. Davis, of said Territory, Notary Public in  
 and for said County, on this 24th day of Sept-  
 1898. I certify to be a respect-  
 able person and entitled to the rights and privi-  
 leges of citizenship, and who  
 being of the first age, sound mind, and law, do both decla-  
 res that she is the daughter of James V. Davis, who is a daug-  
 ter of W. W. Davis, late of Southwest Missouri County, Missouri  
 and was born in Madison County, Kentucky  
 on October 1st 1850, and deceased, and that she is the daughter  
 of Benjamin Blackburn, late of Greenham County, Missouri and  
Virginia, late of County, State of Virginia

of Benjamin Blackburn, late of  
 now deceased, and great-grand daughter of James Blackb-  
 urn and Elizabeth Blackburn, late of  
 the Cherokee Nation, and having been half bloods of  
 the Cherokee Nation, and who were born in the  
 Cherokee Nation, and through whom she claims lineal desc-  
 endancy to the Cherokee Nation, and the former James and Elizabeth Blackburn having been  
 placed on the approved rolls of the citizens of the said  
 Cherokee Nation.  
 She takes this declaration for the purpose of establishing  
 her right to citizenship in the Cherokee nation, and of ha-  
 ving her name placed on the roll of citizens of the said  
 Cherokee Nation, and that she may receive all the  
 rights, benefits, privileges, immunities, honors, lands  
 and properties to which she is now, or may hereafter become  
 entitled as an heir, widow, or child, and her three children,  
 to-wit: William, aged six years, Mattie, aged four years,  
 and ~~three~~ <sup>three</sup> three years, all of whom are now  
 living; and whose father, William S. Davis, her husband,  
 also, is now living; and in support of her claim to and  
 for such citizenship as aforesaid, she herewith offers to  
 be filed the affidavits of Josephine Colbert and of Zacher  
 Polk, and asks that they be filed as testimony in her case  
 and she here leaves to refer to the affidavits and testimo-  
 ny on file in the Bureau of Records of the said Cherokee  
 nation in support of and to the claim of citizenship of  
 Jesse Forsight, now a resident of the Cherokee nation in  
 the said Indian Territory, in support of her aforesaid claim.  
 All of which is respectfully submitted.

Subscribed and sworn to  
 before me this 24th day of Sept-  
 1898.  
 Herbert W. Davis  
 Notary Public.

Sarah T. Davis

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DEC. 31st, 1898.



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Nation's No. 2434

Commissary's No.

in Application of

Arch C Davis

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Josh V. Davis del*

Nation's No. *2434*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his formal demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*B. Wright*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

*Sq. Jesse B. Wright del*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hoelings & Bannard* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *22* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. L. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 315  
Before the District  
Commissioner in  
Citizenship in  
the Five  
Tribes

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Charles M. Burton

vs  
The Cherokee Nation

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Petition & Proofs

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Respectfully

John Watkins  
For Petitioner

Muscogee et

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Indian Territory  
Northern District

*Charles M. Burt*, of lawful age being duly sworn deposes  
and says that on the *8<sup>th</sup>* day of September 1896, I delivered a  
true copy of the attached petition and testimony to the honorable  
S. H. Hayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation at the town  
of Tahlequah in said Cherokee Nation.

*C. M. Burt*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *4* day of September  
1896.

*John H. Wright*

Notary Public.

To the Honorable the Dawes Commission on Citizenship in the Five Civilized Tribes  
in the Indian Territory:

Your petitioner, *Charles M. Burton* the undersigned, respectfully states that he is a *Cherokee* Indian by blood, and asks to be enrolled as a member of the *Cherokee* Nation of Indians in the Indian Territory. That he derives his said Indian blood from his grandfather, *James Bartlett Burton* who was a *Cherokee* Indian by blood, through *James Bartlett Burton jr*, the father of the applicant by direct lineal descent.

That the grandfather of the applicant *James Bartlett Burton* was a full blood *Cherokee* Indian and resided in *Tennessee* with the *Cherokee* Nation previous to their migration west and was a recognized member of the Nation.

Your petitioner states the above facts as the lawful grounds of his application for citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation, and prays that his claim may be fully investigated by your Honorable Commission and that he be adjudged to be a citizen of said *Cherokee* Nation of Indians and entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to said citizenship in accordance with the laws and treaties with said Nation of Indians.

My age is *45* years. My present address is *Merriwether Ind. Ter.*

My family consists of the following names of persons: My and children, as follows:

<i>Lezlie F. Burton</i>	aged <i>22</i> years.
<i>Bland Benham Burton</i>	aged <i>19</i> years.
<i>Pearly B. Burton</i>	aged <i>17</i> years.
<i>Robert Burton</i>	aged <i>12</i> years.
	aged _____ years.
	aged _____ years.
	aged _____ years.
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	aged _____ years.
	aged _____ years.

WITNESS my hand this *14* day of *July* 1896  
*Charles M. Burton*

*Indian Territory*  
*Merriwether Dist. Ind.*

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, *Charles M. Burton* to me known to be the petitioner in the above petition, who being by me first duly sworn, upon his oath says that he is the petitioner in the above petition, that he has read (or heard read) the said petition, and that the facts stated therein are true, and he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at *Merriwether Ind. Ter.*  
this *14* day of *July*, A.D. 1896.  
*John H. Kuyler*  
Notary Public



Indian Territory  
Northern District

C. N. Burton being duly sworn deposes and says:

That I am the same C. N. Burton who has made application for admission and recognition as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Indians in the Indian Territory in the annexed petition *and am a brother of John B. Burton, Mary Frances Lynn,* That heretofore in the year 1891 ~~xxxx~~ affiant made a similar application to the National Council of the Cherokee Nation which application has never been fully acted upon or determined by said Council. That in making such last named application, he filed certain affidavits and proofs in support of the same which are or should be on file with the records of said Cherokee Nation That he did not preserve copies of such proofs and has not been able to obtain the originals or copies thereof though he has demanded the same on two different occasions. That he has not had time to procure other evidence before filing this ~~xxxx~~ petition.

*Shank is submitted and attached in Burton's file were all made a part of the application for citizenship by*

Your Honorable Commission is therefore respectfully asked to notify and require the said Principal Chief and National Council of the Cherokee Nation to have and produce at the hearing of this case before your Honorable Commission all such proofs and evidence submitted by him in the case before said council.

*C. N. Burton*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August 1896.

Notary Public.

In the matter of the Claims of John B. Burton  
Moses Frances Lyman, Sarah E. Darnivant and  
Anderson Burton for citizenship in the Cherokee  
Nation.

State of Missouri  
County of Randolph

D. J. Stamper, of lawful age, being duly  
sworn, on his oath deposes and saith,

My name is D. J. Stamper. My age is  
67 years. I live in Clifton Hill  
in Randolph County Missouri and have  
lived in Randolph County 38 years.

I knew James W. Burton the grandfather  
of the above named applicants John B.  
Burton, Moses Frances Lyman, Sarah E. Darnivant  
and Anderson Burton. He died about 16  
years ago in this County. He was known  
and recognized by the people who knew  
him as a Cherokee Indian. I have  
known him many times and he  
always told me he was Cherokee  
Indian. I first knew him in the  
State of Kentucky in about the year  
1849 or 1850, and have known him since to  
the date of his death. His features  
showed his Indian blood very clearly.  
I have been judge of the County Court of  
this County. And further deposes and saith not.

D. J. Stamper

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
August 27<sup>th</sup> 1896. C. C. Alexander, J. P.

In the Matter of the Claims of  
John B. Burton, Mary Frances Lynn, Sarah  
E. Duvivent and Anderson Burton, for  
Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation,

State of Missouri;  
County of Randolph, ss

John B. Burton, Mary Frances Lynn,  
Sarah E. Duvivent and Anderson Burton,  
each being severally sworn, on their  
oaths depose and say,

We are the children of James B. Burton  
deceased, and our said father was the  
son of James W. Burton who was a  
Cherokee Indian: We were all born  
in Owen County Kentucky, and our  
father and grandfather were from Tennessee  
and moved from Tennessee to Kentucky,  
and in about 1866 we all moved from  
Kentucky to Randolph County Missouri;  
our father died in this County about six years  
ago, and our grandfather died about  
fourteen years ago in this, Randolph County,  
Missouri. We have all known from our  
earliest childhood that our said grandfather  
was a Cherokee Indian, and in this County  
in the neighborhood where our grandfather  
lived, it was generally known by the  
old settlers that our said grandfather was  
a Cherokee Indian: We mention the  
following citizens of Randolph County Missouri  
who knew our said grandfather in Kentucky  
prior to his removal to Missouri, to wit;

Sam Lott, Judge S. S. Stamper;  
Elijah Martin, Thomas Stamper and  
Dudley Jones.

And further deponents by me,

John O. Burton  
Mary Frances Lynn  
Sarah E. Dunivant  
Anderson Burton

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a  
Notary Public within and for Randolph County  
Missouri this August 26<sup>th</sup> 1896.

My term expires April 27<sup>th</sup> 1899,

William P. Cave  
Notary Public



In the matter of the Claims of  
John B. Burton, Mary Frances Lyman, Sarah  
E. Duvivert and Anderson Burton, for  
Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

State of Missouri  
County of Randolph Esq.

Elijah Martin of lawful age, being first duly  
sworn, on his oath deposes and saith:

My Name is Elijah Martin. My age is  
67 years. I live in Clifton Hill, Randolph  
County Missouri and have lived in Randolph County  
Mo. for 38 years. I knew James W.  
Burton the grand father of the above named  
John B. Burton, Mary Frances Lyman, Sarah  
E. Duvivert and Anderson Burton; I knew  
him in Kentucky before he came to  
Missouri. He was always known and  
recognized as a Cherokee Indian, and  
I have talked with him many times  
and he always told me he was Cherokee  
Indian. He came from Tennessee to  
Kentucky. His features showed very  
plainly his Indian blood.  
He has told me about living with  
the Cherokee Indians in Tennessee.  
and further deponent saith not.

Attest

J. W. Dawson s. Elijah Martin  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this August 27<sup>th</sup> 1896.

My term expires 15 January 1899

J. W. Dawson  
Notary Public

In the matter of the claims of  
John B. Bunton, Mary Frances Lyman  
Sarah E. Linnmont and Anderson Bunton, for  
citizenship in the Cherokee nation.

State of Missouri  
County of Randolph

Thomas Stamper, of lawful age, being  
first duly sworn, on his oath deposes and saith:  
My name is Thomas Stamper; my  
age is 53 years; I live in Clifton  
Twp. in Randolph Co. Mo. and have lived in  
Randolph County Mo. for 40 years;  
I knew James W. Bunton in his lifetime;  
He was the grandfather of the above named  
John B. Bunton, Mary Frances Lyman,  
Sarah E. Linnmont and Anderson Bunton;  
Said James W. Bunton died about 14  
years ago he came from Owen  
County Kentucky to this County about 1866;  
He was known and recognized by all  
who knew him as a Cherokee Indian;  
I have talked with him many times  
and he always told me that he was  
a Cherokee Indian; He came from  
Fayette to Kentucky; I knew him  
back in Kentucky and he was known in Kentucky  
as a Cherokee Indian; and further deposes and  
saith not.

T. B. Stamper

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
August 27-1896, the term expires 15 January 1899  
J. J. Stamper  
Notary Public

In the matter of the Claims of John B.  
Burton, Man Francis Lyman, Sarah E. Duvivert  
and Anderson Burton, for Citizenship  
in the Cherokee Nation.

State of Tennessee 3  
County of Randolph 3ss

Samuel Cobb of lawful age, being duly  
sworn in his oath depose and say,  
My name is Samuel Cobb; My age is  
45 years - live in Clifton Hill in  
Randolph County Tennessee; I knew  
James W. Burton Grandfather of the  
above named Claimants John B. Burton  
Man Francis Lyman, Sarah E. Duvivert  
and Anderson Burton; He lived near my  
home from about 1866 to the date of his  
death about 12 years ago. He was  
always known and recognized by the  
people as a Cherokee Indian; He  
was originally from Tennessee; I  
have talked with the said James W.  
Burton many times and he has often  
told me about being a member  
of the Cherokee tribe; He showed by  
his features very plainly that he was  
of Indian birth.

Samuel Cobb

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896

My term expires 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1899  
J. J. Stamp  
Notary Public

In the Matter of the Claims of John B.  
Benton, Mary Frances Lyman, Sarah E.  
Demivent and Anderson Benton, for  
Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation,

State of Missouri  
County of Randolph

Anderson Benton, of lawful age, being first  
duly sworn, on his oath deposes and saith;  
My name is Anderson Benton: My age is  
63 years: I live near Salisbury in  
Chariton County Missouri: I am an  
uncle of the above named John B. Benton,  
Mary Frances Lyman, Sarah E. Demivent  
and Anderson Benton; My father James  
W. Benton was the grandfather of the  
above named persons; My said father  
James W. Benton was a Cherokee  
Indian and he moved from Tennessee to  
Carter County Kentucky and lived there  
until about the year 1866 when he  
moved to Randolph County Missouri:  
I was born in the State of Tennessee  
and we lived among the Cherokee Indians  
in Tennessee until we moved to Kentucky,  
My father's family have been known, as far  
back as I can remember, as Cherokee  
Indians. My father deposes and saith that,

Wm. M. Holliman Secy. Anderson <sup>his</sup> Benton  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
August 26 1896: My term expires January 15 1899

J. A. Stampen  
Notary Public



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Nation's No. 668

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Chas. M. Burton*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Charles M. Burtan*

Nation's No. *663*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his answer to demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Jas. Barlett Burtan*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the census and rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory *as Atajim Thurf*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hunting Hastings & Pauline* Attorneys

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

*John L. Adair*  
day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. S. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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*Salona, Redbank*

*Cherokee Nation*

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## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

To the Honorable Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, Archibald S. McKennon, Thomas B. Cabaniss and Alexander B. Montgomery, United States Commissioners, authorized by an act of Congress of June 4th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation:

GENTLEMEN:—

The undersigned, your petitioner, *Solona J. Redburn*  
*Wm Smith* for and on behalf of *herself and*  
*William H. Redburn*

and heirs, this day make their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of the funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation by virtue of their Cherokee blood, and Petitioner state that *she is a Cherokee Indian* by blood, deriving the same from *Henry Smith who lived on Big Creek Cherokee County, North Carolina.*

whose name will be found on the authenticated rolls of the Cherokees by blood, taken in the years 18 *95-* the same to be submitted to your Honorable Commission for a full and complete investigation, and if found correct as stated, to be granted all the rights, privileges and immunities of other Cherokee citizens, and petitioner herewith files *her* proof in support of said claim, and respectfully awaits the time when *her* application shall be heard and tried.

*sent*

Respectfully submitted,

*Solona J. Redburn*

Enrollment of family, with relationship attached, as follows:

Names	Ages	Relationship
<i>William H. Redburn</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Henry Smith who lived on Big Creek in Cherokee County North Carolina</i>
<i>James H. Redburn</i>	<i>39</i>	

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set *my* hand this *29<sup>th</sup>* day of

*July*

1896.

*Solona J. Redburn*

United States of America Indian Chiefly Print, Vinita.

County of Indiana Territory SS

Selona Redburn after being duly sworn states on oath

that she is not a citizen of Cherokee Nation

and has the following children:

William F. Redburn

who were born her in the stock and are my children as set forth in my ap-  
plication to the Cherokee Nation

Witness  
J. S. Davenport  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29 day of July 1896.

J. S. Davenport  
Notary Public

I, J. S. Davenport do certify.

that Mrs. Selona J. Redburn  
creditable person and is entitled to full faith and credit before any of the courts of the  
state of United States

My commission expires Nov 8 1896. J. S. Davenport  
Notary Public



## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

To the Honorable Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, Archibald S. McKennon, Thomas B. Cabaniss and Alexander B. Montgomery, United States Commissioners, authorized by an act of Congress of June 4th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation:

GENTLEMEN:—

The undersigned, your petitioner, *James H. Redburn*  
for and on behalf of *himself*

and heirs, this day make their application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised roll of Cherokee Indians and of those entitled to share in the distribution of the funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation by virtue of their Cherokee blood, and Petitioner state that *he is a* Cherokee Indian by blood, deriving the same from *Henry Smith who lived on Big Creek Cherokee County North Carolina*

whose name will be found on the authenticated rolls of the Cherokees by blood, taken in the years 1833' the same to be submitted to your Honorable Commission for a full and complete investigation, and if found correct as stated, to be granted all the rights, privileges and immunities of other Cherokee citizens, and petitioner herewith files *his* proof in support of said claim, and respectfully awaits the time when *his* application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,

*James H. Redburn*

Enrollment of family, with relationship attached, as follows:

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
<i>Lula May Redburn</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Daughter</i>
<i>Charlie B. Redburn</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Son.</i>

*J.H.* IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set *my* hand this *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 1896.

*James H. Redburn*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Indian Territory,  
Northern District

*James H. Redburn*

of lawful age being duly sworn states that he knows  
the facts set forth in the above and foregoing application and that the same are true as  
he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 1896.

*James H. Redburn*

*James H. Redburn*  
Notary Public.

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My commission expires *Nov. 1, 1896*

James M. Redden  
Copy

State of United States of America Indian Chiefly Print, Vinita.

County of Indian Territory Smith.

Polona J. Redburn after being duly sworn states on oath  
that he is 61 years of age, a resident and citizen of Cherokee Nation  
county and state aforesaid, residing in Vinita, I.T. and has the

following children to wit:  
William W. Redburn

who are his lawful wedlock and are my children as set forth in my ap-  
plication for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Witness

J. S. Doniphan

subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29 day of July 1896.

J. S. Doniphan  
Notary Public

I, J. S. Doniphan do certify.

that Mr. Polona J. Redburn  
creditable person and is entitled to full faith and credit before any of the courts of the  
state of United States

J. S. Doniphan

My commission expires Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1896 M. P.



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REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at

Registered <sup>Letter</sup> Parcel No. 468 Rec'd . . . 189 . . . 6.

of *Ch Taylor*

addressed to *J. H. Mayes  
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*James P. Redburn* and of the affidavits of  
and . . . in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this *7* day of *Sept* 1896.  
*my Comm expires June 7 1897* *W. B. Bell*

Attach receipt to this affidavit and send with papers to the Commission at Vinita, Indian Territory. This takes the place of the former instructions, as we understand that packages are not promptly received for by the Chiefs and Governors.

For the Commission.

**Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.**

VINITA, IND. TER., *Sept 7* 1896.

See that you swear to your Petition.

Evidence of service of copies on the Chief or Governor may be secured as follows: If convenient get his receipt to file with your papers. If you cannot do this, register to him, and have some disinterested person to make affidavit in form about as follows:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at \_\_\_\_\_ addressed to \_\_\_\_\_ Governor or Chief of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter., that registry receipt, No. *467*, received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of *James Redburn* and of the affidavits of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this *7* day of *Sept* 1896.  
*my Comm expires June 7, 1897* - *CB Bell*

Attach receipt to this affidavit and send with papers to the Commission at Vinita, Indian Territory. This takes the place of the former instructions, as we understand that packages are not promptly received for by the Chiefs and Governors.

For the Commission.

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Nation's No. 3940

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Jammoth Redknee*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of

*James H. Redburn*

Nation's No.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the ground he thereon says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to be maintained in the same.

2nd. That the application does not show facts sufficient, in fact, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent notwithstanding his demur in this matter, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*the Ancestors* through whom the petitioner claim to derive *a* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not true, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authentic rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Paulsich* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

day of *Oct.*

1896.

*D. J. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 240367

IN THE MATTER OF

Mary King

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

in the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
H. M. J. Roway  
C. H.

Rejected

Joseph P. Muller



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of Sept 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Samuel Mayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation Tullegwah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 363 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Mary King and of the affidavits of Polly Lewis and Mary King in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of September 1896. State Ark. County Etowah Vester Muller Thos. A. Eastman My Commission expires Feb. 14 1900. Notary Public

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.**

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHEBOLD S. HARRISON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.  
Gentlemen:--

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of herself and her children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of lands and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which her claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is Mary King; that she is 21 years of age; that her post-office address is Vian, I. T. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Polly Goins, who is one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who is the daughter of the late Geo. Fields, who was born, and lived and died in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a half-blood Cherokee Indian, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That she intermarried with James King, and by such intermarriage there was born, and is now living, the herein below mentioned child. That said child is of Cherokee blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

**Affidavits of herself and Polly Goins**

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted, *Mary King*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Mary King	21	Mother and wife.
Willie F. King	2	son

Indian Territory, Wagon Mound District.  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the Wagon Mound Dist. I. T.  
Mary King who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as she verily believes.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896.  
W. H. Boyce  
Notary Public.  
My commission expires on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1898.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Mary King  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP OF THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory

COUNTY OF Northern

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Polly Goins who, after being by me duly sworn, states:

That she is 65 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Illinois Dist. and that she personally acquainted with Mary King who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Mary King is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood that she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, affiant, Polly Goins, who is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late Geo. Fields, who lived in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that the said Mary King intermarried with James King, and by such intermarriage there was born, and is now living, the child set forth in said Mary King's application. That said child is of Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Mary King for the past 21 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Mary King indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Mary King, he believes the said Mary King to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of August 1896.

Polly Goins  
J. B. Boyce  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Feb 10 1898

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Mary King  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory,  
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Mary King who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 21 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Illinois Dist. that she ~~is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.~~ is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Mary King is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Polly Goins, who is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late Geo. Fields who lived in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that she intermarried with James King, and by such intermarriage there was born, and is now living, the child mentioned in affiant's application. That said child is of Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she ~~is known to~~ is known to ~~the~~ the ~~public~~ public and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of ~~herself~~ herself indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Geo. Fields she believes ~~himself~~ herself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 189.....

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires.....

CHALLENGE UPON OATH.



Nation's No. 2921

Commission's No

In re Application of

*Mary King et al*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEP 21 1902

A. S. LINDSEY

— Clerk —

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Mary Kuy et al*

Nation's No. *2921*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds the following says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is an* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *George Fields*

through whom the petitioner *claim* to derive *their* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, was to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Respondent, for a further and complete defense to the aforesaid Application says: That, heretofore said applicant made application before a legally constituted Court, or Commission on citizenship, having jurisdiction over applications for readmission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation; That the said case was tried upon its merits; that upon a final hearing, judgment was duly given against the applicant and in favor of this Nation. A duly certified transcript of the aforesaid proceedings and judgment are annexed *in claim of Pally Kuy's Nation's No. 2925* ~~hereto~~ and made a part of this answer.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hocking Hutchings & Boardman* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

day of *the 1st* 1896.

*D. J. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No 2404

IN THE MATTER OF

608

Riley Goins

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

Cherokee

Nation, I. T.

filed 7 Sept 1896

Wm Snowway

CLK

Respectfully

Joseph B. Muller  
Att'y.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of September 1896 I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas addressed to Samuel Mayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tallequa Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 328 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Riley Goins and of the affidavits of Riley Goins and Riley Goins in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 4 day of Sept. 1896.  
Mr. P. S. [Signature] Notary Public.  
My Commission expires March 14 1900.

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.**

TO HON. HENRY L. DAVIS, FRANK A. STUBBS, ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER S. HODGSON, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:— The undersigned, your petitioner for and in behalf of himself and his children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed a share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, and grounds upon which his claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That his name is Riley Goins; that he is 38 years of age; that his post-office address is Campbell, I. T. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Polly Goins, who is one-fourth Cherokee by blood, and who is the daughter of the late George Fields, who was born, and resided and died in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

And in support of said claim your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavits of himself and Polly Goins.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

Riley Goins  
Applicant.

NAMES	AGES	RELATIONSHIP.

Indian Territory, District of North Carolina.  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the North Carolina District, Riley Goins, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of August, 1898.  
My commission expires on the 1st day of March, 1898.  
Walter D. Boyd  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF James Riley Goins
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory,
COUNTY OF Northern Division

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared James Riley Goins who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 28 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Illinois Dist. and that he is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Polly Goins, with whom he has been raised, and affiant knows that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Polly Goins indicate that she is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That the said Polly Goins is the daughter of the late Geo. Fields. Affiant has been taught, from his earliest infancy, by his mother, and by others who knew the said Geo. Fields, during his life-time, that the said Geo. Fields lived and died in the old Cherokee nation, now the State of Tenn., that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language, that he was a half-blood Cherokee Indian, and that he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states: That he knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of himself indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Geo. Fields, he believes himself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 189

My Commission expires



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF JAMES RILEY GOINS  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION

STATE OF Indian Territory )  
COUNTY OF Northern Div. ) SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Polly Goins who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 65 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Illinois Dist. and that she is personally acquainted with James Riley Goins who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said James Riley Goins is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, affiant, Polly Goins, who is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late Geo. Fields, who lived in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said James Riley Goins for the past 28 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said James Riley Goins indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said James R. Goins she believes the said James Riley Goins to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Walter J. ...  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of August 1898  
Polly Goins  
W. J. ...

My Commission expires 21<sup>st</sup> 10 1898

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Nation's No. *2720*

Commission's No

In re Application of

*Oliver Coles -*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 28 1904

A. S. J. HENRY

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*Riley Gann*

Nation's No. *2920*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient to show that the applicant *is an* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *George Field*

through whom the petitioner *is* claim to derive *their* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Respondent, for a farther and complete defense to the aforesaid Application says: That, heretofore said applicant made application before a legally constituted Court, or Commission on citizenship, having jurisdiction over applications for readmission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation; That the said case was tried upon its merits; that upon a final hearing judgment was duly given against the applicant and in favor of this Nation. A duly certified transcript of the aforesaid proceedings and *to the claim of Riley Gann Nation No 2920* judgment are annexed ~~hereto~~ and made a part of this answer.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Haskins Hutchings & Bond* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

*2* day of *Sept* 189*5*

*D. L. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



609

No. 2401

IN THE MATTER OF

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*Elick Gomis*

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

in the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 7 Sept 1896*  
*H. M. Jacobson*  
*CLK*

*Rejected*

*Joseph R. Mullen*  
*[Signature]*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullin, do solemnly swear that on the 4  
day of Sept, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fleming  
Assanow addressed to Samuel Mayo  
~~Governor~~ Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tallegiah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 363 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Elisha Gorin and of the  
affidavits of Polly Gorin and Elisha Gorin  
in support of same. Vester Mullin

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of Sept, 1896.

State Ark  
Count, Sebastian

Geo. W. Nathan Notary Public  
My Commission expires March 14-1900.

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.**

TO HON. HENRY L. DAVIS, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CARAWAY and ALEXANDER B. HENNING, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 20th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—  
The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of himself and his children, hereby makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which his claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That his name is Elisha Goins; that he is 34 years of age; that his postoffice address is Vian, I. T. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Polly Goins, who is one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who is the daughter of ~~the late~~ Geo. Fields, who was born, and raised, and died in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that he intermarried with Francis \_\_\_\_\_, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living, three herein below mentioned children. That said children are of Cherokee blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

**Affidavits of himself and Polly Goins.**

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Elisha Goins  
Applicant.

NAME	AGES	RELATIONSHIP
Elisha Goins (applicant)	34	Husband and father
Oscar Goins	6	son
Ward Goins	2	

Elisha Goins Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the State of Oklahoma, who after being duly sworn, makes that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18 day of August, 1896.  
My commission expires on the 10 day of Nov, 1899.

E. J. Boyel  
Notary Public.  
DALLAS, OKLAHOMA.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Elisha Goins
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory
COUNTY OF Northern Tex.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Elisha Goins who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 24 years of age and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist and that he is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Polly Goins, with whom he has been raised, and affiant knows that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Polly Goins indicate that she is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. Affiant further states that the said Polly Goins is the daughter of the late Geo. Fields. Affiant has been taught by his mother, and by others who knew the said Geo. Fields during his life, from his earliest infancy, that the said Geo. Fields was born, and lived and died in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and that he was a half-blood Cherokee, and that he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that he intermarried with Francis [redacted], and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living the children mentioned in affiant's application. That his said children are of Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states that [redacted] has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of [redacted] himself indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Geo. Fields he believes [redacted] himself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [redacted] day of [redacted] 189 [redacted]

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires [redacted]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Elisha Goins  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Ind. Ter.  
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Polly Goins who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 67 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that she is personally acquainted with Elisha Goins who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Elisha Goins is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, affiant, viz, Polly Goins, who is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late Geo. Fields, who lived in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that the said Elisha Goins intermarried with Francis \_\_\_\_\_, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the children set forth in the application of the said Elisha Goins. That said children are of Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she has known the said Elisha Goins for the past 9 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Elisha Goins indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Elisha Goins she believes the said Elisha Goins to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of Aug 1897

My Commission expires 1st Dec 1898

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Nation's No. *2724*  
Commission's No  
In re Application of

*Robert Louis Taylor*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Elisha Gains*

Nation's No. *2924*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent, not denying his demurrals, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *George Field*

through whom the petitioner *is* claim to derive *this* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, viz. to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the rolls or records of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Respondent, for further and complete defense to the aforesaid Application says: That, heretofore said applicant made application before a legally constituted Court, or Commission on citizenship, having jurisdiction over applications for readmission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation; That the said case was tried upon its merits; that upon a final hearing, judgment was duly given against the applicant and in favor of this Nation. A duly certified transcript of the aforesaid proceedings *to the Commission of Public Affairs - Volume No. 2924* and judgment are annexed ~~hereto~~ and made a part of this answer.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings & Davis* - Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *29th* day of *Sept*, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

610

No. 2402

IN THE MATTER OF

**610**

*Adam Kaine*

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 7 Sept 1896*  
*H. M. Snowman*  
*cc*

*Repealed*

*Joseph R. Muller*  
*[Signature]*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of September 1896 I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Samuel May Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tulleguak Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 312 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Adam Gouis and of the affidavits of John Gouis and Adam Gouis in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of Sept 1896

State Ark.  
County Sebastian

Vester Mullen  
Notary Public

My Com. expires March 14 1900.



**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.**

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CARANUS and ALEXANDER E. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1898, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—  
The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of himself and his children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That his name is Adam Goins; that he is 24 years of age; that his post-office address is Sampbell, I T. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood that he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Polly Goins, who is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and is the daughter of the late Geo. Fields, who was born, and raised and died in the old Cherokee Nation, now the state of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavits of himself and Polly Goins.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Adam Goins*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
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Indian Territory, Sevier District.  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the Indian Territory - Sevier District, Adam Goins and aforsaid who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1898.  
My commission expires on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 1898.

*W. A. Bayle*  
Notary Public.

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.**

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF **ADAM GOINS**  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE **CHEROKEE** NATION.

STATE OF **Indian Territory**,  
COUNTY OF **Northwestern**.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared **Polly Goins** who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That **she** is **65** years of age, and a resident of the State of **Cherokee Nation** and County of **Illinois Dist.** and that **she** is personally acquainted with **Adam Goins** who is an applicant for citizenship in the **Cherokee** Nation. Affiant further states:  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Adam Goins is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, affiant, Polly Goins, who is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late George Fields, who lived and died in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee Indian by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states: That **she** has known the said **Adam Goins** for the past **24** years, and knows that **he** has been and is recognized by **his** neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having **Cherokee** Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said **Adam Goins** indicate that **he** is of **Cherokee** Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said **Geo. Fields** **she** believes the said **Adam Goins** to be a descendant by blood of the **Cherokee** Indian tribe.

*Polly X. Goins*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this **8** day of **August** 189**6**.  
*J. P. Brown*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My Commission expires **Nov. 10, 1898**.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Adam Goins
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Adam Goins who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 24 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Illinois Dist. and that he is ~~formerly a resident of~~ who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Polly Goins, his mother, with whom he has been raised. Affiant knows that their complexion and physical appearance of the said Polly Goins indicate that she is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That the said Polly Goins is the daughter of the late Geo. Fields. Affiant has been taught by his mother, and by others who knew the said Geo. Fields during his life-time, from his earliest infancy, that the said Geo. Fields was born, and lived and died in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language, that he was a half-blood Cherokee, that he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states: That he ~~knows the said~~ he for ~~the past~~ years knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of ~~himself~~ himself indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Geo. Fields ~~he~~ he believes ~~the said~~ himself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 189.....

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires.....

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Nation's No. 2923

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Adam Combs*  
*etal*

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Adelene Bann et al*

Nation's No. 2923

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not contain sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *can* be entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *George Fields*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive *their* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Respondent, for a further and complete defense to the aforesaid Application says: That, heretofore said applicant made application before a legally constituted Court, or Commission on citizenship, having jurisdiction over applications for readmission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation; That the said case was tried upon its merits; that upon a final hearing, judgment was duly given against the applicant and in favor of this Nation. A duly certified transcript of the aforesaid proceedings and judgment are annexed *to the claim of Pally Bann - Nation No. 2923* and made a part of this answer.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hatchings, Haskins & Bond* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No 2405

IN THE MATTER OF

Geo Goine

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, I T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896  
1871 Broadway  
C.R.

Joseph Mueller  
C.R.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Veter Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4  
day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Samuel Mayes  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tulloguah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 363 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of George Louis and of the  
affidavits of George Louis and Veter Muller  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of Sept, 1896.  
State Ark.  
County Sebastian John A. Smith Notary Public  
My Commission expires March 14 1900.



No. ....

**Application of**

..... Et Al.

—FOR—

Enrollment in ..... Nation.

Filed on the ..... day of ..... 189...

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Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

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Attorney for Petitioner.

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DALLAS: BIRD PONT.



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and..... be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges  
and immunities of other..... Indians, in and to the..... Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

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Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner..... says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

*George H. Gams*  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 27 day of July 1896.

*B. Brewer*  
Notary Public

*learned in - 4 pages Feb 1898*

**Application of**

No.....

..... Et AL.

FOR

Enrollment in..... Nation.

Filed on the..... day of..... 189.....

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF GEORGE GOINS
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE CHEROKEE NATION.
STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SEYMOUR

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared George Goins who, being by me duly sworn states:
That he is 34 years of age, a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Seymour and that he is personally acquainted with James Goins who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That his present office address is Campbell, I. T. that he is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and is at least 1/4 Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his father and mother that his father, Nathan Goins was the son of the late James Goins, who lived in the Old Cherokee Nation, in the state of Tenn. and who was a half blood Cherokee Indian and was a citizen of the Old Cherokee Indian Nation, and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and his mother the late Mary McGill, who was a half-breed Cherokee Indian and who was the daughter of Hannah Big Dollar, who was a full blood Cherokee Indian and a citizen of the Old Cherokee Nation, and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and was born in the state of Tennessee, and lived in the state of Tennessee.

Affiant further says that he is intermarried with Alice Weems a white woman and that by such marriage the children mentioned in affiant's application were born and are now living and that the said children are admixtures of white and Cherokee blood and are at least 1/8 Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said James Goins for the past 10 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said George Goins indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said James Goins & Hannah Big Dollar he believes the said himself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22th day of Aug. 1898.
B. B. Rumer
NOTARY PUBLIC.
My commission expires Feb. 1899.

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Nation's No. 2722

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*George Louis Stal*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*George Sam Hill*

Nation's No. *2922*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and de nures the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient to show that the applicant *Sam* is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not wishing his name to be mentioned in this case upon the same for answer to said application, says that *James Sam*

is not the person who claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, since he has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, and the territory thereof is not so defined; that his name does not appear on any of the rolls of citizens of said Nation, that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Respondent, for a better and complete defense to the aforesaid Application says: That, heretofore said applicant made application to a legally constituted Court, or Commission on citizenship, having jurisdiction over applications for readmission into citizenship to the Cherokee Nation; That the said case was tried upon its merits; that upon a final hearing, judgment was duly given against the applicant and in favor of this Nation. A duly certified transcript of the aforesaid proceedings and judgment are annexed *to claim of Gally James Williams No. 2725* and made a part of this answer.

Having fully answered your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Walter Ketchum - Rowland* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

day of *July*, 1896

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No 2535

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IN THE MATTER OF

*Clara Wells*

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

*Cheney*  
In the Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Spt 1896  
H. M. Jackson  
Clerk

*Receipt*

*Joseph R. Martin*  
*[Signature]*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Victor Muller do solemnly swear that on the 5  
day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Post Office  
Arkansas addressed to Hon. Samuel Mayes  
~~Governor or Chief of the~~ Cherokee Nation, Sahleguah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 271 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Charles Wells and of the  
affidavits of Nathan Low and Victor Muller  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian Thos. A. Eastman Notary Public  
My Com. expires March 14 1900.



No.....

**Application of**

..... Et Al.

—FOR—

Enrollment in..... Nation.

Filed on the..... day of..... 189...

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Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

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Attorney for Petitioner.

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GALLEGUE & CO. PRINT.

## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

Clara Wells, ..... Et Al. 21  
 PETITIONER.

VS. APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.  
 RESPONDENT.

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner Clara Wells states that James Goins & Hannah Big Dollar was a Cherokee Indian by blood: was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in the Cherokee Nation and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and annuities of other Cherokee Indians by blood in the said Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said James Goins & Hannah Big Dollar appears, or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Cherokee Indians for the year.....

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said James Goins & Hannah Big Dollar... to-wit:

That her post office address is Gambel, E. T. that she is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and is at least 1/4 Cherokee blood, that she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, John Goins, who was the son of Nathan Goins and Mary Goins and that said Nathan Goins was an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and at least 1/4 Cherokee blood, and that the said Mary Goins was an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and was at least 1/2 Cherokee blood, that the said Nathan Goins was the son of James Goins a Cherokee Indian by blood and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and that the said Mary Goins had a name was Big Dollar and she was the daughter of the late Hannah Big Dollar, who was a full blood Cherokee Indian and a citizen of the Cherokee Indian tribe and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Applicant further says that she intermarried with Emmett Wells, a white man.

Applicant further says that she has a brother and a sister that are minors, that she would like be enrolled with her.

That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other Cherokee Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner..... persons, as follows, to-wit:

John Willis Goins	, a	, and	14	years of age
Mudie Goins	, a	, and	8	years of age
	, a	, and		years of age
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Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that..... name, with those of

.....said descendants, to-wit:.....  
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and.....be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits privileges  
and immunities of other.....Indians, in and to the.....Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

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Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner.....says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

*Michaela Mulla*.....  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *10* day of *Aug*.....189*6*.

*W. J. Turner*.....

Notary Public

*Do not record - paid Feb 1898*

No.....

**Application of**

..... Et Al.

FOR.....

Enrollment in..... Nation.

Filed on the..... day of..... 189.....

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

SECTION 504 PART 1

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Ms Clara Wells  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory,  
COUNTY OF .....

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Nathan Goins, who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is ... years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Ill. Dist., and that he is personally acquainted with Clara Wells, who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Clara Wells is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, the late John Goins, who was the son of this affiant Nathan Goins, who is the son of the late James Goins, with whom affiant was partly raised, and he knows that the said James Goins lived in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and that he was a half-blood Cherokee; that he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians; also Mary McGill, the wife of this affiant, who was the mother of the said John Goins, was also a half-blood Cherokee, and was the daughter of the late Hannah Big Dollar, who, as affiant verily believes, was a Cherokee by blood, who lived and died in what is now the State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation, and the husband of whom Big Dollar was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant knows that the said Clara Wells is the identical person that she represents herself to be in her application for Cherokee citizenship; and that she is a direct lineal descendant of the late James Goins and Hannah Big Dollar Cherokee Indian family; and that the said Clara Wells is rightfully entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Clara Wells for the past ... years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Clara Wells indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Clara Wells, he believes the said Clara Wells to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Nathan X Goins  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of Jan, 1896.  
H. V. Embury  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My Commission expires Jan 1900.

BALLBOW STAR POINT.

Nation's No. 2842

Commission's No.

In re Application of

Chara Mills

**Demurrer and Answer.**



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*Clara Mills*

Nation's No. *2842*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear.

2nd. That the applicant does not show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiting his answer to the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

*James Jones*  
claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, as the Indian Territory is now present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation, that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation or Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

*Age one James Jones et al*  
*Notions No. 882*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be heard dismissed.

H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Harting & Bondman* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.  
*S. B. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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**End**

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No 2406

IN THE MATTER OF

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*Sherman Hoim*

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 7 Sept 1896*  
*Wm J. Gray*  
*clerk*

*Repealed*

*Joseph R. Muller*  
*[Signature]*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4  
day of September 1896. I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith,  
Arkansas - addressed to Samuel Mayes  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 263 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Thomas Goris and of the  
affidavits of Polly Goris and Herman Goris  
in support of same. Vester Muller

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of Sept 1896.

State Ark.  
County Sebastian

Mr. A. Smith Nobay Lubin  
My Com. expires Feb. 1900.



## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—  
The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of himself and his children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which his claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

that his name is Sherman Goins; that he is 30 years of age; that his post-office address is Campbell, L. T. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Polly Goins, who is one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who is the daughter of the late Geo. Fields who was born, raised and died in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavits of himself and Polly Goins.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Sherman Goins*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.

Indian Territory, Nathan District.  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the Nathan District 27  
Sherman Goins who after being  
duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 8 day of August 1898  
My commission expires on the 6 day of Nov 1898  
*W. J. Boyd*  
Notary Public.  
COLLIER'S STAR PRINT.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Sherman Goins  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory  
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Sherman Goins who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 24 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Illinois Dist. and that he ~~is personally acquainted with~~ he is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Polly Goins, with whom he has been raised, and affiant knows that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Polly Goins indicate that she is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That the said Polly Goins is the daughter of the late Geo. Fields. Affiant has been taught by his mother, and by others who knew the said Geo. Fields during his life-time, from his earliest infancy, that the said Geo. Fields was born, lived and died in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and that he was a half-blood Cherokee, and that he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states: That ~~he~~ he ~~has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said~~ he ~~indicate that he~~ is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Geo. Fields ~~he believes that~~ he ~~to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.~~

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....day of..... 189.....

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires.....

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Nation's No. 2919

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Human Genome*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

U. S. DISTRICT COURT

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Before the Honorable: Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Samuel Case*

Nation's No. *2919*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your petitioners, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, come forward and claim the said applicant as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

1st. That said commission has jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right is involved in the same.

2nd. That the said applicant is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, it being true, to show that the applicant *Sam* is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent, *George F. Wells*, appearing upon the same for answer to said application, says that

the said applicant is not a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since he has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since that time, and that he is not a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever resided, in the Cherokee Nation, or Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Respondent also says that in the case of the aforesaid Application says: That, heretofore said applicant has been tried in a regular constituted Court, or Commission on citizenship, having jurisdiction over the same, and citizenship in the Cherokee Nation; That the said case was tried upon its merits, and upon the hearing, judgment was duly given against the applicant and in favor of the claim of *Pally*, being *William No-2925* and made a part of the proceedings and judgment are annexed ~~hereto~~ and made a part of this report.

Having no other objection to the said case to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

*Richard Hutchings & Rowland* Attorneys.

John L. Adams, Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. [Signature]*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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No. 4057  
C. J. ...  
E. S. ...  
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Filed 9 Sept 1896  
H. M. ...  
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Report  
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REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at *Decorah, Iowa* No. *1234*  
Registered <sup>Letter</sup> Parcel No. *1234* Rec'd *1234*, 189*9*  
of *W. E. Moore*  
addressed to *John B. May*  
*Decorah, Iowa*  
*1234*, P. M.  
*1234*

I, ..... of the County of ..... State of .....  
do hereby certify that on the 7th day of September, 1886 I saw .....  
registered at the office of the  
Registrar of the County of ..... State of .....  
and that the same is now in the possession of  
.....  
and that the same is now in the possession of  
.....  
and that the same is now in the possession of  
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and that the same is now in the possession of  
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.....

Witness my hand and seal to the above, on this 7th day of Sept.

.....  
William E. Meek  
Notary Public

April 10 1861  
Evan Reed  
at the residence of  
his father's house

April 10 1861  
Evan Reed

April 10 1861  
Evan Reed

State of Missouri )  
                          ) ss.  
County of Henry.

Be it remembered, that on this 30th day of September A.D. 1896. Personally appeared before me a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Albert Dunning who is a reliable and creditable citizen of the County of Henry State of Missouri, after ~~XXX~~ being duly sworn according to law, deposed and says that he is a resident of the County of Henry State of Missouri; that his age is 58 years; that his occupation that of a farmer; that his PostOffice is Deepwater, Henry County, Missouri; that he is personally and well acquainted with Anna Read who came to this Henry County from Tennessee and died here; that he is personally and well acquainted with Ella Read who is a daughter of ~~W.A. Read~~ <sup>the Grand daughter of</sup> Anna Read of Tennessee, deceased. Affiant makes this his own statement from his own personal knowledge and acquaintance with the family.

*Albert Dunning*

Subscribed to and sworn before me a Notary Public, This 30th day of September A.D. 1896. by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant and acquainted him with the contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me that he is creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides

Witness my hand and official seal this 30th day of Sept. 1896.

*My term expires 1898*

*William E. Moore*  
Notary Public  
Henry County Mo

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Nation's No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_  
In re Application of

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
[Name] [Address]

Nation's No. [Number]  
Commission's No. [Number]

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the reasons therein says:

- 1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to determine the same.
- 2nd. That the applicant's Petition is insufficient, if true, to show that the applicants are  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent by exhibiting a copy of said Petition, and assisting upon the same for answer to said applica-  
tion, says that

[Name] through whom the petitioner<sup>s</sup> claim to derive their right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By

Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

26 day of Sept. 1896.

D. J. Bull

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No 2407

IN THE MATTER OF

*Polly Jones*

**PETITION AND MEMORIAL**

..FOR..

**CITIZENSHIP**

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed 7 Sept 1896*  
*H M Jreowon*  
*clerk*

*Joseph P. Miller -*  
*Atty.*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullin, do solemnly swear that on the 4th day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Samuel Mayo Cherokee Nation, Talleguona Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 363 received from postmaster, hereto attached, as a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Polly Lewis and of the affidavits of Thomas J. Taylor and Polly Lewis in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4th day of Sept, 1896.  
State Ark  
County Washita  
Vester Mullin  
Notary Public  
My Comm. expires March 14 1900



## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1898, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—  
The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which \_\_\_\_\_ claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

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And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Wm. H. ...*  
*Wm. H. ...* Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.

Indian Territory, \_\_\_\_\_ District.  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true and he verily believes.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1898.  
My commission expires on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1898.

*Wm. H. ...*  
*Wm. H. ...*  
Notary Public.

A F F I D A V I T .

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DIVISION.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Notary Public on the Northern Division of the United States Court, in the Indian Territory Thos. J. Taylor, who after being duly sworn states that he is 77 years of age that his post office address is Sallisaw, I. T. that I am a Cherokee Indian by blood, that I resided in East Tennessee, from 1821 up and until 1864, when I left East Tenn. and I came West.

Affiant further says that he was personally acquainted with Polly Goins, and that she was at least 1/2 Cherokee blood, I first became acquainted with said Polly in Hamilton, about 1835 or 1840 I was about 17 years of age, that Polly Goins intermarried with a white man about 1838, shortly after they married they moved away from that part of the Country about 1840 or 1842 about that time we had frequent meetings, I was first lieutenant, that the call was made about four times a year and that he served in that capacity for about 15 years there was a goodly number of the 5-1/2-1/2's all white Cherokees and later to each other, I know Nancy's line James and Matt. Goins and several others of the Goins family all of whom were recognized as Cherokee Indians by law.

Affiant further says that he has no interest in the result of the case that was.

- Thomas J. Taylor  
Notary Public,

1899

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Feb 1899

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF ... FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE ... NATION.

STATE OF ... COUNTY OF ...

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared ... who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That ... is ... years of age, and a resident of the State of ... and County of ... and that ... is personally acquainted with ... who is an applicant for citizenship in the ... Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

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Officer further states that she has been trying to obtain her rights to Cherokee Indian citizenship for the past 18 years and has made repeated applications to the Cherokee authorities who have failed to act.

Affiant further states: That ... has known the said ... for ... years, and knows that ... has been and is recognized by ... neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having ... Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said ... indicate that ... is of ... Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said ... he believes the said ... to be a descendant by blood of the ... Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ... day of ... 1896. My Commission expires ...

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AFFIDAVIT.

*Polly Goins et al*

Nation's No 2935

CHEROKEE NATION.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned *W. H. Mayre* Notary

*Ex Lucy*

who being sworn states that *we* know

the reputation of *Walt Christie, Jim Stiles, St. Louis, Anne*  
*Wade and J. Taylor* for truth and veracity in the neighborhood where they reside; that it is bad; that *they are*

known as "Standing Witnesses" in Citizenship cases; and that affiant would not believe them under oath.

*W. H. Mayre*  
*J. W. Holdings*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29

day of *Sept*, 1896.

Notary Public.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF  
CHEROKEE NATION.

I, John L. Adair, Executive Secretary of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original record in this Department, and that the same are correct transcripts and copies therefrom.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the Great Seal of said Cherokee Nation, at Tablequah, this, the  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
Executive Secretary



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October 11, 1957.  
 S. F. ...

Packet No.	Name	A.S.	P.S. Office	Att.
1	Polk Jones		Wash. D.C. I.I.	
2	Riley Jones			
3	Walter Jones			A.S. I.V.
4	Samuel Jones			
5	Anna G. Jones			
6	Walter H. Jones		A. ...	
7	...		...	
8	Charles Jones		Arrestor	
9	...		...	

On the basis of the evidence presented in the above case for a final order. A ... between the Attorney for Plaintiff ... the evidence ... and submitted in ... Commission on Citizenship ... a careful ... of the testimony and having also examined ... in ... the case in a ... order. And the evidence ... applicant ... therefore declare that the above ... and not entitled to any of the rights of ... Citizens.

J. L. Adams, Chairman Com.  
 D. W. Linn, Commissioner.

Admission of ...  
Internal ...

INTERNAL DEPARTMENT,  
SHEROKEE NATION, SHEROKEE TERRITORY.  
October 15, 1905.

... this 15th day of October, 1905,  
... Two hundred and Sixty-seven col-  
lars and fifty cents ... in law-  
ful money of the United States, ... to accept on said in-  
provements, ... and No. 15  
of ... and ... of Act  
of Congress, ... 1905.

WITNESSES:

E. M. ...

...

C. E. Starr,

... Cherokee Nation.

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Writon's No. 2920

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Paula Louise Stas*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

*Per*

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Abaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of *Polly Lewis*

Nation's No. *2720*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds that:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application was not made in due time, to show that the applicant *Sam* is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent notwithstanding said demur, consisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that: *George Fields*

That the petitioner's claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not valid, as he has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, and that the territory is at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the rolls of citizens of said Nation, that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Respondent, for further and complete answer to the aforesaid Application says: That, heretofore said applicant made application before a Justice of the Peace, or Court, or Commission on citizenship, having jurisdiction over applications for readmission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation; That the said case was tried upon its merits; that upon final judgment was duly given against the applicant and in favor of this Nation. A duly certified transcript of the aforesaid proceedings and judgment are annexed hereto and made a part of this answer.

*That applicant was adjudged an intruder on the Public Domain of the Cherokee under the act of Congress approved March 3/43, in provisions approved of the amendment June 2nd 1850 and the same is now in the possession of the Cherokee Nation subject to the acceptance of applicant.*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Has King Hutchings & Rowland* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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No 3051  
IN THE MATTER OF

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Petition and Memorial

FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, I. T.

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

*Referred*

*Josephine  
Terry*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 6 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas addressed to Samuel Mayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tulleguak Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 389 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Samuel James Henson and of the affidavits of Martin Childs and Samuel James Henson in support of same. Vester Mullen

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 6 day of September 1896.  
Wm. A. Eastman Notary Public.  
My Com. expires March 14 1900

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES. FRANK C. ARMSTRONG. ARCHIBALD S. McKENNON. THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY. United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—  
The undersigned, your petitioner, for and on behalf of herself  
and her children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which her claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That her name is Sarah Jane Hinson; that she is 23 years of age; that her maiden name is Fields; that her post-office address is Sallisaw, I. T. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, Martin Fields, who is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and who is the son of the late Geo. Fields, who was born, lived and died in what is now the State of Tenn., then the old Cherokee Nation, and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That petitioner intermarried with James Henson, and by such intermarriage the herein below mentioned were born, and are now living, That said children are of Cherokee blood.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

### Affidavits of herself and Martin Fields.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Sarah Jane Hinson*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Sarah Jane Hinson	23	mother and wife.
Troy Fields	3	son
Chas.	1	"

Indian Territory,  
Notary Public.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the Notary district of Sevier and aforesaid Sarah Jane Hinson who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 3 day of Sept, 1896.

My commission expires on the 31 day of Sept, 1896.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public.  
CALLISON STAR PRINT.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Sarah Jane Hinson
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Ind. Ter. )
COUNTY OF Northern Div. ) ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Martin Fields who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 52 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with Sarah Jane Hinson who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That the said Mary Jane Hinson is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from affiant, her father, who is an application of white and Cherokee blood, and who is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That the said Martin Fields, affiant, derives his Cherokee blood from his father, the late Geo. Fields, who lived in the old Cherokee country, now the State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a member Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further states that she intermarried with James Hinson, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the children set forth in the application of the said Sarah Jane Hinson. That said children are of Cherokee Indian blood.

Affiant further states: That she knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of herself indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Geo. Fields he believes herself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Martin Fields

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of Aug 1896

B. B. Brown
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Feb 1899

SMITH & BROS. PRINT.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Sarah Jane Hinson
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Tenn.
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Sarah Jane Hinson who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 24 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that she is personally acquainted with who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her father, Martin Fields, with whom affiant has been raised, and affiant knows that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Martin Fields indicate that he is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That the said Martin Fields is the son of the late Geo. Fields; affiant has been taught by her relatives and by others who knew the said Geo. Fields during his life-time that his complexion and pyhsical appearance indicated that he was at least one-half blood Cherokee Indian. That he lived in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn. That he spoke the Cherokee Indian language; that he was a Cherokee by blood, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. That affiant intermarried with James Hinson, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living the children mentioned in affiant's application. That said children are of Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That she knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of herself indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Geo. Fields he believes herself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Sarah Jane Hinson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of Aug 1896

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Feb 18 1899

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Nation No. 2765

Commission No.

In re Application of

Co. of L. B. Co.  
D. et al.

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*Borah J. K...*

Nation's No. *9700*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the following reasons:

- 1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction of the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to entertain the same.
- 2nd. That the evidence submitted is insufficient to show that the applicant *is*  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent now, being *John L. Adair* assisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

*John L. Adair* although upon the petitioner's claim to derive *her* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, has never been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered the respondent's demurs, it is hereby dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *John L. Adair & Pauline* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No 3062  
IN THE MATTER OF

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Petition and Memorial

FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, I. T.

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*[Faint handwritten signature]*  
*[Faint handwritten signature]*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Samuel Mayes  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tullegwal Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 383 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of James R. Fields and of the  
affidavits of James R. Fields ~~Samuel Mayes~~ and Martin Fields  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1896.

Thos. A. Fatha Notary Public  
My Com. expires March 14 - 1900.

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen:—

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of **himself** ..... and ..... children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which ..... claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That his name is James R. Fields; that he is 23 years of age; that his post-office address is Gallisaw, I. T. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That, he derives his Cherokee blood from his father, Martin Fields, who is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, and is the son of the late Geo. Fields, who lived in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and who was a Cherokee by blood, and who was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

petitioner is a single man.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

**Affidavits of himself and Martin Fields.**

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted,

*James R. Fields*  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
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Indian Territory, *Northwestern* District.  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the *Northwestern* District, *Delaware* and aforesaid *James R. Fields* who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the *14* day of *Aug*, 1896.  
My commission expires on the *1st* day of *Feb*, 1899.

*B. B. Brewer*  
Notary Public.

CALLAGHAN STAR PRINT.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF **James R. Fields** FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE **Cherokee** NATION.

STATE OF **Ind. Ter** COUNTY OF **Northern Div.**

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared **Martin Fields** who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That **he** is **52** years of age, and a resident of the State of **Cherokee Nation** County of **Sequoyah Dist.** and that **he** is personally acquainted with **James R. Fields** who is an applicant for citizenship in the **Cherokee** Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That, the said **James R. Fields** is an admixture of white and **Cherokee**, and is at least one-eighth **Cherokee** blood. That he derives his **Cherokee** blood from his father, affiant, and who is an admixture of white and **Cherokee** blood, and who is at least one-fourth **Cherokee** blood. That the said **Martin Fields**, affiant, derives his **Cherokee** blood from his father, the late **Geo. Fields**, who lived in the old **Cherokee** country, now the State of **Tenn.**, and who spoke the **Cherokee** Indian language, and who was a **Cherokee** by blood, and a member of the **Cherokee** tribe of **Indians**.

Affiant further states: That **he** has known the said **James R. Fields** for the past **23** years, and knows that **he** has been and is recognized by **his** neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having **Cherokee** Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said **James R. Fields** indicate that **he** is of **Cherokee** Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said **James R. Fields** he believes the said **James R. Fields** to be a descendant by blood of the **Cherokee** Indian tribe.

*James R. Fields*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **11<sup>th</sup>** day of **Aug** 189**4**.

*J. B. Burren*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires **Jan 1. 8. 99**

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF James R. Fields FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Ind. Ter. COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared James R. Fields who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 22 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyah Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his father, Martin Fields, with whom affiant has been raised, and affiant knows that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Martin Fields indicate that he is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That the said Martin Fields is the son of the late Geo. Fields. Affiant has been taught by his relatives, and by others who knew the said Geo. Fields during his life-time that his complexion and physical appearance indicated that he was at least one-half blood Cherokee Indian; That he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and lived in the State of Tenn., then the old Cherokee Nation, and spoke the Cherokee Indian language.

Affiant further states: That he is personally acquainted with the said James R. Fields, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of himself indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Geo. Fields he believes himself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

James M. Child

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Aug 1896

J. J. Green

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires Feb 18 99



Patent No. 2768  
Commissioner's No.  
In re Application of

*James R. Fields et al*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 28 1896  
U.S. PATENT OFFICE

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*James R. Field*

Nation's No. 2768

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your petition, H. S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and

1st. That the petitioner is not a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and is not entitled to citizenship in the same.

2nd. That the petitioner is not a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and is not entitled to citizenship in the same.

Respondent says that *George Field*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive his right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, was removed from the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory.

**Respondent for a further and complete defense to the aforesaid Application says: That heretofore said applicant made application before a legally constituted Court or Commission on citizenship, having jurisdiction over applications for re-admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation; That the said case was tried upon its merits; that upon a full and final hearing judgment was duly given against the applicant and in favor of this Nation. A duly certified transcript of the aforesaid proceedings and judgment are annexed ~~hereto~~ <sup>to Martin Field's case Nation No. 2767</sup> and made a part of this answer.**

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Harling, Kuntelings & Sawin* Attorneys  
John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *10th* day of *July* 1896.  
*J. P. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

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William E. Howard

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the Nation, I. T.

Filed 9/9/96

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Register

Joseph R. Muller  
Att'y

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No. ....

**Application of**

..... Et AL.

—FOR—

Enrollment in ..... Nation.

Filed on the ..... day of ..... 189.....

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

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Attorney for Petitioner.

BALLBOW STAR PRINT.

## Application For Enrollment

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS OF THE SEVERAL TRIBES OF INDIANS  
**William E. House**

ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT.

Cherokee

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED COMMISSIONERS

Your petitioner **William E. House** ~~son of~~ **John L. Ewins & Thos. Ewin** was a **Cherokee** and was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in **in the old Cherokee Nation of Ga.** and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and annuities of other **Cherokees** Indians who lived in the said **Cherokee** Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said **John L. Ewins & Thos. Ewin** appears, or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said **Cherokee** Nation.

That petitioner is a **white** **John L. Ewin & Thos. Ewin** to-wit:

That the ~~post-office address~~ **place of birth** of your petitioner is **Ga.** That he is **43** years of age. That he is an **offspring** of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, the late Georgia Ann House nee Ewin, who was born in the State of Ga., and who was the daughter of the late John L. Ewin. That the said John L. Ewin was born in the year of 18...., in what is now the State of Ga. That he resided with and among the Cherokee all of his life; that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language; and was a half-breed Cherokee Indian, and was a recognized citizen and member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and of the Cherokee Nation, in what is now the State of Ga. Petitioner further states that he ~~has~~ **has** three sisters, who are unmarried, and who are of the same line and descent, and for whom this petitioner asks that they be permitted to have the same proof as this petitioner. The said sisters are ~~herein~~ **herein** below mentioned.

That the said John L. Ewin was the son of the late ~~William~~ **William** Thos. Ewin, who was about a half-breed Cherokee Indian, and was a recognized citizen and member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, in the old Cherokee Nation, in what is now the State of Ga.

That your petitioner is a **Cherokee** and is entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges, and annuities of said **Cherokee** Nation, and to be enrolled as a citizen and a member of said **Cherokee** Nation, in what is now the State of Ga., and to be entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges, and annuities of said **Cherokee** Nation.

That there are next of kin **persons**, as follows, to-wit:

NAME	AGES	RELATIONSHIP
<b>William E. House</b>		<b>brother</b>
<b>Ollive</b>		<b>sister</b>
<b>Georgia C.</b>		<b>sister</b>

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that **his** ..... name, with those of .....  
..... **his** ..... said ~~brother~~ **sisters, to-wit: Olive and Georgia C.** .....  
**House** .....  
.....  
and..... **Cherokee** ..... be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits, privileges and  
immunities of other... **Cherokee** ..... Indians, in and to the **Cherokee** ..... Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

**JOSEPH P. MULLIN**  
Attorneys for Petitioners.

The afore named petitioner **William T. House** ..... says that the statements  
set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.  
.....  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14 day of July, 1896  
Joseph P. Mullin Notary Public

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Nation's No. 2288

Commission's No.

In the Application of

*Samuel H. H. H.*

*et al.*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*William C. House*  
*et al*

Nation's No.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, in fact, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Thomas E. Cone*  
through whom the petitioner *claim* to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

By *Harding, Hutchings & Boudinot* S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation. Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

day of *Oct*

1896.

*D. J. Bull*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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John S. Furstater  
vs  
Cherokee Nation

# 3140

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Joseph Furstater

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 6 day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 353 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of John P. Thurston and of the affidavits of Vester Mullen in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 6 day of September, 1896.

Chris S. Latta  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

application for citizenship  
to now known as the Indian Commission  
shall be held by act of congress of June 11th 1896  
hear and determine claims for citizenship in  
the Cherokee Indian nation the under signed your  
petitioner for and in behalf of our children this  
day make application to you for the purpose of  
being placed on the roll of the Cherokee  
Indians and of their attempt to share in the  
benefits of an act of June 11th 1896 of lands in the  
Indian Territory of their Indian blood  
and general upon which my claim is based  
and of which I am the son  
of John Lawrence who is the daughter of  
Emma Brown who is the daughter of Wm  
and who is my mother and who I take my Indian  
blood from and my family is as follows

John Lawrence 31  
Etta Lawrence 25

Amie Gray 5  
and in support of said claim your  
petitioner here with submits the affidavits  
depositions and record evidence namely

to use evidence my Mother's Brother and  
his cousin W. W. Wain and respectfully  
awaits the time and place when my application  
shall be heard and tried respectfully submitted

over



John F. Tinsdale  
& Co. Tinsdale

Subscribed to and sworn to before  
me this Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1846

R. M. Hutton  
Notary Public

John L. Curran

Bell Buckle  
Bedford County

Texas

John L. Curran

**End**

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#312820  
IN THE MATTER OF

Delila E Prost

Petition and Memorial

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

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*Prost*  
Joseph R. Muller  
*[Signature]*



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Wm Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 6th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 383 received from postmaster, hereto attached to the packet for postal postage, which contained true copies of the application of Delia C. Pence and of the affidavits of Delia C. Pence and Vester Muller in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on the 6th day of September, 1896.

Wm W. Satchel  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

No.....

**Application of**

..... Et Al..

—FOR—

Enrollment in..... Nation.

Filed on the.....day of.....189...

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

CHAS. E. SMITH

## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

Delila E. Perse..... EQUAL  
PETITIONER.

VS.

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

Cherokee..... Nation, Indian Territory.  
RESPONDENT

TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner, **Delila E. Perse** states that **Jane Young**

was a **Cherokee** Indian by blood: was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in the old ~~Cherokee Nation now State of Tenn.~~ and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and annuities of other **Cherokee** Indians by blood in the said **Cherokee** Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said **Jane Young** appears, or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said **Cherokee** Indians for the year.....

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said **Jane Young** to-wit:

That the post-office address of petitioner is Sallisaw, I. T. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, the late Elizabeth Loggins. That the maiden name of said Elizabeth Loggins was Ritter, and was the daughter of the late Jane Ritter, nee Young. That the said Jane Ritter nee Young lived and died in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn., and who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a full blood Cherokee Indian woman, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

That affiant is the natural guardian of Charles Riggs, who is the son of the deceased sister of petitioner's. And petitioner most earnestly asks that it be enrolled as a Cherokee with the family of petitioner's

..... That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said **Cherokee** Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said **Cherokee** Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other **Cherokee** Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner.... 2..... persons, as follows, to-wit:

<b>James P. Todd</b>	, a	<b>son</b>	, and	<b>17</b>	years of age
<b>Nettie R. Perse</b>	, a	<b>daughter</b>	, and	<b>8</b>	years of age
<b>Charles T. Riggs</b>	, a	<b>nephew</b>	, and	<b>16</b>	years of age
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Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that..... **her**..... name, with those of

..... her ..... said descendants, to-wit James R. Todd and Nettie  
R. Perse, and her nephew, Charles T. Riggs. ....

and..... herself ..... be enrolled and admitted to all rights, benefits, privileges  
and immunities of other..... Cherokee ..... Indians, in and to the Cherokee ..... Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

*James R. Todd and Nettie R. Perse*  
Attorneys For Petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner Delila E. Perse ..... says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

*Delila E. Perse*  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of August, 1894

*B. B. ...*

*Notary Public*

No.....

Application of

FOR

Enrollment in..... Nation.

Filed on the..... day of..... 189...

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IS THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Delila B. Perse FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF Indian Territory, COUNTY OF Northern Division.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared Delila B. Perse who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 30 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Sequoyan Dist. and that she is personally acquainted with XXXXXXXX who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That affiant is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, the late Elizabeth Loggins nee Ritter. That the said mother raised the affiant, and affiant knows that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Elizabeth Ritter indicated she was of Cherokee blood. That the mother often told affiant, and in fact she has been taught from her earliest infancy, that she, affiant, was of Cherokee descent; and that the said Elizabeth Ritter was the daughter of the late Jane Ritter nee Young, who spoke the Cherokee Indian language, who lived with and among the Cherokees in the old Cherokee Nation, now the State of Tenn. and who was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Therefore, affiant is entitled to rights to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood. Affiant further states that she has intermarried two times, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the two children mentioned in alicant's application for Cherokee citizenship. That said children are of Cherokee blood and descent.

Affiant further states That she has known the said XXXXXXXX for XXXXX years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of herself indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Jane Young he believes the said herself to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Delila B. Perse (Signature) NOTARY PUBLIC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Aug. 1894.

My Commission expires Feb. 1899



Case No. 287  
In the Court of  
Common Pleas

*John C. Paul*

Demurrer and Answer.

Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Orlida E. Puse*

Nation's No. *2831*

Commissioner's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection, and presenting to me for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

*John Young*

*John Young* claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not true, and he is not a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory, as now located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authoritative records of said Nation, and neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hulding, Hartung & Bonducat* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

*25* day of *Sept.* 1896.  
*J. B. Cole*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Deborah Smith  
Cherokee 621

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Reported  
Joseph A. Miller  
*[Signature]*



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Eastern Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 215 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Deborah Smith and of the affidavits of Vester Muller in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896.

Mr. W. P. Satch  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

No.

APPLICATION OF

*Debrah Smith* Et. Al.

FOR

Enrollment in *Cherokee* Nation

Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30 day of August 1896.

*Richard Smith* Petitioner.  
*Richard Smith*  
Notary Public.

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**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.**

Before the United States Commission to the five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

<p><b>Deborah Smith</b> VS. Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory,</p>	<p>ET AL. PETITIONER. RESPONDENT.</p>	<p>APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.</p>
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TO THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE COMMISSION

Your petitioner Deborah Smith states that Elisabeth Christie was a Cherokee Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in The Old Cherokee Nation, N.C. and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and immunities of other Cherokee Indians by blood in the said Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said Elisabeth Christie appears or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Cherokee Indians for the year 1835

That the petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said Elisabeth Christie to-wit:

The post office address of your petitioner is Fort Scott, Kansas, and she is a mixture of white and Cherokee Indian blood, and is at least one sixteenth Cherokee blood, and that she is the daughter of Harriet M. Campbell, and said Harriet M. Campbell was the daughter of Phebe Jane and James M. Fairman, and the late James M. Fairman was the son of the late Harvey W. Fairman and Lodski Fairman, and the late Lodski Fairman was the daughter of the late Shadrick and Hannah P. Allard, and the said Hannah P. Allard was the daughter of the late John Putnam and Elisabeth Putnam, and that the maiden name of the said Elisabeth Putnam was Elisabeth Christie, and said Elisabeth Christie was born in Knox County, Tenn. in 1776, and died in said county in 1840. Said Elisabeth Christie lived in the Old Cherokee Nation in 1835, and spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and was a member of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians.

That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other Cherokee Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ persons, as follows, to-wit:

- \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age
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Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that her name, with those of \_\_\_\_\_

... be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other Cherokee Indians, in and to the Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

And in support of said claim herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence namely:

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.

*J. F. Mullen & M. W. Martin*  
Attorneys for petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner, *Deborah Smith* says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge information and belief.

*Deborah Smith* Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *30* day of *August*, 1896.

*Notary Public.*

No.	APPLICATION OF <i>Deborah Smith</i>	Nation
	FOR <i>Cherokee</i>	
Enrollment in		
Filed on the	day of	189
	Sec'y of Com. Ind. Civ. Files.	
	Attorney for Petitioner	

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Notion's No. 4-53

Number of No. 1

in Application of

A. J. B. M.

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

By J. C. ☆

W. H. M. ←

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of

*Suborah English*

Nation's No. *935*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

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through which the petitioner claims to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hodgins, Hatcher & Bandier* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *21* day of *Sept* 1896.

*S. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 1873  
Applicant of **622**

Lafayette Grant

vs

Banka Oklahoma

Filed Sept 17, 1896  
H. M. J. J. J. J.

*J. J. J.*

*Respect*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the  
day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Post Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Mr. Samuel Hoag  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation Delaware Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Lafayette Shoat and of the  
affidavits of Horace Sherman and George L. Latham  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

*(Signature)*  
Notary Public



**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.**

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHEBOLD S. HENDERSON, THOS. R. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1898, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Gentlemen:—

The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of himself and his children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which his claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That the name of your petitioner is La Fayette Shoat; that he is 38 years of age; that his post-office address is Ft. Smith, Ark. That he is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood. That he derives his Cherokee blood from his father, the late Hamilton Shoat, who was born in the State of North Carolina, and who was the son of the late Michel Shoat. That the said Michel Shoat lived and died in the old Cherokee Nation, and on the line between North Carolina and Tenn. That he resided with and among the Cherokees all of his life; that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language; and he was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and was a recognized citizen and an acknowledged member of the Cherokee Nation and of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, in the old Cherokee Nation in Tenn.

Affiant further states that he intermarried with Minnie Carroll, and by such intermarriage there were born, and are now living, the herein below mentioned children. That said children are of Cherokee blood and descent.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Affidavit of Horace S. Norman and Geo. W. Vann.

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried.  
Respectfully submitted,

*La Fayette Shoat*  
Applicant

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
James Shoat	14	son
Gertrude Mae Shoat	12	daughter.

Indian Territory, State of Arkansas }  
County of Sebastian }  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State and State and aforesaid La Fayette Shoat who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept 1900.

My commission expires on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1900.

*Geo. A. Parker*  
Notary Public

# Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of **Lafayette Shoat**  
for Admission to Citizenship in the **Cherokee** Nation.

STATE OF **Arkansas**  
COUNTY OF **Sebastian**

Before me, the undersigned, Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared **Horace S. Norman** who, after being by me duly sworn, states:

That **he** is **40** years of age, a resident of the State of **Cherokee Nation**  
and **Sequoyah Dist.**

and that **he** is personally acquainted with **he**  
**Lafayette Shoat** who is an applicant for Citizenship in the

**Cherokee Nation**. Affiant further states:  
(He is of the Cherokee Nation, and is of Indian blood.)

That this affiant has often heard **William Shoat, George Shoat, David Shoat**, who are Cherokee Indians, and are recognized citizens of the Cherokee Nation speak of the said **Lafayette Shoat** as being a near relative of theirs. Affiant knows that he has been recognized by his **neighbours**, the said **Lafayette Shoat**, relatives as being of Cherokee blood and descent. And this affiant was born among the Cherokees, and has lived in the Cherokee Nation all of his life, and is familiar with the complexion and physical appearance of the Cherokee Indians. This affiant states that the complexion and physical appearance of the said **Lafayette Shoat** indicates that he is of Cherokee blood and descent, and that he is entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of his Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That **he** has known the said **Lafayette Shoat** for the past **3** years, and knows that **he** has been and is recognized by his acquaintances and the public generally, as having **Cherokee** Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said **Lafayette Shoat** indicate that **he** is of Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said **Lafayette Shoat** he believes the said **Lafayette Shoat** to be a descendant by blood of the **Cherokee** Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **3<sup>rd</sup>** day of **September**, 189**6**.

**Horace S. Norman**  
**Thos. D. Satcha**  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My Commission expires **March 14 1900**.

# Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of **Lafayette Shoat**  
for Admission to Citizenship in the **Cherokee** Nation.

STATE OF **Arkansas**  
COUNTY OF **Sebastian**

Before me, the undersigned, Notary Public, for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared **Geo. W. Vann** who, after being by me duly sworn, states:

That **he** is **21** years of age, a resident of the State of **Arkansas**, Cherokee Nation and Sequoyah Dist. and County of **Sebastian**, and that **he** is personally acquainted with **Lafayette Shoat** who is an applicant for Citizenship in the

*(This section is to be filled out by the witness, if he is a resident of Indian land.)*

that this affiant was born and raised in the old Cherokee Nation, in what is now the State of Tenn. Affiant also traveled 21 years for the old Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states that he knew one Michel Shoat in the Cherokee Nation. He resided on the boundary line between North Carolina and Tenn. That he resided with him about twelve miles of this affiant, and now what is now the city of Chattanooga, then known as New Landing, in Warren County, State of Tenn. Affiant knows that he said Michel Shoat was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and this affiant has always known and always understood that he was a member and a citizen of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and of the Cherokee Nation in what is now the State of Tenn.

Affiant further states that after conversing with the said Lafayette Shoat he now firmly believes that the said Lafayette Shoat is a direct lineal descendant of the late Michel Shoat Cherokee Indian family; and that the said Lafayette Shoat and his descendants are rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood.

Affiant is not related either by blood or marriage to the said Lafayette Shoat, nor is he interested in the prosecution of this suit to Cherokee citizenship.

Affiant further states that **he** has known the said **Lafayette Shoat** for the past **3** years, and knows that **he** has been and is recognized by **his** neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having **Cherokee** Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said **Lafayette Shoat** indicate that **he** is of **no** Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said **Lafayette Shoat** he believes the said **Lafayette Shoat** to be a descendant by blood of the **Cherokee** Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **3<sup>rd</sup>** day of **September** 189**2**.

**Geo. W. Vann**  
**Notary Public.**

My Commission expires **March 14 - 1900**.

Nation's No. 27117  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

*Loyelle Ahoat*

Demurrer and Answer.

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A. S. KENNON



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Loyelle Shout*

Nation's No. *2747*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Michael Shout*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Heston & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *30* day of *Sept*, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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*Rec. 1547*

IN THE MATTER OF

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*Andy Thomas*

**PETITION AND MEMORIAL**

FOR

**CITIZENSHIP**

*of the Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 11, 1876*

*H. M. Freeman  
Sec'y*

*Revised*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham, do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to General Samuel Mayes, Governor or Chief of the Chickasaw Nation, Piquette Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 255 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Lindy Courneau and of the affidavits of Buster Herring and G. W. Britton in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of September, 1896. State of Arkansas, Church of Christ. John B. Latham, Notary Public. My com. expires Dec 14 1900





(Copy)

Application for Citizenship

To the Honorable National Council of the  
Cherokee Nation  
Greenville

The undersigned your petitioner, this day makes this application for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the contents of this her application, to-wit:-

The undersigned hereby avers the above facts as the lawful grounds for her application for Cherokee citizenship in blood and respectfully avails the same when her application shall be truly made and true.

Respectfully submitted.

Age 40 years Residence Home Path Lee Co. Va.  
Family and true relationship is as follows:-

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Relationship
1	Caroline Burman	F. M.	49	Mother
2	Josephine	F. M.	16	Daughter
3	Nancy	F. M.	13	"
4	Stephen	M.	17	Son
5	Martha	F. M.	10	Daughter
6	Reeth	F. M.	6	"
7	Ardeal	M.	2	Son

In witness of which application I herewith set my hand on this the 25 day of July 1893.  
Signed Nancy <sup>Mc</sup> Burman <sub>mark</sub>



Affidavit of [unclear]

State of Kentucky }  
County of Harlan } ss.

Before me the undersigned, a Clerk in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Bent Hensley and Carr Brittain, who after being by me duly sworn state that they are 60 and 50 years of age respectively and citizens of Harlan County and State of Ky- and that they are personally acquainted with Cindy Bowman who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I. I. and applicants further state that the said Cindy Bowman is the identical person she represents herself to be in her application for citizenship in said Nation: and that the said Cindy Bowman is the daughter of a man Hark Bowman who was well known by me and others to be an Indian of the Cherokee Tribe, and is thought to be of full blood.

Applicants further state that they have known the said Cindy Bowman for the past thirty years and know that she is and has been recognized and treated by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as a person having Cherokee Indian blood: and that the complexion, physical appearance language and manners of the said Cindy Bowman indicate that the said Cindy Bowman is of Indian blood.

That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to them by the said Cindy Bowman - applicants state they have every reason to believe and do believe that the said

Cindy Bowman is of Cherokee Indian blood  
Affiants further state that they have no  
interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim  
of the said Cindy Bowman to citizenship in the  
Cherokee Nation, I. C. and that are not related by  
blood or marriage to the said Cindy Bowman  
(Signed) Burton <sup>his</sup> Hendley  
Car <sup>his</sup> Brittain

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of July A. D. 1893. And I further certify  
that I am well acquainted with the said  
Burton Hendley and Car Brittain and know them  
to be a person of credibility and of truth and  
veracity.

(Signed) A. B. Cornett - Clerk

By Jas H. Gads - D.C.

My Commission expires on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1895.

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Nation's No. 1931

Commission's No.

In re Application of

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
John L. Adair, et al.

Nation's No.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicants are  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

through whom the petitioner<sup>s</sup> claim to derive their right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By Hitchcock, Hastings & Boudinot.

Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 12th day of Sept 1896.

J. J. Wall  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM  
LAWYER  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Post Smith Arkansas addressed to Mr. Samuel Allages Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Pellegrin Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Lou Peterson and of the affidavits of Horace S. Norman and Madison Norman in support of same.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.

John B. Latham  
Notary Public  
My commission expires September 10, 1900. N.P.



*Low Trivison*  
**Application for** Cherokee **Citizenship.**

To the Honorable Business Commission

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of citizenship, to-wit:

Name of my husband Clard Trivison age 46

Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages.
<u>Wesley Trivison</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Johnnie Trivison</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Janice Trivison</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>George Trivison</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Grace Trivison</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Robert Trivison</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Joe Trivison</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Cherney Trivison</u>	<u>1</u>

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory,

your petitioner states:

Applicant states that her name is Low Trivison and her age is about 30 years. That she is the daughter of William Wilder, now deceased, who was a full blood Cherokee Indian and lived in the old Cherokee Nation, East in North Carolina, and afterwards migrated to the Cherokee Nation Indian Territory.

Applicant states that she is married and her husband's name is Clard Trivison and that they have 8 children whose names and ages are above set out.

Applicant states that she is an admixture of Cherokee Indian and white blood and is 1/2 Cherokee Indian blood and that she was free born and never was a slave and that she has resided in the Cherokee Nation all her life, except at short intervals.

STATE OF Arkansas }  
 COUNTY OF Itaska }  
 I, Low Trivison

On this 31 day of August, 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Low Trivison

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as she verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

The D. Lathan  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.  
 My Commission expires March 14 1900 -1896

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Lou Frierson  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Sebastian

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Isaac J. Thomas who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 40 years of age, and a resident of the Cherokee Nation and County of DeWitt District and that he is personally acquainted with Lou Frierson who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about applicant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he was acquainted with William Wilder who was the father of one Isaac and who lives in the Cherokee Nation, I. S. He looked like a full blood Cherokee Indian, but my information was that he was about 3/4 Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Lou Frierson for the past 9 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Lou Frierson indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Lou Frierson he believes the said Lou Frierson to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Marcella J. Cannon

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of August 1896

Thos. B. Latham

Notary Public

My Commission expires March 14 1900.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Law Frierson  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Sebastian

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Madame Harrison who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 44 years of age, and a resident of the Sebastian District and County Depue District and that he is personally acquainted with Law Frierson who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he was acquainted with William Wilder who was the father of Law Frierson and who lives in the Cherokee Nation. He looks like a full blood Cherokee Indian but my information was that he was about 3/4 Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Law Frierson for the past 12 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Law Frierson indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Law Frierson he believes the said Law Frierson to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of August 1896

Thos. B. South  
Notary Public

My Commission expires March 14 1900

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Nation's No. 2717  
Commissioner's No.  
In re Application of

*John Harrison*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT. 28 1896. ☆  
A. S. MCKENNON

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of *Jon Frierson*

Nation's No. *2712*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*William Nieder*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Julius H. ...* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *28* day of *Sept*, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

*Almedy Chok*

**PETITION AND MEMORIAL**

...FOR...

**CITIZENSHIP**

in the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 7-1896*

*A S McKinnon*

*Registered*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 7 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Hon Samuel Mayer Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Talleguah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 27 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Almedy Short and of the affidavits of Walter Hensley and Carroll Brittan in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 7 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Washington  
John B. Latham  
Notary Public  
No. 1234, Me 14 1900

*Almedy Short*  
Application for *Cherokee* Citizenship.

To the *Honorable Dawes Commission*

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages.
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As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:

*See Petition to Council files herewith,*

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, \_\_\_\_\_, who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for \_\_\_\_\_ citizenship, are true, as \_\_\_\_\_ verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_\_



## APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

**To the Honorable National Council of *the Cherokee* Nation, Ind. Ter :**

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this *his* Application for citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this

Application, to-wit:

That *James H. [unclear]* is the *son* of one *[unclear]* who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this *his* Application for *Cherokee* citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when

Application shall be truly heard and tried. Respectfully submitted,

Age *25* years. Postoffice *Cherokee*

Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

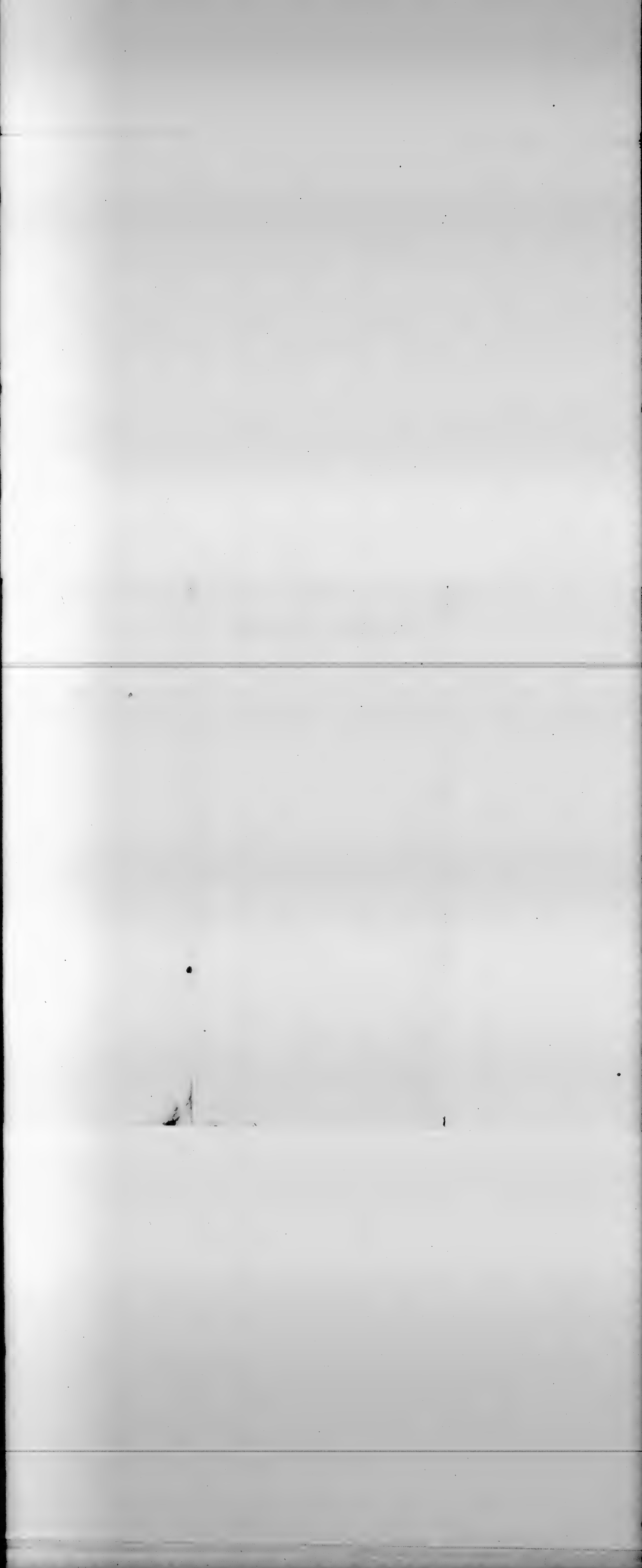
NO.	NAMES	SEX.	AGE	RELATIONSHIP.
1	<i>James H. [unclear]</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>son</i>
2	<i>[unclear]</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>son</i>
3	<i>Eliza</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>daughter</i>
4	<i>[unclear]</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>daughter</i>
5	<i>William</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>son</i>
6	<i>George</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>son</i>
7	<i>[unclear]</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>daughter</i>

In witness of which application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the *25* day of *July* 189*0*

*James H. [unclear]*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *25* day of *July* 189*0*

*[Signature]*



County of ...  
I, Clerk of the ...  
do hereby certify that ...  
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that they are ...  
County of ...  
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recognized and treated  
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Nation's No. 1030

Commission's No

In re Application of

Alfred J. ... et al.

Demurrer and Answer.  
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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of

Nation's No. ....

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant S. H. Mayes is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that:

..... through whom the petitioner S. H. Mayes claim to derive their right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By John L. Adair, Executive Secretary and William Boudinot.

Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1896.

D. L. Wall

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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1895

IN THE MATTER OF

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*General Case*

**PETITION AND MEMORIAL**

...FOR...

**CITIZENSHIP**

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 7/1895*

*H M Jearson  
Sey*

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B Latham do solemnly swear that on the 4  
day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Hon Samuel Hayes  
~~Governor~~ Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Salequah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 255 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Rebecca Goin and of the  
affidavits of Burton Hensley and Earl Brittan  
in support of same. John B Latham

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 7 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian Mr. A. Nathan Notary Public.  
My Com. expires March 14 1900



Rebecca Jones

Application for ~~Common~~ Citizenship.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners

The undersigned respectfully petition and request your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my	Age	Name of Children	Ages
Names of Children		Names of Children	Ages

As grounds for asking admission to Citizenship in the United States, your petitioner states:

I was born in England, and have resided in the United States for a number of years, and have always been a peaceable and law-abiding citizen, and have never been convicted of any crime against the laws of the United States.

Witnesses -  
J. A. Bradburn  
J. C. ...

STATE OF Kentucky, Rebecca X Jones  
COUNTY OF ...

On this 7th day of May, 1894, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Rebecca Jones, who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for her Citizenship are true, as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
Wm. A. Lee Deputy Notary Public

My Commission expires

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Nation's No. 1232

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

..... et al.

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of \_\_\_\_\_

Nation's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

\_\_\_\_\_ through whom the petitioner's claim to derive \_\_\_\_\_ right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By \_\_\_\_\_, Attorneys.

Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*D. J. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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1891

IN THE MATTER OF

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

of the *State* Nation, I. T.

Filed *Sept 27 1891*  
*H. M. [unclear]*

*Repetition*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Pitt Smith, Arkansas addressed to Gen. Samuel Hayes, Governor or Chief of the Chickasaw Nation, Muskogah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 417 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Elijah L. Cannon and of the affidavits of Grant Hensley and Carr Billman in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of September 1896. State of Miss. County of Webster John B. Latham Notary Public



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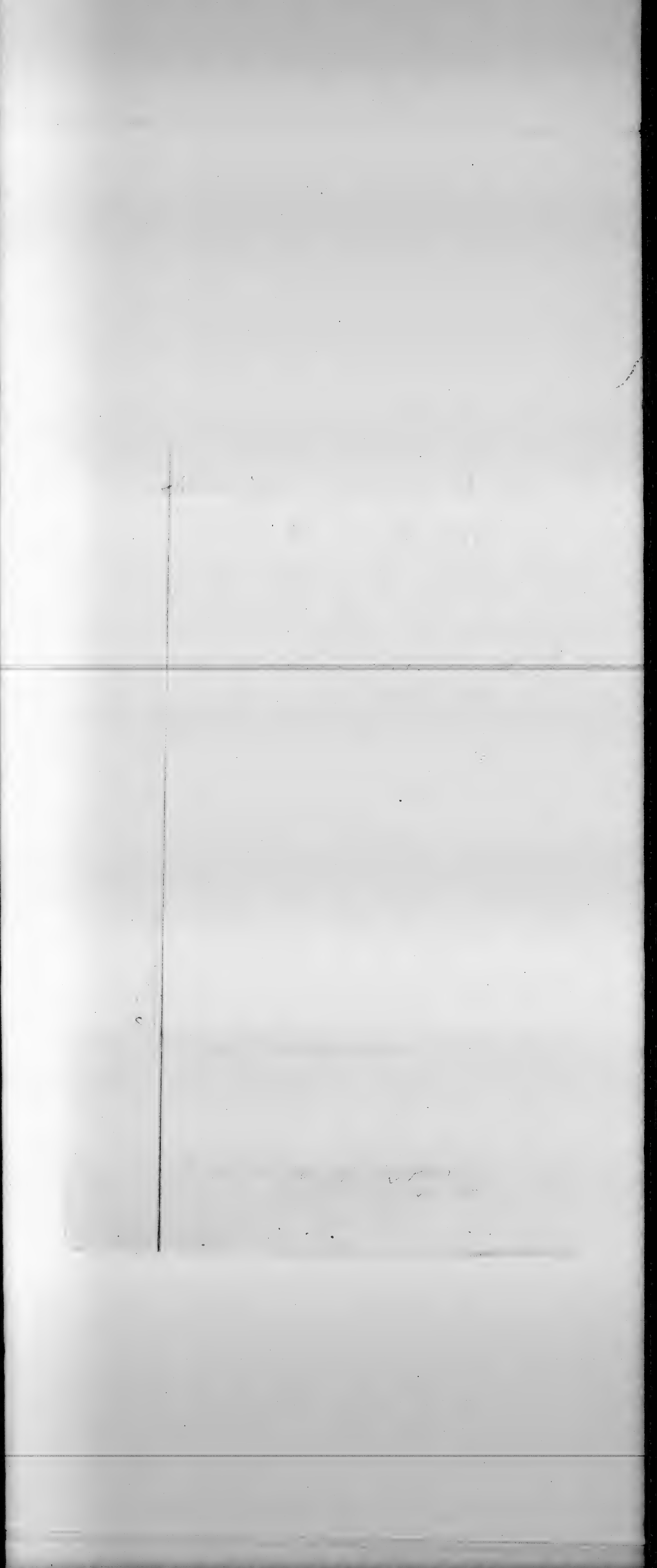
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Nation's No. 1737  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_  
In re Application of \_\_\_\_\_

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Demurrer and Answer.  
Sept. 25-1896

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
[Name],

Nation's No.

Commission's No. \

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

through whom the petitioner claims to derive his right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the unexpired rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By [Name], Assistant Principal Chief.

Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the [Date] day of [Month], 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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Application of **628**

John Hancock

for

Armed Citizenship

Rejected

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Post Smith Arkansas addressed to Hon. Samuel Mayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 311 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Walter Baueman and of the affidavits of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896. John B. Latham  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

My commission expires March 4, 1900

Dutch Bancum  
**Application for Cherokee Citizenship.**

To the Honorable Dutch Bancum

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission <sup>of his youngest child</sup> to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom ~~he~~ asks the privilege of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my		age	
Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages.
Hincy Bancum	7 mos		
Matti Bancum	1 mo		

As grounds for asking citizenship, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory,

your petitioner states:  
 That his wife came to Hincy Bancum and she is a Cherokee Freedman who was enrolled by the Commission appointed to make a roll of Cherokee Freedmen entitled to share in the "Strip Land". That said Hincy Bancum and her other children were enrolled by said Commission, but the above named children, being too young to share in the Strip Land distribution were left off the roll of Freedmen.

Petitioner respectfully requests your Honorable Commission to enroll the above named children on the Cherokee Rolls of Freedmen.

STATE OF Arkansas } Dutch Bancum  
 COUNTY OF Sebastian }

On this 31 day of August 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Dutch Bancum

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as he verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
Thos. S. Parke  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Feb. 14 1900





Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application  
*Dulck Bacon*

Nation's No. *2749*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds hereinafter stated.

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, there being no party to the same.

2nd. That the application is not sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not wishing to ~~discontinue~~ but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

~~through whom the petitioner~~ claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, viz: to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the rolls of citizens of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

*That this applicant does not know  
what the said Executive Commission  
did and that this Honorable Court  
has no jurisdiction to hear such cases*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *William Hooper & Boardman* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *13* day of *Sept*, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

710, 1888  
Appreciation & Evidence  
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Melissa Brewer

Walter Jackson

Cherokee Citizenship

Filed Sept. 7

1896

H. M. Jackson  
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THOS. B. LATHAM  
LAWYER  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Gathum do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Gen Samuel Hayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Cherokee Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Melissa Bauer, Mattie Jackson and of the affidavits of Hudson Norman and Horace S. Norman in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of Sept - 1896.  
John B. Gathum  
Notary Public  
County of Sebastian State of Arkansas  
Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of Sept 1896.

# Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of the Territory of Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory.

The undersigned respectfully petitioned and asked your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petition states that your immediate family consists of the following named persons, of whom you ask the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of person.	Name of children.	Age.
Melissa Brewer	James Brewer	15
	John Brewer	11
	John Brewer	9

We grant you, *Melissa Brewer*, of the Cherokee Nation, I. T., your citizenship rights.

*Melissa Brewer* and her age is 35 years. She is a native born of the Cherokee Nation, I. T., and has lived in the Cherokee Nation since her father's name was *John Brewer* of the Cherokee Nation, I. T. He was a member of the tribe. He was a colored man and a Christian. *Melissa Brewer* is a native born of Cherokee Indian and of the Cherokee Indian blood. She is the mother of the above named children. She was before the Honorable Davis Commission to the Cherokee Nation, I. T., at *Wattle Jackson*, her oldest child, and makes her application for citizenship. She was before the Honorable Commission to evidence her citizenship.

STATE OF *Oklahoma* COUNTY OF *Adair* *Melissa Brewer*

On this *10th* day of *August* 189*6*, personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Melissa Brewer* who, after being duly sworn by me, says that the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for *Citizenship* are true, as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

*John W. Parkman*  
Notary Public

My Commission expires *Feb. 14 1900*





# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Melissa Brewer  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Sebastian

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Davidson who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 44 years of age, and a resident of the Cherokee Nation and Sequoyah District, and that he is personally acquainted with Melissa Brewer who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about "amount" of and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is acquainted with the applicant Melissa Brewer and was acquainted with her father Armistead Ellis. That Armistead Ellis was born in the Cherokee Nation, I. e. he is a Cherokee. Armistead Ellis was known and recognized as a Cherokee and a member of the Cherokee Nation. He had the appearance of a half bred Cherokee Indian.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Armistead Ellis as long as for he can remember back the past and knows that he has been and was recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Armistead Ellis indicate that he was of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Melissa Brewer he believes the said Melissa Brewer to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of August 1896

Geo. D. Parkman  
Notary Public

My Commission expires Feb. 14 1900

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Melissa Brewer  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Virginia  
COUNTY OF Allegheny

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Amstead Ellis who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 40 years of age, and a resident of the Cherokee Nation and Sequoyah District and that Amstead Ellis is personally acquainted with Melissa Brewer who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about applicant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That he is acquainted with the applicant, Melissa Brewer, and her father, Amstead Ellis. That said Amstead Ellis is the son of Amstead Ellis. He is now dead. The said Amstead Ellis was born and recognized as a Cherokee Indian in the Cherokee Nation. He had the appearance of a Cherokee Indian.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Amstead Ellis as long as for he can remember back the past years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Amstead Ellis indicate that he was of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Melissa Brewer he believes the said Melissa Brewer to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Amstead Ellis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of August, 1896.

Thos. B. Latham

Notary Public.

My Commission expires Feb. 14 1900.

Nation's No. 2743

Compressor's No.

In re Application of

Melissa Green et al

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKannon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*Malissa Brumby*  
*Mattie Johnson*

Notary No. *2743*  
Commissioner's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds therein stated:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the merits of the matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Arrested Ellis*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authentic rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

*and*  
*that the applicants herein are excluded*  
*by the treaties and should not be*  
*heard here before your Honorable*  
*Commission*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *John L. Adair* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



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**End**

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Application of **630**  
John Nash

Florida Citizenship

Filed 1/27/1911  
at St. Petersburg  
Fla.

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Post Smith addressed to Henrietta M. Hayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Ellen Nash and of the affidavits of George W. Vann and Hudson Norman in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
John B. Latham  
John A. Sartorius Notary Public  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian  
This Commission expires Nov 14, 1900



# Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Dawes Commission

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize you for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, and the laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of citizenship with petition as follows:

Name of my self is Ellen Nash age 48

Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages.
<u>Frank Nash</u>	<u>25</u>		
<u>Anna "</u>	<u>21</u>		
<u>Thomas "</u>	<u>18</u>		
<u>Luther "</u>	<u>15</u>		
<u>Lewis A. "</u>	<u>12</u>		

As grounds for asking admission to Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:

That the her post-office address is Fort Smith, Ark. That she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-fourth Cherokee blood. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, Sallie Dishmen nee Brown, who was born in Tenn., and who is one half Cherokee blood, and who is the daughter of the late John Brown. That the said John Brown lived and died in the State of Tenn, dying about the year of 1865. That the said John Brown lived with and among the Cherokees all of his life; that he spoke the Cherokee Indian language, that he was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and was a recognized member and an acknowledged citizen of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and of the Cherokee Nation, in what is now the State of Tenn.

Petitioner further states that she intermarried and by such intermarriage the above named children were born, and are now living. That said children are of Cherokee blood and descent.

STATE OF Arkansas

COUNTY OF Sebastian

*Ellen Nash*

On this 2 day of Sept. 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Ellen Nash who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as she verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

*J. B. Potham*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Feb. 14 1900

# Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Ellen Nash  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Sebastian

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Hudson Hornsman who, after being by me duly sworn, states:

That he is 27 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation,  
Sequoyah Dist. and that he is personally acquainted with  
Ellen Nash who is an applicant for Citizenship in the  
Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about applicant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That this affiant has known the said Ellen Nash for the  
past 18 or 20 years, and knows that she has been recognized by her  
neighbors and acquaintances as being of Cherokee blood. Affiant  
further states that he has always been informed that she is the daughter  
of the late Sallie Brown, who was the daughter of the late John Brown,  
who was a full blood Cherokee Indian, and was recognized citizen  
of the old Cherokee Nation, in what is now the State of Tenn., and who  
was enrolled as an old settler in the present Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states that during the whole time that he  
has known the said Ellen Nash that she has claimed to be of Cherokee  
blood and descent. And this affiant verily believes that she is a  
a direct lineal descendant of the late John Brown Cherokee Indian fam-  
ily, and that she and her descendants are rightfully and justly en-  
titled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue  
of their Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Ellen Nash  
for the past 18 or 20 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally, as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical  
appearance of the said Ellen Nash indicate that she is of Indian blood  
and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard  
and knows of the family of the said Ellen Nash he believes the  
said Ellen Nash to be a descendant by blood of the  
Indian Tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 14 day of Sept, 1896.

Hudson Hornsman  
Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires March 14 1900

# Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Ellen Nash  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Kansas  
COUNTY OF Sebastian

Before me, the undersigned, Notary Public, and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared George W. Vann, who after being by me duly sworn, states:

That he is 82 years of age and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation  
and XXXXX Sequoyah Dist.

and that he is personally acquainted with Ellen Nash  
who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

All of which he further states:  
(He is of the full blood of the Cherokee Nation.)

That this affiant was born, and raised in the State of Tenn.  
that he immigrated to the present Cherokee Nation in the year of 1836.

That while residing in the old Cherokee Nation, in what is now the State of Tenn., this affiant became acquainted with John Brown. That he resided near what is now the City of Chatanooga, then known as Ross Landing, in what is now Hamilton County, State of Tenn., then the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states that he knows full well that the said John Brown was a full blood Cherokee Indian; and that he was a recognized citizen and member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, in the old Cherokee Nation, in what is now the State of Tenn.

Affiant further states that the said John Brown came to this country about the year of 1822, and was enrolled as an old settler; that he returned, and stayed sometime, and again came to the present Cherokee Nation, staying but a short time; and in fact he made several trips to this country; but finally returned home to his old home at Ross Landing, Hamilton County, Tenn., where he died about the year of 1865.

Affiant further states that he knows full well that the said Ellen Nash is the identical person that she represents herself to be in her application for Cherokee citizenship, and that she and her descendants are rightfully and justly entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, being direct lineal descendants of the John Brown Cherokee Indian family.

for the past 48 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Ellen Nash indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Ellen Nash he believes the said Ellen Nash to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of September, 1896.  
George W. Vann  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires Feb. 14 1900.

No. 2733

Commissioner's N.  
of the Application of

*Allen Math*

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKannon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*Ellen Nash*

Nation - No. 2733

Commissioner's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction of any matter or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to meddle and determine the same.

2nd. That the applicant does not state facts sufficient to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John Brown*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authentic records of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hastings & Powell* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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No 1894 631

IN THE MATTER OF

*Arminio Gads-*

**PETITION AND MEMORIAL**

...FOR...

**CITIZENSHIP**

in the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

*Filed Sept 7-1896*  
*A S McKinnon*

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THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 4  
day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Hait Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Max Samuel Hayes  
~~Governor or Chief of the~~ Cherokee Nation, Talequah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 27 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Community Eads and of the  
affidavits of John Pace and John Fee  
in support of same. John B. Latham

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas John B. Latham Notary Public  
County of Sebastian My Com. expires March 14 1900





Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable National Council  
of the Cherokee Nation, Ind. Terr.  
Gentlemen: The undersigned your  
petitioner, this day makes this  
her Application for Citizenship  
in the Cherokee Nation, in the  
Indian Territory, in accordance  
with the Constitution and Laws  
of said Nation, and respectfully  
makes the following statement  
of the grounds of this her Appli-  
cation to wit:

That she Arminity, Caroline, Eads:  
is the great-grand-daughter  
of one Jackson, Cole. who the  
undersigned fully believes was an  
Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents  
the above facts as the lawful grounds  
for this her Application for  
Cherokee Citizenship by blood  
and respectfully awaits the time  
when her Application shall be  
truly heard and tried.

Respectfully submitted  
Age 21 years Post office, Bonus  
Path. [unclear]

Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

No.	Names.	Sex	Age	Relationship.
1	James H. Eads,	M	25	Husband
2	Anninity C. "	F	23	Wife
3	Simon N. "	M	5	Son
4	Phela J. "	F	3	Daughter
5	Arthur Dewit. "	M	1	Son

In witness of which Application,  
I hereunto set my hand, on  
this 10th day of July 1892

Anninity C. Eads,  
J. H. Cornett  
James H. Eads,

(15)

Anninity C. Eads

affidavit of Witnesses.  
To wit: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, a Clerk,  
in and for the County and State aforesaid  
and personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ who after being duly sworn  
affirm that they are 23 & 22 years  
of age respectively and are citizens  
of Harlan County, and State of  
Kentucky, and that they  
are acquainted with Arminy C.  
Eads who is an applicant for Citizen-  
ship in the Cherokee Nation, I. T., and  
affiant further states that the said  
Arminy C. Eads, is the identical person  
she represents herself to be in her  
application for citizenship in said  
Nation, and that the said Arminy  
C. Eads, is the Great-granddaughter  
of \_\_\_\_\_ Colby, who was well known  
to be a Indian of the Cherokee tribe  
and is thought to be of full blood  
Affiant further states that they  
have known the said Arminy C. Eads,  
for the past twenty years and know  
that she is \_\_\_\_\_ has been recognized  
and treated by her neighbors,  
acquaintances and the \_\_\_\_\_

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... C. Eads, is of  
... blood.

... further states that they have  
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... related by blood  
... Arminity, C. Eads  
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Nation's No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_  
In re Application \_\_\_\_\_

Admitted \_\_\_\_\_

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
ANNIE WATSON, et al.

Nation's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant<sup>s</sup> are entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ through whom the petitioner<sup>s</sup> claim to derive their right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By Hutchings, Hastings & Foudinot, Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 16th day of Sept. 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

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PETITION AND MEMORIAL

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

Filed Sept 27, 1876  
H. M. J. [unclear]  
[unclear]

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 4  
day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Gen. Samuel Hayes  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Sequah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 25 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Henry Scurman and of the  
affidavits of Walter Dewey and Carroll Pettan  
in support of same. John B. Latham

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian Wm. A. [Signature] Justice of the Peace



Nancy Bowman

Application for Naturalization - Citizenship.

To the Honorable Commissioners

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the United States...

Table with columns: Name of my..., Names of Children, Ages, Names of Children, Ages. Includes handwritten entries for children.

As grounds for asking admission to Citizenship in the United States, your petitioner states:

That she is a daughter of one [Name] who was a [Nationality]...

Witness my hand and seal this 7th day of July 1894

STATE OF Kentucky, Nancy X Bowman
COUNTY OF [Name]

On this 7th day of July, 1894 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Nancy Bowman who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for [Name] Citizenship, are true, as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written. Wm. A. Lee Deputy Clerk

My Commission expires

Dear Sir  
 I have the pleasure  
 to acknowledge the  
 receipt of your  
 letter of the 14th  
 inst. in relation  
 to the above  
 matter.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above matter.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

STATE OF ... }
COUNTY OF ... }

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared ... who after being by me duly sworn states that ... is ... years of age, and a citizen of ... County, and State of ... and that ... is personally acquainted with ... who is an applicant for citizenship in the ... Nation, I ... and affirm further states that the said ... is the identical person ... represents ... self to be in ... application for citizenship in said Nation, and that the said ...

Affiant further states that ... know the said ... for the past ... years and knows that ... is and has been recognized and treated by ... neighbors, acquaintances and ... generally, as a person having ... Indian blood; and that the complexion, ... language and manners of the said ... indicate ... is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances ... by the said ... affiant states ... reason to believe, and does believe that the said ... is of ... Indian blood.

Affiant further states that ... has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said ... to citizenship in the ... Nation, I. T., and that is not related by blood or marriage to the said ...

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ... day of ... A. D. 189...
and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said ... and know ... to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.
Notary Public.
My commission expires on the ... day of ..., 189...

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Nation's No. 672

Commission's No. 1

In re Application of

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

Nation's No.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicants are  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *W. L. Adams, Attorneys & Counselors at Law.*

Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*S. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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720, 1877

Application of

James Brady **633**

for

natural citizenship

Filed for

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*Repealed*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Hon. Samuel Hayes ~~Governor~~ Chief of the Delaware Nation, Sabikiquah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of James Brady and of the affidavits of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in support of same.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.

John B. Latham

John B. Latham n. o.

My commission expires Feb 19, 1900



Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the Honorable Dunes Commission

The undersigned, James Brady, of the Cherokee Nation, and the United States. Verily believing that the following named persons, for whom

James Brady  
Cherokee  
 Nation, I. T., your

That he is 20 years old. That he was born and raised in Cherokee County North Carolina. That his father's name was Henry Owl and his mother's name was Nancy Brady. His father and mother were married I go by the name of James Brady. My father was a full blood Cherokee Indian and was raised in the old Cherokee Nation East, and did there in the past his father was named Jesky Owl. My father's brother named George Owl. One of my father's sisters married to the Cherokee Nation J. J. a good many years ago her name was — Owl. I had two cousins come out to the Cherokee Nation J. J. at the time of the Cherokee removal. Their names were John Good Brady & Vance Brady. My cousin John was with them grandparent Edem Morris who was a Cherokee Indian and removed West with the Cherokee Indians. My father spoke the Cherokee Indian language. I am at least one half Cherokee Indian blood. I am an admixture of Cherokee and White blood. My grand-father Edem Morris was enrolled on the Cherokee Rolls of 1835 page 94.

STATE OF Arkansas  
 COUNTY OF Arkansas  
 on this 23 day of May 1896

James Brady

personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, duly qualified for the County and State aforesaid, James Brady who, after being duly sworn by me, says that the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee Citizenship are true, as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day and date last above written. J. H. B. Southam  
 Notary Public

My Commission expires March 14 1900

Nation's No. 2713  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

James B. [unclear]

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*James Brody*

Nation's No. *2713*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

*James Brody*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

*W. H. Adair, Executive Secretary* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

*20* day of *Sept*, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 877  
Application of  
Class 1E case 634  
to  
General Citizenship.

Filed Sept 27 1916  
at  
Port Smith, Ark.

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
PORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896. I saw a package registered at the post office at Port Smith Arkansas addressed to Hon Samuel Hayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Eliza McLean and of the affidavits of Gollie Albert and Loracie L. Linn in support of same.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.

John B. Latham  
Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes 14/1/96 N. P.

Eliza M. Lean: 34

Application for

Citizenship.

To the Honorable Senate Commission

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize you for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioners to-wit:

Name of my \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children.

Ages

Names of Children.

Ages.

Leana M. Lean

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Mathie M. Lean

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory your petitioner states:

That she is a daughter of Lathan Foreman, who was a full blood Cherokee Indian and lived in the Cherokee Nation, I. T. and that her mother's name was Lottie Foreman, who was a half blood Cherokee Indian - being an admixture of Cherokee Indian and Negro blood. That petitioners was born and raised in the Cherokee Nation, I. T. and has lived there all her life and that she is an admixture of Cherokee Indian and Negro blood and is 3/4 Cherokee and 1/4 Negro blood.

STATE OF Arkansas

COUNTY OF Sebastian

Eliza M. Lean

On this 31 day of August 1896 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Eliza M. Lean

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

Notary Public Signature

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires March 14 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Eliza McLean for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas COUNTY OF Madison

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Horace A. [unclear] who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 60 years of age, and a resident of the Cherokee Nation and [unclear] District and that he is personally acquainted with Eliza McLean who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that recollection as to parent's family and ancestry of Indian blood.)

That he was personally acquainted with Lathan Foreman who was the father of said Eliza McLean. He lived in the Cherokee Nation, I.C., and was regarded as a full blood Cherokee Indian. He had the appearance of a full blood Cherokee Indian.

I also knew [unclear] who was the mother of the applicant. She lived in the Cherokee Nation, I.C., and was regarded as a Cherokee Indian and 1/2 Negro blood. That the applicant Eliza McLean was raised and still resides in the [unclear] District Cherokee Nation, I.C.

Affiant further states That he has known the said Eliza McLean for the past [unclear] years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Eliza McLean indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Eliza McLean he believes the said Eliza McLean to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Horace A. [unclear]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of August 1896

Thos. A. [unclear] Notary Public

My Commission expires Feb 14 1900

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Eliza McLean  
for Admission to Citizenship in the United States Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Montgomery

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public, and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Collie Albert who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 56 years of age, and a resident of the Cherokee Nation and County of Negroopolis, District and that he is personally acquainted with Eliza McLean who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows of the ancestry and descent of Indian blood.)

That he has personally acquainted with Latham Rowman who was the father of Eliza McLean. He lived in the Cherokee Nation and was regarded as a full blood Cherokee Indian. He has the appearance of a full blood Cherokee Indian.

I also know Collie Nelson who was the mother of the applicant Eliza McLean and was regarded as a Cherokee Indian and 1/2 Negro blood.

That the applicant Eliza McLean was raised and still resides in the Negroopolis District Cherokee Nation.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Eliza McLean for the past 24 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Eliza McLean indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Eliza McLean he believes the said Eliza McLean to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Collie Albert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of August 1896

Thos. A. Latham  
Notary Public

My Commission expires March 14 1900



Nation's No. 2709

Commissioner's No.

In re Application of

Aliza McKean

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Elya McLeon et al*

Nation's No. *2709*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Latin Forum*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof. *and*

*further respondent says that applicant is of negro descent and did not comply with the laws & treaties & Constitution of the Cherokee Nation*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hunting, Hunting Bondman* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *23* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*J. L. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Wm. H. ...  
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*Repetus*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, *John B. Latham*, do solemnly swear that on the *5* day of *September* 1896, at the post office at *Post Smith*, *Arkansas*, *Arkansas*, Governor or Chief of the *Cherokee* Nation, *Cherokee* Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. *321*, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of *James A. Latham* and of the affidavits of *Andrew Jackson* and *William Lewis* in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the *5* day of *September*, 1896.  
*John B. Latham*  
State of *Arkansas*  
County of *Sebastian*

James Clower:

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMISTEAD, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

The undersigned, your petitioner, James Clower, and his children, this day makes application for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, the grounds upon which their claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That he is a direct descendant of John Clower, who was born in the old Cherokee Nation East about the year 1780, and she lived in the old Cherokee Nation and was a daughter of Sam Morgan, who was a white man, the blood and line in the old Cherokee Nation, and was a member of the tribe.

Affiant states that he is a descendant of Cherokee Indian and Nease Hood, who was a white man, and was a member of the tribe.

Affiant states that he is a descendant of Cherokee Indian and Nease Hood, who was a white man, and was a member of the tribe.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely:

Andrew Jackson - affidavit  
William Hood - affidavit

and respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, respectfully submitted,

James Clower  
Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
James Clower	47	Applicant.
Maggie Clower	41	Wife of Applicant.
Lennie Clower	15	Son " "
Jim Clower	11	" " "

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian  
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County of Sebastian, State of Arkansas, James Clower, who after being duly sworn, states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 14th day of August, 1896.  
My commission expires on the 14th day of March, 1897.  
J. B. Farham  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of James Claver for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas COUNTY OF Sebastian

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Arkansas, personally appeared Andrew Jackson who after being duly sworn, states that he is 23 years of age, and a resident of the Cherokee Nation, and that he is personally acquainted with James Claver who has applied for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about the facts stated in the petition.)

That he was born in Mississippi and came to this country where he got acquainted with the late James Claver about 20 years ago. The latter was then married with Louise Claver, the mother of applicant. It was then said to be the daughter of James Claver and she was the wife of the said Louise Claver and resided on the same land. She has the appearance of being a full blood Cherokee Indian.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said James Claver for the past 20 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said James Claver indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said James Claver, he believes the said James Claver to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Andrew Jackson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of August 1896

Notary Public

My Commission expires March 1897

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of James Clower for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas COUNTY OF Sebastian

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared William Davis who after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 41 years of age, and a resident of the Cherokee Nation of Indian Territory and that he is personally acquainted with James Clower who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about applicant's blood.)

Affiant further states: That he has known the said James Clower for the past 8 or 10 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said James Clower indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said James Clower he believes the said James Clower to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

William Davis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of August 1896

The B. Sartain Notary Public

My Commission expires March 14 1900

Nation's No. 2734  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

*James C. Lowe*

Demurrer and Answer.

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**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF **636**

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

*in* *the* Nation, I. T.

*Filed* *Sept 27/96*

*in* *the* *case* *of* *the* *petitioner*

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 4  
day of September 1896 a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith  
Arkansas Samuel Hayes  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation Sakleguak Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 1000 hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of John B. Latham and of the  
affidavits of Burton H. ... and Samuel B. ...  
in support of same. John B. Latham

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 4 day of September 1896.  
John B. Latham Notary Public.  
State of Arkansas County of Washington



Robert Cole  
 Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington, D.C.

The undersigned respectfully petitions for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the United States, and the United States. Your petitioner asks the Board to grant citizenship to the following named persons, for whom he asks the Board to issue a certificate of citizenship.

Name of my wife *Elizabeth Cole*

Names of Children	Ages

As grounds for asking admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the United States, your petitioner states:

*That I was born in the County of Washington, D.C. and have resided in the County of Washington, D.C. for the past five years.*

*Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of August 1894.*

STATE OF *Kentucky*  
 COUNTY OF *Washington*

On this *7th* day of *Aug*, 1894, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a *Deputy Clerk* within and for the County and State aforesaid, who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for *their* Citizenship, are true, as *he* verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
*W. M. J. Deputy Clerk*

My Commission expires

## APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

To the Honorable National Council of \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, Ind. Ter. :

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this \_\_\_\_\_ Application for Citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this \_\_\_\_\_

Application to-wit:

That \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ of one \_\_\_\_\_ who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this \_\_\_\_\_ Application for \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when \_\_\_\_\_ Application shall be truly heard and tried. Respectfully submitted.

Age \_\_\_\_\_ years, Postoffice \_\_\_\_\_

Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

NO.	NAMES.	SEX.	AGE.	RELATIONSHIP.

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1898

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

~~J. P. Brown, Attorney.~~



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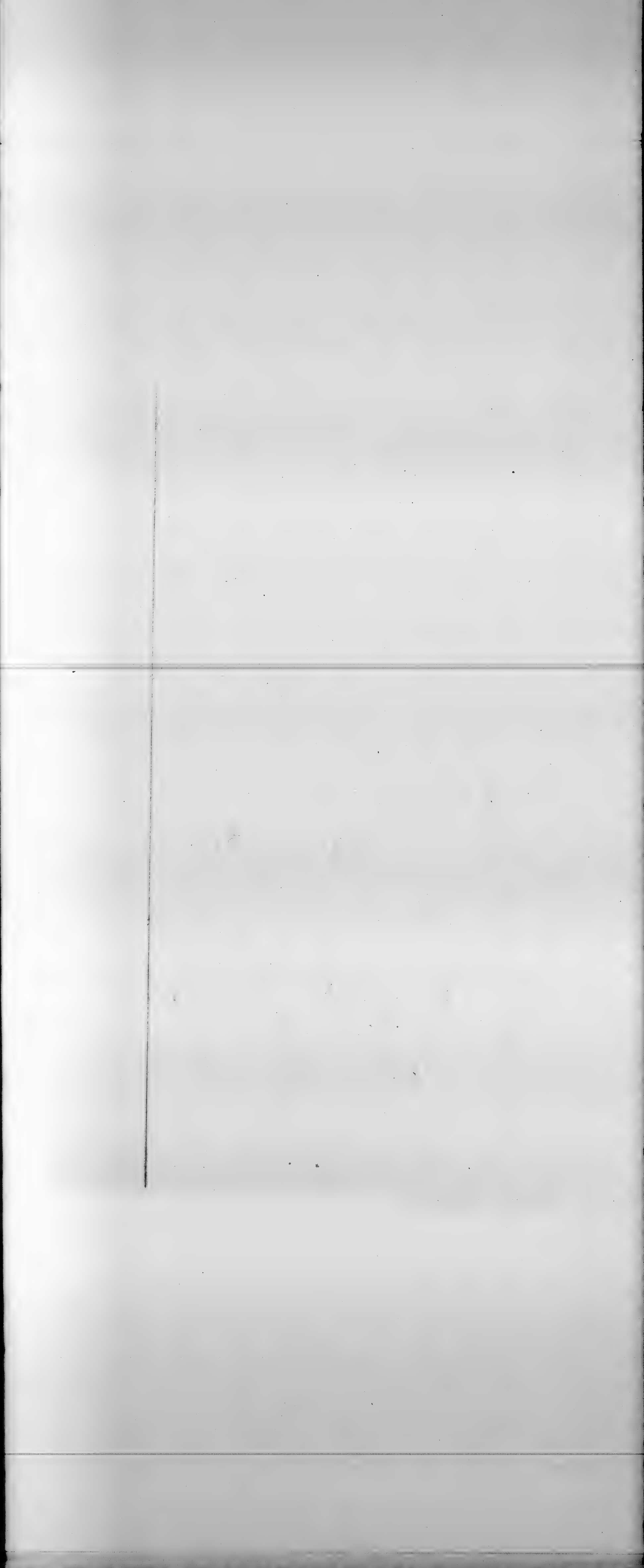
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Nation's No. 1031  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
W. H. Adams, et al.

Nation's No.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objections, or demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

through whom the petitioner claim to derive their right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By \_\_\_\_\_, Assistant Notary.

Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 17th day of Sept. 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No 1872  
IN THE MATTER OF

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*Abraham Cole*

**PETITION AND MEMORIAL**

...FOR...

**CITIZENSHIP**

of the *State* Nation, I T.

*Filed Sept 7-1854*  
*A S McKim*  
*Clerk*

*Repealed*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
PORT SMITH, ARK.



Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 7 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Hon Samuel Moyer ~~Governor~~ or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tulsequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 35 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Abraham Cole and of the affidavits of Earl William and Burt Hensley in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of September 1896.  
John B. Latham Notary Public  
My Comm. expires March 14 1900

Abraham Cole

### Application for ~~Cherokee~~ Citizenship.

To the ~~Honorable Senate~~ *Honorable Senate*

The undersigned respectfully petition and pray the ~~Honorable~~ Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the ~~Cherokee~~ Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that ~~his~~ immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom ~~he~~ asks the privilege of being admitted with petitioner, to wit:

Name of wife	Names of Children	Ages	Names of Children	Ages
<i>Esther</i>	<i>Andie Cole</i>	<i>9</i>		
	<i>Henry</i>	<i>7</i>		

As grounds for asking admission to the ~~Cherokee~~ Nation, I, T., your petitioner states:

*That he is a great-grandson of one Andrew Brown who was a full blooded Cherokee Indian and was the first settler in the county of ~~Cherokee~~ *Cherokee*.*

*Witnesses*  
*John W. ...*  
*...*

STATE OF *Kentucky*, *Abraham X Cole*  
COUNTY OF *Harlan* *1899*

On this *7th* day of *Aug*, 1899, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, ~~Notary Public~~ *Notary Public* within and for the County and State aforesaid *Abraham Cole* who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for ~~their~~ *his* Citizenship, are true, as ~~he~~ *he* verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
*Wm. C. ... Deputy Clerk*  
*Notary Public*

My Commission expires

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Nation's No. 1235  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

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Demurrer and Answer.

For 23

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

Nation's No.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent, not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

through whom the petitioner claim to derive their right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation*, Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17th* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*B. J. Hall*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No 1474

IN THE MATTER OF

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Mary J. Parrott.

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

Cherokee Nation, I. T.

Filed Sept

A. S. McKinnon

Lawyer

Rejected

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham, do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Hon. Samuel Hayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 35 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Nancy J. Parrott and of the affidavits of Burton Henley and Carr Brittan in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of September 1896. John B. Latham My Com. expires March 14-1900. Notary Public



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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

STATE OF ... }
COUNTY OF ... }

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared, ... who after being by me duly sworn states that ... is ... years of age, and a citizen of ... County, and State of ... and that ... is personally acquainted with ... who is an applicant for citizenship in the ... Nation, I ... and affiant further states that the said ... is the identical person ... represents ... to be in ... of citizenship in said Nation ... that the said ...

Affiant further states that ... the said ... for the past ... is and has been recognized and treated by ... neighbors, acquaintances ... generally, as a person having ... Indian blood; and that the complexion, ... and manners of the said ... indicate that ... is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances, and from statements made to ... by the said ... affiant states ... every reason to believe, and does believe that the said ... is of ... Indian blood.

Affiant further states that ... has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said ... to citizenship in the ... Nation, I. T., and that is not rendered by blood or marriage to the said ...

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ... day of ... A. D. 189...

and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said ... and know ... to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

My commission expires on the ... day of ... 1893.



Nation's No. 1933

Commission's No.

In re Application of

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
W. C. ...

Nation's No. ....

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicants are  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not wanting his answer and demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that:

... through whom the petitioner<sup>s</sup> claim to derive their right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *W. C. ...* Attorneys.

Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*W. C. ...*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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IN THE MATTER OF

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

FOR

CITIZENSHIP

*John ...* Nelson, I. T.

*Filed Sept 7, 90*

*J. M. Jacant  
Clerk*

*Replied*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of September 1896. I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Hon Samuel Hayes ~~Governor of~~ Chief of the Cherokee Nation Tulsa Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 5 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Jacob Cole and of the affidavits of Burton Hensley and Garrett Britton in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of September 1896.  
John B. Latham  
John P. Foster  
My Comm. expires 1st

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Jacob Cole  
**Application for Civil Citizenship.**

To the Honorable Senate

The undersigned respectfully petition and entreatize your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the United Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my wife Margaret Cole : age 24

Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages
<u>Maria Cole</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Mary E. Cole</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Isaac</u>	<u>3</u>		
<u>Sorena</u>	<u>2</u>		

As grounds for asking admission to Citizenship in the United Nation, I, T., your petitioner states:

That he is a grand son of one  
Shook Shuman, one of the  
first Cherokee Indian  
settlers in this country  
and that he is a  
native born

Witness my hand  
 and seal  
 this 7th day of

STATE OF Kentucky his  
 COUNTY OF Jefferson Jacob x Cole  
mark

On this 7th day of October 1896 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Jacob Cole who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for their Citizenship, are true, as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
Wm. L. Sec. [Signature]  
 My Commission expires

## APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

To the Honorable National Council of Cherokee Nation, Ind. Ter.:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, your petitioner, this day makes this Application for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of said Nation, and respectfully makes the following statement of the grounds of this Application to-wit:

That John Smith is the father of one John Smith who the undersigned fully believes was an Indian belonging to said tribe.

The undersigned hereby presents the above facts as the lawful grounds for this Application for Citizenship by blood, and respectfully awaits the time when Application shall be truly heard and tried. Respectfully submitted,

Age 37 years, Postoffice ...  
Family, with their relationship attached, is as follows:

NO.	NAMES.	SEX.	AGE.	RELATIONSHIP.
	<u>John Smith</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>Father</u>
	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>

In witness of which Application, I hereunto set my hand, on this the ... day of ... 189...

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of ... 189...

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A. B. Cornett  
Lawyer

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Nation's No. 215

Commission's No.

In re Application of

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED 5-21-11

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

Nation's No.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is  
entitled to

Respondent, waiving his several demurrers, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

through whom the petitioner claims to derive their right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever did reside, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By MICHAEL, EASTMAN & Boudinot.

Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
D. J. Ball  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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IN THE MATTER OF

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

For

CITIZEN

in the

Nation, I. T.

*Filed - 7-2-74*

*Engrossed*

*Rejected*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARZ.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of September 1896. I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to Mrs. Samuel Mayer Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahquah Indian Territory. that Registry Receipt No. 355 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Eliza Cole and of the affidavits of Huston Hensley and Cora B. Latham in support of same. John B. Latham

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of September 1896. State of Arkansas County of Sebastian Mr. A. Latham Notary Public

Eliza Cole

# Application for Citizenship.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of the County of Madison State of Kentucky

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the United States Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privilege of citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Name of my

Names of Children

Age

Names of Children

Age

As grounds for asking citizenship, your petitioner states: that she was born in the State of Kentucky, U. S. of A. and is a native born citizen of the United States.

that she is a native born citizen of the United States and is a native born citizen of the United States.

Witness my hand  
of D. Bradford  
Secy. of the Board

STATE OF Kentucky  
COUNTY OF Madison

Eliza Cole  
mark

On this 10th day of Aug, 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid Eliza Cole who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for their Citizenship, are true, as she verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

Wm A Lee Deputy Clerk  
Notary Public

My Commission expires





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# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

STATE OF California }  
COUNTY OF San Diego } ss.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared J. J. [unclear] who after being by me duly sworn states that [unclear] is 25 years of age, and a citizen of California County, and State of California and that [unclear] is personally acquainted with [unclear] who is an applicant for citizenship in the United States Nation, I, [unclear] and affiant further states that the said [unclear] is the identical person [unclear] represents [unclear] self to be in [unclear] application for citizenship in said Nation, [unclear] that the said [unclear]

Affiant further states that [unclear] has known the said [unclear] for the past 10 years and knows that [unclear] is and has been recognized and treated by [unclear] neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as a person having 1/4 Indian blood; and that the complexion, [unclear] appearance, language and manners of the said [unclear] indicate that the said [unclear] is of Indian blood. That from the above facts and circumstances and from statements made to [unclear] by the said [unclear] affiant states [unclear] has every reason to believe, and does believe that the said [unclear] is of 1/4 Indian blood.

Affiant further states that [unclear] has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of the said [unclear] to citizenship in the United States Nation, I. T., and that is not related by blood or marriage to the said [unclear]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, A. D. 1891.

and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said [unclear] and know [unclear] to be a person of credibility and of truth and veracity.

[unclear] Notary Public.  
My commission expires on the [unclear] day of [unclear], 1891.

Nation's No. 1321  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

et al.

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**Demurrer and Answer.**  
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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application  
of [redacted]

Nation's No.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the following reasons:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the respondent has not sufficient cause to show that the applicant is  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not wishing to answer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

[redacted] claim to derive their right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation to the present location as it is present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any roll of citizens of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered said application, it is to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By [redacted] Attorneys.

Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [redacted] day of [redacted] 1896.

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NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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John A. Smith

*Respectfully*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Paul Smith addressed to John Samuel Hayes Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Cherokee Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 3 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Matthew Springer and of the affidavits of John B. Latham and John B. Latham in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
John B. Latham N.P.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Desha  
*My commission expires (Nov 17, 1901)*

## Application for Citizenship.

To the \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner's immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Names of Children	Ages	Names of Children	Ages
		Martha Springer	9
		Robert Springer	8

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, U. S., your petitioner states:

That she was born in \_\_\_\_\_ Arkansas until she was \_\_\_\_\_ of the Cherokee Nation, \_\_\_\_\_ married Floyd Springer \_\_\_\_\_ named children who \_\_\_\_\_ is now dead. \_\_\_\_\_ daughter of William Bowers \_\_\_\_\_ Paba Christie was \_\_\_\_\_ Cherokee Nation East and \_\_\_\_\_ and related to \_\_\_\_\_ Cherokee Nation \_\_\_\_\_ at least 1/4 Cherokee \_\_\_\_\_ W. Christie, who was an \_\_\_\_\_ Cherokee Nation, was \_\_\_\_\_ application of Jim Bowers \_\_\_\_\_ the Am. Commission is \_\_\_\_\_ in his behalf to the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
 Martha Springer

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, Martha Springer who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship, are true, as \_\_\_\_\_ verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

*Mr. D. S. [Signature]*  
 Notary Public

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ 1900.

(See Affidavits in case of William Bowers)



Nation's No. - 226  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

*Thomas Springer*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Walter Henry*

Nation's No. *274 C*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

*William Powell*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the aforesaid rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Leahlyp & Moudry* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

*20* day of *Sept* 1896.  
*S. H. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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*Agreement*

THOS. B. LATHAM  
LAWYER  
FORT SMITH, ARK.



## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5  
day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Beaut Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Mr. Samuel Hayes  
Governor Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Wahlequah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Elizabeth Wiggins and Willie Parker and of the  
affidavits of Horace S. Norman and Hudson Norman  
in support of same. John B. Latham

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

My commission expires Nov. 17, 1900.

*Elizabeth Wiggins*  
**Application for** \_\_\_\_\_ **Citizenship.**

To the *Honorable David Cameron* \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my _____ age _____		Name of my _____ age _____	
Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages
<i>Willie Wiggins</i>		<i>Willie Wiggins</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Charlie Wiggins</i>		<i>John Wiggins</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Fannie Wiggins</i>			
<i>Grace Wiggins</i>			

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:

*I am the daughter of James Wiggins, a white man, and his wife, who are both citizens of the United States. I was born in the Cherokee Nation, and have resided there since my birth. My father is a white man and has paid taxes on the land he owns in the Cherokee Nation. I have never been married and have never been an Indian. My father is a white man and has paid taxes on the land he owns in the Cherokee Nation. I have never been married and have never been an Indian. My father is a white man and has paid taxes on the land he owns in the Cherokee Nation. I have never been married and have never been an Indian.*

*Petitioner has a full brother, James Wiggins, who she also files application for before your honorable body.*

STATE OF *Arkansas* \_\_\_\_\_  
 COUNTY OF *Washington* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Elizabeth Wiggins*

On this *3<sup>d</sup>* day of *Sept*, 189*6*, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Elizabeth Wiggins*

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for *Cherokee* citizenship, are true, as she verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
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 NOTARY PUBLIC.  
 My Commission expires *Nov 15* 189*7*.

Willie Parker

Application for

Citizenship.

To the Honorable Kansas State

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privilege of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages.

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:

That he is a son of Wyatt Smith, my deceased father who lived in Cherokee Nation and was a free Cherokee Indian and a member of the tribe and was also a free woman. That Elizabeth is 45 years old and was born and raised in the Cherokee Nation and still resides there.

Petitioner states that she is a sister of Elizabeth Wiggins who is an applicant before your Honorable Commission for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. My father applied to your Honorable Commission to the Bureau in the name of said Elizabeth Wiggins in subject of the application.

Willie Parker  
Elizabeth Wiggins

STATE OF Kansas  
COUNTY OF Atchison

On this 3 day of Sept 1896 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Wiggins

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as I verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

Mr. O. P. Smith  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires March 14 1900 1896

# Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Elizabeth Wiggins  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.  
STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Madison

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared George J. Brown who, after being by me duly sworn, states:  
That he 40 years of age and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation  
and County of Sevier and that he is personally acquainted with  
Elizabeth Wiggins who is an applicant for Citizenship in the  
Cherokee Nation. Alicant further states:

*(Here set out in detail the facts as to the alicant's family and ancestry of Indian blood.)*

That he is well acquainted with Harriet Patrick who  
was the mother of Elizabeth Wiggins. That Harriet  
Patrick lives in the Cherokee Nation and is now  
dead. That she was a half-breed Cherokee  
Affiant is acquainted with Walter Brown he lives in the  
Cherokee Nation and was a son of Harriet Patrick and  
sister of Elizabeth through the application

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Elizabeth Wiggins  
for the past 20 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public generally, as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical  
appearance of the said Elizabeth Wiggins indicate that she is of Cherokee  
Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what  
he has heard and knows of the family of the said Elizabeth Wiggins  
he believes the said Elizabeth Wiggins to be a descendant by blood of  
the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Sept 1896  
Geo. J. Brown  
Notary Public

My Commission expires March 14 1900

# Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Elizabeth Wiggins  
 for Admission to Citizenship in the United States Nation.  
 STATE OF Arkansas  
 COUNTY OF Washington

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Arthur D. Sartin who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 40 years of age, and a resident of the County of Washington, State of Arkansas and County of Washington, State of Arkansas and that he is personally acquainted with Elizabeth Wiggins who is an applicant for Citizenship in the United States Nation. Affiant further states:

*(Here set out in detail the facts about applicant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)*

That he was first acquainted with Harriet Sartin who was the mother of Elizabeth Wiggins. That said Harriet had lived in the Cherokee Nation, and is now dead. That she was a half-breed Cherokee Indian. Affiant is acquainted with Willie Sartin, he lives in the Cherokee Nation, and is a son of Harriet Sartin and a son of Elizabeth Wiggins, the Applicant.

Affiant further states. That he has known the said Elizabeth Wiggins for the past 20 years, and knows that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Elizabeth Wiggins indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Elizabeth Wiggins he believes the said Elizabeth Wiggins to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of September, 1896.  
Arthur D. Sartin  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.  
 My Commission expires March 14 1900.



Nation's No. 2718  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

*John T. ...*

Demurrer and Answer.

Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
W. H. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*James H. [unclear]*

Nation's No. **2718**  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant  
is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objections and demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that:

*Amell Petter*  
through whom the petitioner claim to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, ~~and~~ to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *John [unclear] & Boudinot* Attorneys.

John H. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *30* day of *Dec.* 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 4  
day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Gen. Samuel Mayer  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Talequah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 355 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Henry Thompson and of the  
affidavits of Buster Hensley and James Blevin  
in support of same. John B. Latham

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of September 1896.  
State of Arkansas John B. Latham Notary Public  
County of Washington John B. Latham

*Mary [unclear]*

# Application for Citizenship.

To the *Commissioner of the General Land Office*

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that *her* immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom *she* asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my	Age	Name of Children	Ages
<i>John [unclear]</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>John [unclear]</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Mary [unclear]</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Mary [unclear]</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>William [unclear]</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>William [unclear]</i>	<i>5</i>

As grounds for asking admission to Citizenship in the *Cherokee* Nation, I, T., your petitioner states:

*I was born in the Cherokee Nation, I have resided in the Cherokee Nation for the last five years, and I have never been naturalized in any other country.*

*Mary [unclear]*  
*[Signature]*

STATE OF *Georgia*  
COUNTY OF *Cherokee*

On this *10th* day of *April*, 189*7*, personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Mary [unclear]*, who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for *her* Citizenship, are true, as *she* verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
*M. Lee [unclear]*  
Notary Public

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Nation's No. 2  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
John L. Adair, et al.

Nation's No.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objections, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

through whom the petitioner claims to derive his right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *John L. Adair*, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the

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matters contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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THOS. B. LATHAM  
LAWYER  
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## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John S. Galtman, do solemnly swear that on the 5  
day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Fort Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Mr. Samuel C. Hayes  
Governor or Chief of the Delaware Nation Chickasaw Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 322 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Jerry Reed and of the  
affidavits of Hudson Sherman and Horace S. Norman  
in support of same. John S. Galtman

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September, 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

John S. Galtman  
Commission Expires Nov. 14, 1900. J. P.



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Jerry Red  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Georgia  
COUNTY OF Stephens  
Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Jerry Red who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 44 years of age, and a resident of the State of Georgia and County of Stephens District and that he is personally acquainted with Jerry Red who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about the said's family, including status of Indian blood.)

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Jerry Red for the past 18 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Jerry Red indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Jerry Red he believes the said Jerry Red to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of August 1896

Thos B. Saha  
Notary Public

My Commission expires Feb. 14 1900

# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Jerry Red  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

STATE OF Mississippi  
COUNTY OF Itaska  
Before me, the undersigned, Notary Public, and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Jerry Red who, after being duly sworn, states: That he is 40 years of age, and a resident of the State of Mississippi and County of Itaska District and that he is personally acquainted with Jerry Red who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows of the applicant's race and whether or not of Indian blood.)

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Jerry Red for the past 19 years, and knows that he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Jerry Red indicate that he is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Jerry Red he believes the said Jerry Red to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of August 1896

Thos. W. Parker  
Notary Public

My Commission expires Dec. 14 1900

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State's No. *211*

Commissioner's No.

Application of

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. H. Catmiss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Jerry Reed*

Nation's No. *274*  
Commissioner's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Jerry Reed*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and situated; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation.

By *W. L. Adair* Attorney.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Nov* 189*6*

NOTARY PUBLIC

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THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5 day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith Arkansas addressed to John Demasch with age Governor or Chief of the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of J. M. Turner and of the affidavits of and in support of same.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 5 day of September 1896.

John B. Latham

Commissioner since Feb. 14, 1900



*Jerry Vanns*  
**Application for Cherokee Citizenship.**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages.
<u>John Ann Vanns</u>			

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:

*My father, James Vanns, was a white citizen to the Cherokee Nation, and was a member of the Cherokee Freedmen who was taken to the staff in 1838 and that his family was separated from him. The exception of his name from the list of the freedmen was young to have been taken to the staff and he had been left off the roll of the freedmen.*

*Petitioner therefore respectfully asks the Honorable Board of Commissioners to place his name on the roll of the freedmen.*

STATE OF Arkansas  
 COUNTY OF Sebastian

On this 25 day of August, 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Jerry Vanns

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as I verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

Wm. D. Latta  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Feb. 14, 1900 - 1896

Section No. 174  
Commission's No.  
in re Application of

W. J. [unclear]

**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*L. J. Vane*

Nation's No. *2748*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his grounds of demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof. *and*

*respondent wishes also that this  
applicant has no right to be heard before  
your Honorable Commission*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hartung & Bouchard* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *23* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Bill*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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THOS B LATHAM.  
ATTORNEY.  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5th day of September 1890, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Hot Springs Arkansas addressed to John B. Latham Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Yancy Timson Willie W. White and of the affidavits of Horace S. Timson and Yancy Timson in support of same.

State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5th day of September 1890.

John B. Latham  
By commission, 1890. Notary Public



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J. H. Scott  
Notary Public.  
Witnessed Dec. 11-1899.

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James Lewis & Mabel White  
Application for admission  
to the Cherokee Nation

2 *Harvey Vinson* 37  
**Application for Citizenship.**

To the Honorable David \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that \_\_\_\_\_ immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom \_\_\_\_\_ asks the privileges of citizenship with petitioner, to-wit:

Name of my wife \_\_\_\_\_ age 25

Names of Children.	Ages	Names of Children.	Ages.
<u>Elijah Vinson</u>	<u>12</u>		
<u>Filda Vinson</u>	<u>9</u>		
<u>Oney Vinson</u>	<u>7</u>		
<u>Calness Vinson</u>	<u>4</u>		

As grounds for asking admission to citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:

*My father was a white man of the age of 37 years. That he was born in the Cherokee Nation, and that his mother was Charlotte Vinson who lived in Alabama and her name was Johnson. His mother was a white woman who lived in North Carolina and Alabama, in the Cherokee Nation, and was a member of the tribe and her blood Cherokee.*  
*Petitioner states that he is an American citizen and was born in the Cherokee Nation.*  
*Petitioner states that he has names and is the father of 4 children, names above, and asks that they be enrolled with him by your Honorable Commission.*

STATE OF Arkansas }  
COUNTY OF Madison } *Harvey Vinson*

On this 29 day of August 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Harvey Vinson who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee citizenship, are true, as he verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.  
John A. Lamb  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My Commission expires Feb. 14 1900



# AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of \_\_\_\_\_  
for Admission to Citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.

STATE OF Arkansas  
COUNTY OF Delaware

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, and a resident of the \_\_\_\_\_ and County of \_\_\_\_\_ and that \_\_\_\_\_ is personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_ who is an applicant for Citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about applicant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

Affiant further states: That \_\_\_\_\_ has known the said \_\_\_\_\_ for the past 4 or 5 years, and knows that \_\_\_\_\_ has been and is recognized by \_\_\_\_\_ neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having \_\_\_\_\_ Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said \_\_\_\_\_ indicate that he is of \_\_\_\_\_ Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said \_\_\_\_\_ he believes the said \_\_\_\_\_ to be a descendant by blood of the \_\_\_\_\_ Indian tribe.

Wm. C. St. Roman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of August 1896

Wm. A. [Signature]  
Notary Public

My Commission expires March

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of \_\_\_\_\_  
for Admission to Citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.

STATE OF Alaska  
COUNTY OF Kenai

Before me, the undersigned, Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, and a resident of the \_\_\_\_\_ and County of \_\_\_\_\_ and that \_\_\_\_\_ is personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_ who is an applicant for Citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows of the applicant's ancestry and amount of Indian blood.)

Affiant further states: That \_\_\_\_\_ has known the said \_\_\_\_\_ for the past \_\_\_\_\_ years, and knows that \_\_\_\_\_ has been and is recognized by \_\_\_\_\_ neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having \_\_\_\_\_ Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said \_\_\_\_\_ indicate that he is of \_\_\_\_\_ Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said \_\_\_\_\_ he believes the said \_\_\_\_\_ to be a descendant by blood of the \_\_\_\_\_ Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896

James M. Carson

Witness

Notary Public

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

Millie White  
**Application for** **Citizenship.**

To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned respectfully \_\_\_\_\_ your honorable body for admission to the rights and privileges of citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your \_\_\_\_\_ immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom \_\_\_\_\_ to-wit:

Name of my \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children.	AGES	Names of Children.	Ages.
James White	13	Edna White	9
Harry White		Arbena White	
Ruth White			
Anna White			

As grounds for asking \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, Indian Territory, your petitioner states:

Agents: That \_\_\_\_\_  
 went to \_\_\_\_\_  
 that she \_\_\_\_\_  
 mother \_\_\_\_\_  
 and is \_\_\_\_\_  
 was \_\_\_\_\_  
 East and \_\_\_\_\_  
 of the \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Indian \_\_\_\_\_  
 of 6 children \_\_\_\_\_  
 set out

Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_  
 who is a \_\_\_\_\_  
 and she \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF Georgia \_\_\_\_\_  
 COUNTY OF Adair \_\_\_\_\_

On this 21 day of March 1894, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memoranda for \_\_\_\_\_ citizenship, are true, as she verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day last above written.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.  
 My Commission expires March 14 1900

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*Henry C. ...*

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKinnon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Jany Wilson*

Nation No. \_\_\_\_\_

Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties in this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same, for answer to said application, says that

*William Wilson*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory, as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as prescribed.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hoelings, & ...* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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No. 1875  
Application of  
James H. [unclear] 647

[unclear]  
[unclear]

Rejected

THOS. P. LATHROP  
S.A.T.  
FORT SMITH, AR.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Latham do solemnly swear that on the 5  
day of September 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Fort Smith  
Arkansas addressed to Hon. Samuel Hayes  
~~Governor~~ or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 372 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Laura Steward and of the  
affidavits of Larry Leane, Chamye Taylor and Aaron Morrison  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5 day of September 1896  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

John B. Latham  
My Commission expires Nov. 14 1896.

## Application for Cherokee Citizenship.

To the \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned respectfully petition the \_\_\_\_\_ Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that her immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom she asks the privilege of Citizenship with petitioner, to wit:

Name of petitioner *Laura Steward*

Names of Children.	Ages.	Names of Children.	Ages.
<i>Annie Steward</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Mabel Steward</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Charley Steward</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Ben Steward</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Pearl Steward</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>David Steward</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Alvin Steward</i>	<i>8</i>		

As grounds for asking admission to the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, I, your petitioner state:

*She is a daughter of Perry Deane who was of Cherokee Indian and Negro blood and who was a slave and belonged to Dr. Deane of Fayetteville Ark at the time of the \_\_\_\_\_*

STATE OF *Missouri* \_\_\_\_\_ *Laura Steward*

COUNTY OF *Jasper* \_\_\_\_\_

On this *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 189*6* personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Laura Steward*

who, after being duly sworn by me, says: That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for *Cherokee* Citizenship, are true, as *she* verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date last above written.

*Ross T. Stebbins*  
Notary Public

My Commission expires *August 8<sup>th</sup> 1897*



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Laura Steward  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation

STATE OF Missouri  
COUNTY OF Linn

I, John D. Parker, Notary Public in and for the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that John D. Parker is a resident of the County of Linn and State of Missouri and is over the age of 21 years and is a resident of the County of Linn and State of Missouri for the term of years of 4 years, and is a resident of the County of Linn and State of Missouri for the term of years of 70 years.

That he was born in the Cherokee Nation in the Indian Territory, that his mother was an Indian and a member of the Cherokee tribe, being as near as he can tell a half blood, and his first name was Mary, her last name was by him forgotten, he being separated from her at an early age of 2 years. That Laura Steward is his own daughter, being born in Fayetteville Arkansas, her name being Laura Deane, but since married to a man by the name of Laura Steward and residing at this time in Cothage Missouri.

Affiant further says that he has known the said Laura Steward since her birth, and that she has been and is recognized by her neighbors and the public generally as being of Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Laura Steward indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Laura Steward he believes the said Laura Steward to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Attest John D. Parker  
John D. Parker

Perry Deane

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of August 1896

William B. Skinner  
Notary Public

My Commission expires Sept 29th 1896



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of Laura Steward  
for Admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of August 1897  
I, Henry C. Merriam, Notary Public for the State of Oklahoma, personally appeared  
the said Laura Steward, who being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 45  
years of age, single, and resides in the County of Washington and  
State of Oklahoma, and that she is an applicant for Citizenship  
in the Cherokee Nation. She further states:

That she is a daughter of Perry  
Steward who was a part Cherokee Indian  
of the Cherokee Nation.

That she has known the said Perry Steward for  
the past 25 years, and that he has been and is recognized by his  
neighbors, acquaintances and the Cherokee Nation as being  
of the Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance  
of the said Perry Steward indicate that he is of Cherokee  
Indian blood and descent. Affiant further states that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the  
family of the said Perry Steward he believes the said Perry Steward  
to be a descendant of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Aaron H. Merriam

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of August 1897

W. S. Steward  
Notary Public

My Commission expires 1st Feb'y 1899

Case No. 2  
Page No.  
Application of

*James H. Stone*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Laura Stovord*

Nation's No. *2731*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his ~~afforesaid~~ demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *William H. H. Boudinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *23* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*S. J. Bell*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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Up location of **648**  
Mary Lake Springs

Church Membership -  
[Faint handwritten notes]

*Rejected*

THOS. B. LATHAM,  
LAWYER,  
FORT SMITH, ARK.

## Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, John B. Luther ..... do solemnly swear that on the 5 .....  
day of September ..... 1896, I saw a package registered at the post-office at Post Smith .....  
Arkansas ..... addressed to Hon. Samuel Mayer .....  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee ..... Nation, Sahleguaha ..... Indian Territory,  
that Registry Receipt No. 372 ..... received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Mary Sabra Springer ..... and of the  
affidavits of ..... and .....  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this ..... day of September ..... 1896.  
State of Arkansas  
County of Sebastian

John B. Luther  
My Commission expires Nov. 14, 1900.

Mr. A. Graham  
Not.





Case No. 2724  
Comptroller's No.  
In Application of

Mary Jane Springer

**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Mary & her husband*

Nation's No. *2739*  
Commission's No. *1*

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, *S. H. Mayes*, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds hereinafter set forth.

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, the effect of which is to determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant  
is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not wanting to be troubled with any proceeding upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

*John L. Adair* through whom the petitioner claims to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation to its present location as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the rolls of citizens of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *John L. Adair & Benjamin B. ...* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Esq., Principal Chief Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

*25* day of *Sept* 1896.  
*D. T. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Application ~~and~~ <sup>2008</sup>  
Evidence of **649**  
Frank L. Robinson  
for Citizenship in  
the Cherokee Nation

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Filed Sept 7, 1894  
at New York  
New York

Rejected

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Indian Territory,  
Southern Judicial District.

Before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Ex Parte, Frank L. Robinson.     |  
Applicant for Enrolment           |     Affidavit of Service of Copy of  
as a Cherokee Citizen.            |     Petition on the Governor of Cherokee  
  |     Nation.

I Frank L. Robinson do solemnly swear that I am the applicant  
in the above stated matter, and that I have served a true copy of my  
petition hereto attached on S.H. Mayes by sending the same to him as re-  
istered mail, and that I through my attorney A.H. Hutchins of Wyand-  
wood, I.T. have received from said S.H. Mayes the registry receipt card  
hereto attached and made a part hereof.

*Frank L. Robinson*  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Sept. 1890.

*C. H. Hutchins*  
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Notary Public.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
Frank L. Robinson  
Cherokee

right ~~is~~ the fact that he married Laura West  
a Cherokee Indian by blood; that the said  
Laura West is a daughter of John West  
of the Canadian District and that he  
married said Laura West on the 20th day  
Oct. 1895 - and that said Laura West is now  
his wife

and that Cherokee  
such Cherokee

Indian Territory  
Indian Territory  
Indian Territory

Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of August 1895  
Frank L. Robinson

Indian Territory  
Southern District  
Frank L. Robinson  
petitioner in the above petition, that he has read (or heard read)  
the said petition, and that the facts stated therein are true,  
and he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of August 1895  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires Oct 31st 1896

Southern  
District

APPIDAVIT OF M.L. BUTLER

United States of America  
Indian Territory  
Southern District

Before the undersigned authority, this the 27th day of August, 1896, personally appeared M.L. Butler, who after being duly sworn by me to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, deposes and says:- My name is M.L. Butler, my age thirtyseven years, am a Methodist Minister of the Gospel, I reside in Wynnewood, Indian Territory, I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Sequoyah District, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ I married and located there in 1881. I know Laura West, I know her to be a Cherokee Indian by blood, I lived at Muskogee Indian Territory near the place of her residence, . Laura West is the daughter of John West, of the Canadian District.

M. L. Butler

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27th day of August, 1896.

C. J. ...

Notary Public in and for the Southern  
District of the Indian Territory.

~~Notary~~

*Southern District*



NO. 1756

# MARRIAGE LICENSE

United States of America

INDIAN TERRITORY

CENTRAL DISTRICT

*Between*  
*Robert Whitfield*  
*and*  
*Miss Susan H. Whitfield*

U. S. DISTRICT COURT

CLERK OF THE U. S. COURT

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

INDIAN TERRITORY

CENTRAL DISTRICT

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that on the *30th* day of *May* A. D. 189*7*

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 *30* day of *May* A. D. 189*7*

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the UNITED STATES COURT in the Indian Territory, Central District, book *1756* page *1756*

*Fred H. Jones*  
a U. S. Commissioner

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



No. 1756

# MARRIAGE LICENSE

United States of America,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

*John Robinson Whitefield*  
*and*  
*Mrs. Mary Ann Whitefield*

do hereby certify that this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
A. D. 189\_\_\_\_

CLERK OF THE U. S. COURT

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

do hereby certify that on the *30<sup>th</sup>* day of  
*Dec* A. D. 189*9*

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 *30* day of *Dec* A. D. 189*9*

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the UNITED STATES  
Court, in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book \_\_\_\_\_ page \_\_\_\_\_

*J. W. Connors*  
a U. S. Commissioner

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

**Certificate of Record of Marriages.**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
THE INDIAN TERRITORY, } SCT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

I, P. B. STONER, Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid.

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the license for, and certificate of the Marriage of

Mr \_\_\_\_\_ and  
M \_\_\_\_\_

were filed in my office in said Territory and District the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 189\_\_\_\_ and duly recorded in Book \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage Records page \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 189\_\_\_\_

P. B. STONER, Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

*Bo*  
*2/3*

This man is claiming  
rights as an adopted white-citizen  
The record or suit in a filed  
does not show Charles Lewis  
& the Supreme Court, about  
2 years ago in the Equal  
case decided that all U.S.  
Commissioners could not  
deny & coa for rights as  
white men -

It is not simply with Charles law that no matter  
in Charles that has been decided or otherwise here -

Nation's No. 218

Commission's No.

In re Application of

Edward L. Robinson

**Demurrer and Answer.**

EDWARD L. ROBINSON

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. M. Kennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of  
*Frank L. Robinson*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. *478*  
Commissioner's No.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation, denies and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds that he says:

- 1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction in the matter of this controversy,  
no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.
- 2d. That the applicant does not show that he is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objection to the said application, in answer to said appli-  
cation, says that:

...to derive right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, was ... that his name  
does not appear on any of the ... of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation.

Having fully answered your respondent's objection, the same is dismissed.  
S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins, Watkins & Bondurant* Attorneys.  
John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *10* day of *July*, 1896.  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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Wm. H. Miller  
L.S.

Christie Station

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Selected 7" clay  
of 4/21/96.

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Don Carlos of Stanford,  
Winter,  
Ind. Sec.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, *W. J. Stanfield*, do solemnly swear that on the *2nd* day of *Sept*, 1896, I saw a package registered by *W. J. Stanfield* at the Post Office at Vinita, addressed to *S. H. Mayes* Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter., that registry receipt, No. *228* hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of *S. H. Mayes* and of the affidavits of *W. J. Stanfield* *W. J. Stanfield* in support of the same.

*W. J. Stanfield*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this *2nd* DAY OF *Sept*

1896

*Harry D. Cook*

⊗ REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at *Vinita I. T.*

Registered Letter Parcel } No. *228*. Rec'd *Sept 2 1896*

of *W. J. Stanfield*

addressed to *S. H. Mayes Chief*  
*Tahlequah I. T.*  
*PA 7:45 P.M.*

To the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.  
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the evidence submitted by me to the Commission on the part of the Cherokee Nation, authorized by the Act of Congress of June 4th, 1906, to determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Myself, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and that I am the husband of the undersigned, *Luna O. Foster*

and *Luna O. Foster* her husband, do hereby certify that we are entitled to share in the distribution of lands and allotments of land in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood, and we hereby submit the evidence annexed hereto, to-wit:- Affidavits marked

as follows, *1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000*

and some reference to and about several the different rolls of Cherokee Nation citizens, which petitioner believes will show that *Thomas Lewis Williams and Mary Foster* an ancestor of these for whom this application is made, in support of this application. The names and relationship of those interested with petitioner in this application are as follows:-

Names	Age	Relationship to Petitioner
<i>Luna O. Foster</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>Petitioner</i>
<i>Charles O. Foster</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Son</i>
<i>James O. Foster</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Son</i>
<i>Quinn O. Foster</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Son</i>
<i>Dora May Foster</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Daughter</i>



NEXT

IMAGE

GLUED

*George W. Foster*      *24th*      *1896*  
*L. R. Foster*      *4th*      *Husband*

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Grayson. ) I, T. W. HUDSON, Clerk of the County Court of said County, do hereby  
certify that *George W. Foster* whose genuine signature appears to the fore-  
going instrument, is, and was at the date thereof an acting *Secretary*  
within and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified. That his term of office commenced on the  
*1st* day of *Jan* 189*6* and will expire on the *31st* day of  
*May* 189*7* and full faith and credit is due to all his official acts.  
In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and impress my seal of office  
this *26th* day of *August* A. D. 189*6*  
*T. W. Hudson* Clerk.  
By *W. S. Wick* Deputy.

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I, Grace M. Foster Wife of  
L. R. Foster Wife of Husband

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August

A. D. 1890.

A. L. D. Armon  
Notary Public & Comptroller  
Com. Texas





I hereby certify that I truly believe that the said James Foster  
and brother, William Foster and Henry Foster, brothers, were  
enrolled as such under John Ross  
in 1835 and I truly believe that the said roll will dis-  
close the name of the said Foster brothers, therefore I request the  
General Commission to examine the said rolls.

I have filed my claim prior to this with the Council of the  
County and that said claim so far as I am informed has never  
been acted upon by said Council either favorably or adversely

*James Foster*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 1890

*A. D. Williams*

*Notary Public Grayson*

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Grayson.

I, W. B. LISON, Clerk of the County Court of said County, do hereby  
certify that *James Foster* whose genuine signature appears to the non-

going instrument, is an *original* settler of said County, within and for said County, as requested. That his term of office commenced on the  
1<sup>st</sup> day of *August* 1890 and will expire on the *31<sup>st</sup>* day of

1891 and full faith and credit is due to all his official acts

in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and impress my seal of office  
this 25<sup>th</sup> day of *August*, A. D. 1890

*W. B. Lison* Clerk  
By *James Foster* Deputy



STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Grayson.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1896  
 the following instrument was presented before me the undersigned Notary Public within and  
 for the County of Grayson, State of Texas, by me personally known, who de-  
 poses and saith as follows, to-wit: That my name is A. G. Bowling,  
 being first called of Grayson County and that I am 70 years of age.  
 I was born in the County of Montgomery up to  
 the year 1838, and has since remained here and for many years prior  
 to the year 1871 I personally knew the same persons who are mentioned in the  
 above instrument and I was known and recognized as a full blood  
Cherokee Indian. One of the persons mentioned in the above instrument was  
John W. Wright, the son of John W. Wright, the son of John W. Wright and  
those by whom the above instrument was executed and those by whom the same was  
attested. The above instrument was executed when there was such great  
and valuable land in the County of Grayson, State of Texas and at the same  
time that the above instrument was executed in this County I was not in the  
County of Grayson.

A. G. Bowling

20<sup>th</sup> day of August

F. L. D. [Signature]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Grayson.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the County Court of said County, do hereby  
certify that A. G. Bowling whose name appears to the fore-  
going instrument, is, at this time, a resident within and for said County

day of August 1896 and will expire on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
1896 and he is qualified to perform all his official acts.

Witness my hand and impress of office  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1896

[Signature] Clerk.  
[Signature] Deputy.



NEXT

IMAGE

GLUED

NOTARY PUBLIC  
PAYNE

It is remembered that on this the 27 day of August A.D. 1896  
personally appeared before me the undersigned Notary Public within and  
for the Territory and County aforesaid, Dorcas Moore, to me personally  
known who deposed and said as follows, to-wit:- That my name is Dorcas  
Moore and I am 62 years old, a resident of Oklahoma and my post  
office address is Legalia. My first husband's name was James Foster  
and he had four sons, Lewis Foster, William Foster, James Foster and  
Thomas Foster. Of the said sons James Foster was my father and

Territory of Oklahoma }  
County of Payne } OS.

I, Wm. Pittman, County clerk of Payne  
County hereby certify that Dorcas Moore  
is a Notary Public of Payne County, Okla.  
and was sworn to on the 27th day of August  
1896 as appears of Record in the  
County Clerk's office at Muskogee.

Witness my hand and seal of  
Office this 27th day of August 1896  
Wm. Pittman,  
County Clerk.

Seal  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR PAYNE COUNTY

Exhibit 1



I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on this the 17 day of August A.D. 1890  
I was personally present before the undersigned Notary Public within and  
for the Territory and County of ... there, to be personally  
known who deposed and said as follows, to-wit: That my name is ...  
and I am ... years of age, a resident of ... and my post  
office address is ... that ... was ... Foster  
and he had four sons, Lewis Foster, William Foster, Henry Foster and  
Thomas Foster. Of the said Lewis Foster was my father and the  
grand father of ... was ... Foster and  
on the 16th day of ... 1840 I was married to J. L. Elmore at West  
... a daughter, Lura C.  
Elmore now Lura C. Foster was born. That the said Lewis, William  
Henry and Thomas Foster were brothers and resided in the State of Vir-  
ginia for years prior to 1840. That ... That my father Lewis Foster  
was born in ... and resided in Madison County ...  
I was born and married to J. L. Elmore.

... married ... of ...  
... of the 20th day of October 1870, in Labette County, Kansas.  
... in this case.

*Charles E. ...*

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on this the 17 day of August, A.D. 1890

*My Commission Expires ...*  
*Notary Public*  
*...*





Luna @

1843

Luna @

Bar King

Franklin

Exhibit "E"

*Handwritten text, possibly a list or notes, including the word "Coral" and other illegible entries.*

*Pierre Wilson m*

*Frank Ross*

*Handwritten notes or signatures at the bottom of the page.*

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

Nation's No. 7000.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds stated as follows:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction in the premises or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to entertain the same.

2nd. That the applicant has failed to show that the applicant is  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not wanting his case to be dismissed upon the merits for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

the respondent's claim to derive his right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation westward of the mountains is present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation or Indian Territory, and that he is not a citizen of the

Having fully answered, said respondent's case is hereby dismissed.

\* H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By \_\_\_\_\_

Attorneys

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

2<sup>nd</sup> day of *Sept*, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**End**

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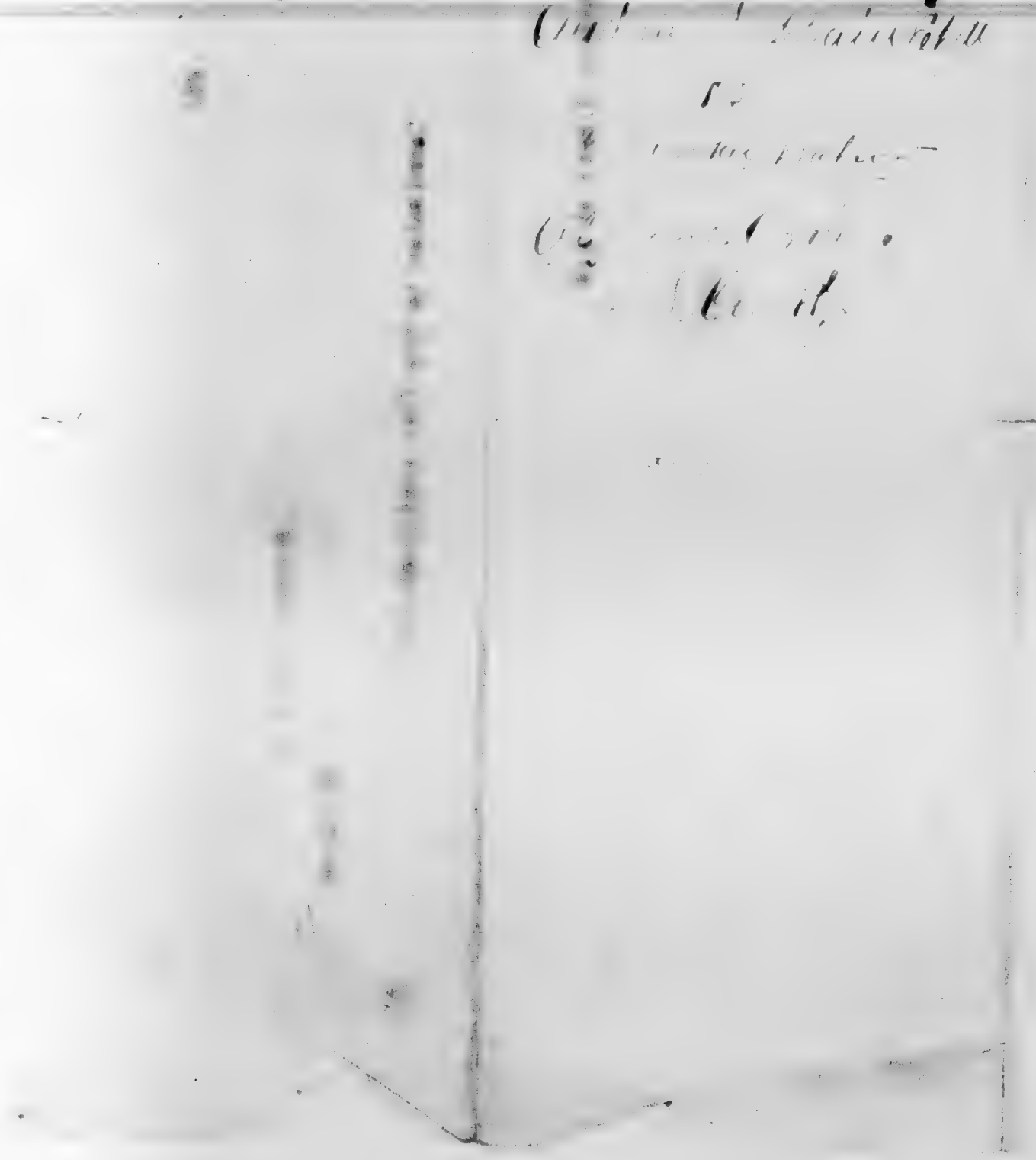
Carton of Rainwater

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1000 gallons

1000 gallons

1000 gallons



NOTICE.

#5:

United States of America,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT

In the United States Court for said District.  
In the matter of the application of  
to be  
enrolled as citizens of the Nation.

TO THE Commission to the

You are hereby notified that in

Andrew J. Bain et al

to be enrolled as citizens of the Nation, from said  
Commission

to the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory and that your tribunal is requested  
by said Court to transmit at the earliest time practicable to said Court at Muskogee, Indian Territory, a  
transcript of all the entries made in the docket of your tribunal relating to the case together with the  
depositions and testimony taken before said tribunal; the decision thereon the application, and all original  
papers relating thereto.

Witness the Honorable William M. Springer, Judge of said Court, and the  
seal thereof, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, the day of  
Feb., 1896 A.D. 1896

Clerk.

**End**



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# NOTICE.

United States of America,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT

In the United States Court for said District.

In the matter of the application of

Gov. Belew to be  
enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

TO THE Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes:

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken in the matter of the application of

Gov. Belew et als

to be enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, from said Commission

to the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, and that your tribunal is requested by said Court to transmit at the earliest time practicable to said Court, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, a transcript of all the entries made in the docket of your tribunal relating to the case, together with the depositions and testimony taken before said tribunal; the decision thereof on the application, and all original papers relating thereto

Witness the Honorable William M. Springer, Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, the 1st day of Dec. 1896 A.D. 189

*Wm. M. Springer*  
Clerk.

**End**

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NOTICE.

United States of America,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

In the United States Court for said District.

In the matter of the application of

to be

enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

TO THE Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken in the matter of the application of

John Below et al

to be enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, from said

Commission

to the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, and that your tribunal is requested by said Court to transmit at the earliest time practicable to said Court, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, a transcript of all the entries made in the docket of your tribunal relating to the case, together with the depositions and testimony taken before said tribunal; the decision thereof on the application, and all original papers relating thereto

Witness the Honorable William M. Springer, Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, the 15th day of

Dec-1896

A.D. 1896

Clerk.

**End**

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Field Notes  
Miller's

1868



NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE ME, \_\_\_\_\_, of the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

James H. Baker, et al.

By \_\_\_\_\_, their Attorney at Law

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

J. S. McCreary, Notary Public, do hereby certify that the application is not attached by delivering a true copy of the same and papers attached thereto to W. J. Kester *Attorney for Cherokee Nation as directed by court order* Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation

Ethelqua is well known, and that he is not of counsel for or related to any of the parties, or in any manner interested in the prosecution of the said claim.

Witness my hand and seal this 8 day of September, 19\_\_\_\_.

James H. Baker

Notary Public

Notary Public.

From the Honorable Commission  
the 3rd. August 1781.

in the matter of the application  
of Thomas H. Bell for admission  
into the Church of England.

Representation.

The undersigned, Thomas H. Bell  
is a native born subject of Great  
Britain and of the County of  
Down. He is a member of the Church of  
England and of the Parish of  
St. Peter's in the City of London.  
He is a member of the Church of  
England and of the Parish of  
St. Peter's in the City of London.  
He is a member of the Church of  
England and of the Parish of  
St. Peter's in the City of London.

Also Thomas Bell, wife of the above  
William Thomas Bell and son of the  
said William, John Bell and J. Bell  
is a native born subject of Great  
Britain and of the County of  
Down. He is a member of the Church of  
England and of the Parish of  
St. Peter's in the City of London.  
He is a member of the Church of  
England and of the Parish of  
St. Peter's in the City of London.

Also John Bell, husband of the above  
Margaret Bell and son of the  
said John and of the Parish of  
St. Peter's in the City of London.  
He is a member of the Church of  
England and of the Parish of  
St. Peter's in the City of London.

Also John Bell and wife of the above  
Margaret Bell and son of the  
said John and of the Parish of  
St. Peter's in the City of London.  
He is a member of the Church of  
England and of the Parish of  
St. Peter's in the City of London.



in the Church of England and a full  
 brother of the Rev. and Mrs. Peck.  
 was not understood as applicant  
 for enrollment as citizen of the  
 State of New York and in some  
 instances of said Henry to the undersigned  
 being full nephews and niece of  
 said Thomas Flippin, and also  
 and Mrs. Peck.

and whereas said Helen, wife of  
 the late James Peck, was and is a cousin  
 of said Henry Peck, in whose house  
 Seymour, as Peck, is a full sister of  
 said Thomas Flippin and of said  
 and Mrs. Peck, and daughter of said  
 Helen, as above, and good daughter  
 of said John Peck, and said John  
 Peck being a daughter of said  
 Peck by his intimate connection with William  
 Seymour.

That in some six and a half  
 the person occupied in the  
 education of the children.

Name	Sex	Age
Henry P. Peck	Male	57
Emma	Female	
John Peck	Male	36
John Peck		33
Leopold Peck		27
Mary Ann Peck, nee Helen	Female	
Ella Peck	Female	20
Henry	Male	9



Grand	Male	30
John	Male	27
John	Male	22
John	Male	19
John	Male	17
John	Male	15
John	Male	13
John	Male	11
John	Male	9
John	Male	7
John	Male	5
John	Male	3
John	Male	1

Applicants attend court and will see  
 as they can and respectfully ask that  
 such a name is in our relations  
 and Charles and his family as well as  
 in full in the court case of James  
 Flynn and his family as well as  
 family of John D. Kelly, and  
 considered upon the hearing of this appli-  
 cation

Applicants most respectfully ask that their  
 their application may be heard and  
 determined and that they may be ad-  
 mitted as citizens in the Cherokee  
 Nation and enrolled as such  
 citizens.

Lawrence Heber

In presence of  
 W. Richardson III  
 W. D. Rize



State of Tennessee  
County of person  
I, R. Edwards, a  
Notary Public and commissioned and  
sworn and acting in such capacity  
do hereby certify that personally known  
to me as the person signing the  
above and foregoing application for  
citizenship in the United States  
and true to me first duly sworn  
state that he knows the contents of  
said application and that the state  
inents therein contained are true in  
all particulars.

Given under my hand and seal in  
such Notary Public for the State of  
Tennessee on

My Commission expires R. Edwards  
April 1889 Notary Public

Ed Smith  
Attorney for applicant

State of Tennessee

County of Carter -

Before me, R. E. Edwards, a  
Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified  
and acting as such of the State of Tennessee  
with whom I am personally acquainted  
and who makes the following state-  
ment and affidavit, for being true

That he is the legal owner of

That he is a resident of the County

of Carter State of Tennessee and he

resides in said County for

years as a man - That he knows

John Bryant and his wife Fannie

Bryant during their lifetime -

and that he has found that he has

never seen either of them since

such occurred some forty years

since, or thereafter - That he

has never seen or heard of any

one claiming the life time and

has said in some fragments

his descendants for the last

years or more.

That it was always understood by

himself and by those who

known said John Bryant that

he was a Cherokee Indian -

and that said John Bryant

claimed to be a Cherokee Indian

and was an Indian







and Harvey F. ...  
children, and ...  
to be his grand children ...  
his grand ...  
Susan ...

Before me ...  
Mr. Commissioner ...  
April 1889 ...



State of Missouri

County of Jackson

Before me David Haysent was  
sworn with in due form of law  
that she knows the deceased  
John Haysent

Her name is Mary Haysent  
Mary, some time called Filly Haysent  
was now a lawful wife of John Haysent

That John Haysent, until death  
did not marry to any other  
person

That he to wit, is a full brother of  
Horace Haysent of Smith's children's estate  
and a full brother of Geo. Haysent

That she is the same  
David Haysent's wife mentioned in  
her taken in the case of Horace  
Haysent, and she refers to that  
deposition for a fuller statement  
of testimony of John Haysent and  
other persons - That she is  
the same Mary Haysent who in  
the case of said John Haysent  
before me deposed -

For a statement of the name of John  
Haysent's children she refers to her affidavit  
attached to G. W. Phelan's real application

David Haysent

Sworn to and subscribed for

me, this day 31<sup>st</sup> 1889

My commission expires  
April 1889

D. C. Edwards  
Notary Public

County of ...

I, the undersigned, being a duly qualified Justice of the Peace for the County of ... do hereby certify that ...

That he is acquainted with the descendants of said John Bryant and that the applicants for citizenship in the United States, as all correctly set out and stated in the applications to which their affidavit is attached.

That G. W. Bryant is a son of Zedrick (Zack or Rick) Bryant, who was a son of said John Bryant and his wife

Fannie Bryant and son  
full cousin to Thomas Bryant -  
That he has a son in name of son  
of J. Bryant and an address Williams  
and the true name and relationship  
are correctly set out in their applica-  
tion -  
The son of Fannie is a son of  
Mary, surname called Filly Kellie -  
was a daughter of said John and  
Fannie Bryant - They were living  
in Kellen in a place where a bonded  
servant was kept -  
The son of Bryant is a son of  
John Bryant who is a son  
of John (7th child) Bryant  
who was a son of John Bryant  
said John Bryant and of J. S. Bryant,  
they were together  
The son of Spring is a son of  
Thomas Bryant who was a daughter  
of John Bryant, said Thomas intermarrying  
with Fannie Bryant -  
The son of J. S. Bryant and the sister  
and brother named in their application  
are true grand-children of said  
John Bryant and Fannie Bryant being  
children of Caroline M. P. Bryant, nee Kellie  
who was a daughter of Mary Kellie  
nee Bryant, who was a daughter  
of said John Bryant -  
That the applicants for citizenship

in the Charter ... as set out  
in their applications ... which  
this is attested, at all times  
and of John ... and ...  
of ...

Joseph Williams

Sworn ...

...

My Commission R. E. Edwards

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Notary Public

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State of Missouri.

County of [unclear]

Before me the undersigned a  
Notary Public in and for the State of Missouri  
under the following statement  
made by [unclear]

That he was a former owner  
of [unclear] [unclear] and lived with  
him and [unclear] [unclear] up to  
the time of his death which occurred  
[unclear] [unclear]

and was a [unclear] [unclear] in  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

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*R. E. Edwards*

*Notary Public*

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Commissioner  
Appointments

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Harvey C. Bell*

Nation's No. *228*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*S. H. Mayes* through whom the petitioner *claim* to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither *he* nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof, *the result*

*are citizens of the state from -*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *W. Hastings Hastings & Bond* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *10* day of *Sept* 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**



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NO. \_\_\_\_\_.

BEFORE ME, Notary Public, this day of \_\_\_\_\_  
TO-WIT: CIVIL 12.  
JACK BRYANT ET AL. X

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and  
JACK BRYANT ET AL.

NOT ADMISSIBLE IN COURT OF I  
IN THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_.

J.P. No. 1234 of Bureau of \_\_\_\_\_  
dated \_\_\_\_\_ of Sept. 7, 1912, is hereby  
apportioned to be attached by \_\_\_\_\_  
of the same \_\_\_\_\_ attached thereto to \_\_\_\_\_  
*for Charles Nelson as directed by \_\_\_\_\_*  
Principal Chief of the \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ in said State and that \_\_\_\_\_  
of record for or related to \_\_\_\_\_  
in any manner interested in the prosecution of the  
said claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
Sept. 1912.

*James T. \_\_\_\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Myra \_\_\_\_\_*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public.











Page 439, Packet 7.

Zach Bryant.

Office Commission on Citizenship,

Chattanooga, C. F. Oct. 6, 1887.

Packet No.	Name.	A. C. Gen.	Post Office.	Age.
1	Zach Bryant	W	Male	Miland, Tenn.
			Applicant for Cherokee Citizenship	67/4
725			Rejected Nov. 18'89	Census Rolls 1835
			V.S.	Ancestor
			Cherokee Nation	John Bryant

Adverse.

Untraced in decision on page 431, Book B., in the Aaron Bellow Case rendered March 17, 1889.

Will P. Ross, Chairman Com.

John B. Guster, Com.

Office Commission on Citizenship,

Chattanooga T. F. March 17, 1889.

D. S. Williams Clerk Com.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF  
CHEROKEE NATION.

I, John L. Adair, Executive Secretary of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original record in this Department, and that the same are correct transcripts and copies therefrom.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of said Cherokee Nation, at Tablequah, this, the

15 day of Sep. 1896.

John L. Adair  
Executive Secretary.

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Nation's No. 228

Commission's No

In re Application of

Jack B. Cant-  
et al-

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners

In the matter of application of

*Jack Conant - et al*

Nation's No. *2200*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation, comes now and demands the said application, and for the grounds thereof, says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction of the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* ~~is~~ entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not wishing his answer to be taken up on the same for answer to said application, says that:

*John Mayes*  
That from whom the petitioner *claims* to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not true, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, from the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Respondent *John* ~~John~~ *Mayes* and complete defense to the aforesaid Application says: That, heretofore said applicant *John* ~~John~~ *Mayes* made application before a legally constituted Court, or Commission on citizenship, having jurisdiction over applications for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation; That the said case was tried upon its merits, that on a final hearing, judgment was duly given against the applicant and in favor of this Nation. A duly certified transcript of the aforesaid proceedings and judgment are annexed hereto and made a part of this answer.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins Hastings Bonarick* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No 656 **656**

James Bryant Hicks & Co  
vs.  
Cherokee Nation

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U.S. Court

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NOTICE.

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United States of America,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

SS.

In the United States Court for said District.  
In the matter of the application of  
Jane Bryant Hicks et als  
Cherokee to be  
enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

TO THE Commission to the five civilized tribes.

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken in the matter of the application of  
Jane Bryant Hicks et als

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~~Cherokee~~ as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, from said  
Commission

to the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, and that your tribunal is requested by said Court to transmit at the earliest time practicable to said Court, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, a transcript of all the entries made in the docket of your tribunal relating to the case, together with the depositions and testimony taken before said tribunal; the decision thereof on the application, and all original papers relating thereto.

Witness the Honorable William M. Springer, Judge of said Court, and the  
seal thereof, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, the 15th day of  
Dec, 1896 A.D. 189

*James A. [Signature]* Clerk.



**End**

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No. ~~627~~ 657

Susan E. Browning et al

v.s.

Cherokee Nation

Appellate Order of  
U.S. Court

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NOTICE.

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United States of America,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

In the United States Court for said District.  
In the matter of the application of  
Susan E. Browning et als  
to be  
enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

TO THE Commission to the five civilized tribes;

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken in the matter of the application of

Susan E. Browning et als

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to be enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, from said

Commission to the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, and that your tribunal is requested by said Court to transmit at the earliest time practicable to said Court, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, a transcript of all the entries made in the docket of your tribunal relating to the case, together with the depositions and testimony taken before said tribunal; the decision thereof on the application, and all original papers relating thereto.

Witness the Honorable William M. Springer, Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, the 15th day of Dec. 1896 A. D. 189

*James M. Driscoll* Clerk.

**End**



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George W. Bryant.

Office Commission on Citizenship,

Tahlequah, C. T. Oct. 1st, 1887.

Docket No.	Names.	Age.	Sex.	Post Office.	Notes.
1	George W. Bryant	52	Male	Hiland, Tenn.	
2	John Bryant	20	Male		
3	James Bryant	18	Male		
4	Oney Bryant	14	Female		
5	Willie Bryant	10	Male	Applicant for Cherokee Citizenship	
	Rejected Mch. 18, '89			Census Rolls 1850	
	V. S.			Ancestor	
	Cherokee Nation			John Bryant	

Adverse.

Embraced in decision on page 431, Book B., in the Karr Hollow case.

Will P. Ross, Chairman Com.

John E. Gunter Com.

Office Commission on Citizenship,

Tahlequah, I.T. March 18, 1889.

D. S. Williams, Clerk Com.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF  
CHEROKEE NATION.

I, John L. Adair, Executive Secretary of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that  
I have compared the foregoing with the original record in this Department, and that the  
same are correct transcripts and copies therefrom.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the Great Seal of said Cherokee Nation, at Tablequah, this, the  
18 day of Sept. 1896.

John L. Adair  
Executive Secretary.

Nation's No. 2248

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*J. W. Bryant*  
*Att. Gen.*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 26 1896.

A. S. MCKENNON

CLERK

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*George W. Bryant*  
*vs*

Nation's No. *2245*  
Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

..... *John Bryant* ..... through whom the petitioner *I* claim to derive *them* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is ~~not~~ now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; ~~that~~ his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither ~~he~~ nor any of ~~his~~ ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Respondent, for a further and complete defense to the aforesaid Application says: That, heretofore said applicant made application before a legally constituted Court, or Commission on citizenship, having jurisdiction over applications for re-admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation; That the said case was tried upon its merits; that upon a final hearing, judgment was duly given against the applicant and in favor of this Nation. A duly certified transcript of the aforesaid proceedings and judgment are annexed hereto and made a part of this answer.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Arthur Hastings & Remond* - Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *18* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



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BEFORE THE HONORABLE COMMISSION  
TO REGULATE CIVILIZED TRADES.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF C. W. BRYANT ET ALS, FOR  
ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP  
IN THE CHEROKEE NATION.

Filed 9/8/26

H. M. Jaroway  
Secy

ED SMITH  
C. B. DENISON

Attys for Applicants.

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Aaron Belin & al.

vs.

Cherokee Nation

Appellate Order of  
U.S. Court

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# NOTICE.

United States of America, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, )  
NORTHERN DISTRICT. )

SS.

In the United States Court for said District.  
In the matter of the application of  
**Aaron Belew et als** to be  
enrolled as citizens of the **Cherokee** Nation.

TO THE Commission to the five civilized tribes:

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken in the matter of the application of

**Aaron Belew et als**

to be enrolled as citizens of the **Cherokee** Nation, from said  
**Commission**

to the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, and that your tribunal is requested by said Court to transmit at the earliest time practicable to said Court, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, a transcript of all the entries made in the docket of your tribunal relating to the case, together with the depositions and testimony taken before said tribunal; the decision thereof on the application, and all original papers relating thereto.

Witness the Honorable William M. Springer, Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, the **15th** day of **Dec.** 1896 A.D. 189

*Jas. A. Winston* Clerk.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_.

BEFORE THE HONORABLE COMMISSION  
TO THE FIVE CITIZEN TRIBES.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
G.W. BRYANT, ET AL.

FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP  
IN THE CHEROKEE NATION.

J.S. Mc. Crary of lawful age being by me first duly sworn says that on Sept. 7, 1896 he served the application hereto attached by delivering a true copy of the same and papers attached thereto to W.W. Hastings Attorney for Cherokee Nation as directed by Samuel H. May Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. at Tablequah in said Nation and that he is not of counsel for or related to any of the parties, or in any manner interested in the prosecution of the said claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of  
Sept. 1896.

Myra Spring.  
Notary Public.



From the Council Commission to the  
two civilized tribes.

In re: application of the application of G. W.  
Beyant, Et al for admission to citizen  
ship in the Cherokee Nation.

### Application

I the undersigned J. P. Beyant, on my  
own behalf and on behalf of M. J. Beyant,  
my wife and Charles Beyant, Frankley Beyant,  
John Beyant, James Beyant, Orie Beyant,  
Will Beyant and George Beyant, children of  
my marriage with her:

Miss Belle Beyant, wife of the above named  
Charles Beyant and their four children, named  
as above, Fanny Beyant, Ruby Beyant, John  
Beyant, and Leroy Beyant.

Miss Monroe Beyant, wife of the above named  
Frankley Beyant and Cecil Beyant, a child  
of their said marriage.

Miss Ida Beyant, wife of the above named  
James Beyant, and Roy Beyant, their child by  
said marriage.

The above named Orie Beyant, has intermar-  
ried with Frank Sney who also joins in this  
application.

We do not expect to be absent and  
make known unto this Honorable Com-  
mission that we are now residents





Willie Bryant	Male	18 years
George " "	"	15 "
Ida " "	Female	20 "
Cham Cuzzy	Male	22
Alice Bryant	Female	30 "
Minnie " "	"	27 "
Bryant " "	"	7 "
Ruby " "	"	5 "
John " "	"	3 "
Leroy " "	"	1 "
Cecil " "	Male	7 "
Roy " "	"	4 months

Applicants herewith attach such evidence as they have and respectfully ask that such evidence as to their relationship and Cherokee Indian blood as may be on file in the said case of Hannah Flip-pin, and other members of the family of the undersigned G. W. Bryant, may be considered upon the hearing of this application.

Applicants most respectfully ask that their application may be heard and determined and that they may be admitted to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, and enrolled as such citizens.

G. W. Bryant

In the presence of -  
 J. J. Richardson M.C.  
 W. D. Kizer  
 State of Tennessee, J.S.  
 Gibson County

Before me, R. E. Edwards, a Notary

1 Public, duly commissioned, qualified and  
2 acting as such, J. St. Bryant, who is  
3 personally known to me as the person sign-  
4 ing the above and foregoing application  
5 for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation  
6 and being by me first duly sworn, states  
7 that he knows the contents of said appli-  
8 cation and that the statements therein con-  
9 tained are true, as he truly believes.

10 Given under my hand and seal as such  
11 Notary Public, this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August  
12 1896. B. E. Edwards

13 My commission expires Notary Public  
14 April 1899.

21 Ed Smith

22 Attorney for applicant



1 State of Tennessee )

2 County of Gibson )

3 Before me R. E. Edwards, a  
4 Notary Public, duly commissioned  
5 qualified and acting, G. W.  
6 Robinson with whom I am personally  
7 acquainted and who makes  
8 oath in due form of law -

9 That he is a resident of  
10 Gibson County State of Tennessee  
11 and has resided in said county  
12 for sixty two years - That he knows  
13 John Bryant and wife in their life  
14 time, and knew them from ~~their~~ his  
15 earliest recollection until their  
16 death which occurred some  
17 forty years or more or thereabouts -

18 That said John Bryant and Fannie  
19 Bryant were neighbors of his -

20 That it was always under-  
21 stood by himself and public  
22 generally, that John Bryant was  
23 a Cherokee Indian - That  
24 said John Bryant was an  
25 Indian in appearance, and  
26 claimed to be a Cherokee  
27 Indian, and affirms often heard  
28 him say that he was a Cherokee  
29 Indian, and affirms to  
30 have heard many of the oldest settlers  
31 say and believe the same -

32 That John Bryant, or said

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his father and mother, was known  
and recognized as a Cherokee  
Indian in South Carolina before  
he moved to the State of Tennessee.

That the said G. W. Bryant who  
signed the application for himself  
and other applicants, was a  
son of Jack (Zachariah) Bryant,  
who was a son of John Bryant -  
Said G. W. Bryant is a full cousin  
to Hornok Flippin of Virginia Indian  
Territory, and Arm Belew and Geo-  
Belew, their mother Mary and G. W.  
Bryant's father Jack, being full brother  
and children of said John  
Bryant -

G. W. Robinson

Sworn to and entered

before me this August - 31<sup>st</sup> 1894.

My commission R. G. Edwards

Notary Public

Notary Public



State of Tennessee  
Gibson County

Before me, R. C. Edwards a Notary  
Public, Diana Bryant makes oath  
that she is acquainted with G. W.  
Bryant and other members of the  
family, and has known them all  
his life - that said G. W. Bryant  
is a son of Zachariah (sometimes  
called Zech, and Zil, ) Bryant, who  
was a son of John Bryant and  
Fannie Bryant -

That said G. W. Bryant is a full  
emigrant to Hornsby Flippin and  
Gor Belton, and Anna Belton -

She says that she is the same  
Diana Bryant who has testified  
in the case of Hornsby Flippin, and  
that her testimony is on file in said  
case, and that she is the same  
Diana Bryant whose affidavit is  
now fully set out, and attached  
to G. S. McPherson's affidavit  
for citizenship in Cherokee Nation -

That she was formerly a slave of  
said John Bryant and knows  
that he was a Cherokee Indian -

<sup>her</sup> Diana Bryant  
sworn to and subscribed  
before me May 31<sup>st</sup> 1896

My commission expires April 1898  
R. C. Edwards  
Notary Public

Case of Trueman  
County of Essex

Before me R. E. Edwards  
a Notary Public, Not - Bound, who  
after being duly sworn, deposes  
as follows -

That he is the same Not  
Bound whose deposition was  
taken in this case (Thomas  
Thyng) a few weeks since,  
and for any statement not  
contained in this affidavit  
relating to said case and  
relationships - of parties, he makes  
reference to said deposition.

That all the applicants whose  
names appear in the applica-  
tion to which this affidavit is  
attached, who claim to be blood  
relatives of John Bryant, are  
all descendants of John Bryant,  
and their relationship is correctly  
set out and stated in said  
application -

That applicant G. W. Bryant  
is a son of Zach. B. Baskin  
or Bill Bryant, known by all three  
names, who was a son of John  
Bryant and his wife Annie  
Bryant -

That the names of the children  
of G. W. Bryant are correctly

is not and ruled in favor of  
petition -  
That Jack Bryant, applicant,  
is a son of Thelma Bryant  
who was a son of Joseph  
(Jack & Bill) Bryant, who was  
a son of John Bryant and Fannie  
H. Belew. Belew is a son of  
Mary Belew, nee Bryant, who was a  
daughter of John Bryant -  
and said Harry H. Belew is a  
full brother of Homer Flippin,  
Lena Belew and Geo. Belew.  
That the names of the children  
of said Harry H. Belew, are  
Tennell, set out and stated  
in their application to which  
this affidavit is attached -  
That the applicants G. S. McPherson,  
Lemuel - Morton - Lurray and Mamie,  
are children of Coroline McPherson  
nee Belew, who was a daughter  
of Mary Belew nee Bryant, who was  
a daughter of John Bryant and  
Fannie Bryant -  
That the said Coroline was a full  
sister of Homer Flippin and Geo.  
Belew and Lena and Harry H. Belew.  
That applicant L. A. Spitzer, is  
a son of Theresa Spitzer nee  
Bryant and the said Theresa  
was a daughter of said John



Bryant - said L. A. Springer  
being a grand son of said John  
Bryant -

Jennie, the deceased wife of said  
L. A. Springer, was the daughter of said  
Mary Helen nee Bryant.

And said L. A. Springer and wife  
Jennie, as the parents of the children  
by their marriage, would in their  
applications

Let by L. M. Pherson, Martin, Samuel  
James and Dennis, all children  
of Benjamin W. Pherson nee Belter,  
who was a daughter of Mary Helen  
nee Bryant, who was a daughter  
of said John Bryant -

That the applicants whose names  
are set out in the applications  
hereto attached, are descendants  
of said John Bryant, and  
that the relationship of said  
applicants, is correctly set out  
and stated in said application.

That the said known said  
applicants all their lives, and  
that it has always been under-  
stood that there is no claim  
in their names, derived and  
inherited from said John Bry-  
ant

Subscribed  
and sworn to

before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1889

My Commission expires  
April 1889

R. B. Johnson  
Notary Public

**End**



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~~No. 47~~ 659 **659**

Nora Baldwin Et al  
- v.s. -  
Cherokee Nation

Appellate Order of  
U.S. Court

No. 659

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# NOTICE.

United States of America,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

SS.

In the United States Court for said District.  
In the matter of the application of  
**Nerah Baldwin et als** to be  
enrolled as citizens of the **Cherokee** Nation.

TO THE Commission to the five civilized tribes.

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken in the matter of the application of

**Nerah Baldwin et als**

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to be enrolled as citizens of the **Cherokee** Nation, from said Commission

to the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, and that your tribunal is requested by said Court to transmit at the earliest time practicable to said Court, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, a transcript of all the entries made in the docket of your tribunal relating to the case, together with the depositions and testimony taken before said tribunal; the decision thereof on the application, and all original papers relating thereto.

Witness the Honorable William M. Springer, Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, the **15th** day of **Dec. 1896** A.D. 189

*W. M. Springer* Clerk.

**End**



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No-660 **660**

Johnnie Davis Et Al

vs.

Cherokee Nation

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U.S. Court

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NOTICE.

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United States of America,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

In the United States Court for said District.  
In the matter of the application of  
Ishmael Davis et als  
to be  
enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

TO THE Commission to the five civilized tribes:

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken in the matter of the application of

Ishmael Davis et als

to be enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, from said

Commission

to the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, and that your tribunal is requested by said Court to transmit at the earliest time practicable to said Court, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, a transcript of all the entries made in the docket of your tribunal relating to the case, together with the depositions and testimony taken before said tribunal; the decision thereof on the application, and all original papers relating thereto.

Witness the Honorable William M. Springer, Judge of said Court, and the  
seal thereof, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, the 15th day of  
Dec. 1896 A.D. 189

Jas. Winston Clerk.

**End**

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No-~~660~~ 661

Lucinda Catherine Smith et al

v.s.

Cherokee Nation

appeal order of  
U.S. Court

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NOTICE.

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United States of America,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

ss.

In the United States Court for said District.
In the matter of the application of
Lucinda Catherine Smith et al
to be
enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

TO THE Commission to the five civilized tribes:

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken in the matter of the application of

Lucinda Catherine Smith et als

to be enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, from said

Commission

to the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, and that your tribunal is requested by said Court to transmit at the earliest time practicable to said Court, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, a transcript of all the entries made in the docket of your tribunal relating to the case, together with the depositions and testimony taken before said tribunal; the decision thereof on the application, and all original papers relating thereto.

Witness the Honorable William M. Springer, Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, the 15th day of Dec. 1896 A.D. 1896

James Winton Clerk.

**End**

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~~No 6627663~~  
**762**

Mary C. Harris et al.  
vs.  
Cherokee Nation  
Appellants  
vs.  
U.S. Circuit  
Court

No 6627663

(Jurisdiction)

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# NOTICE.

United States of America,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

In the United States Court for said District.  
In the matter of the application of .....  
ss. Mary E. Farris et als ..... to be  
enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

TO THE Commission to the five civilized tribes:

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken in the matter of the application of

Mary E. Farris et als

to be enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, from said  
Commission

to the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, and that your tribunal is requested  
by said Court to transmit at the earliest time practicable to said Court, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, a  
transcript of all the entries made in the docket of your tribunal relating to the case, together with the  
depositions and testimony taken before said tribunal; the decision thereof on the application, and all original  
papers relating thereto.

Witness the Honorable William M. Springer, Judge of said Court, and the  
seal thereof, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, the 15th day of  
Dec. 1896 A.D. 189.....

James Winton Clerk.



**End**

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Papers forwarded to  
U. S. Court. See  
order in No. 662.

**End**

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NO. ~~2379~~ 664

BEFORE THE HONORABLE COMMISSION  
TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION  
OF J. A. CATNEY ET AL FOR  
ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP  
IN THE CHEROKEE NATION.

Filed 9/14/26

A. M. Jaraway  
Secy

*Rejected*

*Rejected*

*S. F. Raulin*

G. B. DENISON  
ATTY FOR APPLICANTS.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_.

BEFORE THE HONORABLE COMMISSION  
TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF J. A. CATHEY ET AL.  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP  
IN THE CHEROKEE NATION.

J. S. MC. CRARY, of lawful age being first duly sworn,  
says that on Sept. 7, 1896, he served the application  
hereto attached by delivering a true copy of the same  
and papers attached thereto, to *W. W. Hastings, attorney for*  
*Cherokee Nation as directed by Samuel H. May Jr.*  
Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, at Tallahassee  
in said Nation and that is not of counsel for or  
related to any of the parties, or in any manner  
interested in the prosecution of said claim.

*James A. McCrary*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of  
Sept. 1896.

*Myrdal Spring*  
Notary Public.

BEFORE THE HONORABLE COMMISSION  
TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION  
J.A. CATHEY ET ALS FOR ADMISSION TO  
CITIZENSHIP IN THE CHEROKEE NATION.

APPLICATION

The undersigned J.A. Cathey on behalf of his wife, Martha Cathey and  
and their child, Lofton Cathey, whose names and ages are herein  
after given, says that they live in the 15th civil district of  
Gibson County, state of Tenn. and have the town of Milan and most  
respectfully make known and represent to this Hon. Commission  
that his said wife and child are of Cherokee Indian blood, said  
Cherokee Indian blood being derived from his said wife's mother  
Fannie Williamson, said Fannie Williamson being the daughter of  
Jack Bryant, who was a son of Jim Bryant, said Fannie Williamson  
being the cousin of Hanna Flippin, Warren Belew, and Gov. Belew who  
are applicants for said citizenship, and respectfully ask that  
this application may be considered in connection with theirs, and  
that any testimony offered in support of said application produc-  
ed before this Hon. Commission that is pertinent to the aim of the  
the applicants herein named may be considered upon the hearing  
hearing of this application.

The applicants names and ages are as follows; Martha Cathey, 22 yrs,  
Lofton Cathey, 10 Mo's (son of said Martha Cathey).

And he asks that this application may be heard and determined  
and that they may be admitted as citizenship in the Cherokee Nation  
and enrolled as such citizens.

In presence of

J.A. Cathey

Gaudell James  
S. F. Reardon

State of Tennessee ( )  
( ) SS.  
Gibson County. ( )

Before me, R.E. Edwards, a Notary Public  
in and for said County and State, duly commissioned, qualified and  
acting as such, personally appeared J.A. Cathey to me known as the  
person signing the above and foregoing application and being  
by me first duly sworn says that he knows the contents of same  
and that the statements therein contained are true as he verily  
believes.

Given under my hand and seal as such Notary Public, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
of September, 1896. *My Commission expires on 9th 1898*

*R.E. Edwards*  
Notary Public.

Attorney for Applicant



State of Tennessee  
Gibson County

Before me R. C. Edwards  
a Notary Public in and for said County  
and State duly commissioned & qualified  
and acting, personally appeared J. A.  
Mays, with whom I am personally  
acquainted & who made oath as  
follows - I am a citizen of the  
15<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Gibson County  
Tennessee have been all my  
life. I am well acquainted with  
J. A. Cathey, his wife Martha Cathey  
& their son Lester Cathey, and  
have known them all their  
lives, and know their relations,  
the said Martha Cathey is the  
daughter of Fannie Williamson  
and said Fannie Williamson is  
the daughter of Judge Bygones  
and said Judge Bygones was  
the son of John Bygones,  
the said John Bygones was  
the brother of Caroline White  
and the uncle of Harriet Phipps  
and Geo. Balow, Harvey Balow;  
I know said Fannie Williamson  
well she now lives in the



said 15<sup>th</sup> District of Gibsons County  
& I know said Jack Bryant  
well he died several years  
ago in same district County.  
I also know Gov. Belue & Her-  
ry Belue. Gov. Belue is now  
thus been for several years in  
the Indian Territory. Said  
John Bryant - who was dead  
before I was born. I always un-  
derstood was part-Cherokee  
Indian. That - was generally  
understood in that - Commu-  
nity - where they say he lived &  
died, which is the same in  
which I now live. I am 35  
years old. & live in the same  
neighborhood with - said J. A.  
Cutler & family.

Sworn to & subscribed  
before me 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - 1896 } V. A. Mayo  
my Commission expires in  
April 1899. R. E. Edwards

Notary Public

S. F. Rankin  
S. D. Rankin  
Att'y for Applicants

Nation's No. 9888-

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*J. A. Cahery*  
*et al.*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 25 1907

A. S. J. CLERK

COMPTON

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*J. A. Caskay et al.*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. *2938-*  
Commission's No. ....

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

- 1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to bear and determine the same.
- 2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his ~~for~~ said demur, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *John Bryant* through whom the petitioner *claims* to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and ~~has not been~~ a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hodding, Holdings & Bondick* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *18* day of *Sept.* 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER

IN NEW YORK  
BY S. C. PATTERSON ET ALD.

Filed 9/18/26  
H. M. Jarroway  
Deputy

Rejected

Rejected

...  
... OFFICERS.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_.

BEFORE THE NEW YORK COMMISSION  
TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
~~OSBORNE, PIERSON ET AL.~~

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
C. S. MC. PHERSON ET AL.

FOR ANTIQUITY TO CERTAIN LANDS  
IN THE CHEROKEE NATION.

J. S. Mc. Crary of legal age being by me first duly  
sworn deposes on Sept. 7, 1898 he viewed the  
application made attached by following a true copy  
of the same and papers attached therein to W. H. Hastings Attorney  
for Cherokee Nation or directed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.  
at Tablequah in said Nation and that he is not  
of counsel for or related to any of the parties, or  
in any manner interested in the success of the  
said claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of  
Sept. 1898.

W. H. Hastings  
Notary Public.



No.  
Before the Senate Commission  
to the Five Civil

in the matter of the application of  
J. H. McPherson & Co. for admission  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

### Application

The undersigned J. H. McPherson  
on my own behalf and on behalf  
of John McPherson my wife, and Fia  
my wife, and John McPherson and Fia  
my wife, children of my marriage  
with her, and Samuel McPherson, Silas  
McPherson, Leray McPherson, and  
Nannie McPherson, my brother and  
sister, do most respectfully represent  
and make known unto the honorable  
Commission that we are now residents  
of Gibson County in the State of Ten-  
nessee and our post office is Atwood  
Tennessee. That we are by blood Cher-  
okee Indians, deriving our Cherokee  
blood from through our mother who  
was a full sister of Hannah Flippin  
of Vinita, Indian Territory, who was  
born with her family, admitted to  
citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, and  
of Aaron Pelew and Gov. Pelew, who we  
understand, are applicants for enroll

... as a ... of the Cherokee nation

That said mother was Caroline Reese a daughter of Samuel Reese, by her marriage with Mary, sometime called Betty Bryant who was a daughter of Sam Bryant who was a Cherokee by blood, and a member of the Old Cherokee Nation.

That the said Caroline intermarried with Stephen F. McPherson and the above named S. L. McPherson, Samuel McPherson, Martin McPherson, Luray McPherson, and Hannie McPherson, are the children of such marriage.

That the name, sex and age of the persons comprised in the application, are as follows:

Caroline	Sex	Age,
S. L. McPherson	Male	35-40
John	Female	38 "
Luray	"	11 "
Hanna	"	8 "
Hannie	Male	5 "
Samuel	"	47 "
Martin	"	45 "
Luray	Female	32 "
Hannie	"	29 "

Applicants attach hereto such evidence as they have and respectfully ask that such evidence as to their relationship and Cherokee Indian blood, as may be on file in the said case of Hannan



Flippin and the other members  
of the former of said barons in person  
his name was to be considered upon the  
hearing of this application.

Applicants most respectfully ask that  
this their application may be heard and  
determined and that they may be ad-  
mitted to citizenship in the Cherokee  
Nation and enrolled as such citizens.

G. S. McPherson

in the presence of

J. H. McPherson

W. H. McPherson

State of Tennessee  
Gordon County, Ga.

Before me, R. E. Edwards

a Notary Public duly commissioned, qual-  
ified and acting in such State, Territory

wherein I am in person present to  
me as the person signing in above and foregoing  
application or citizenship in Cherokee Nation  
and time to me that duly sworn state that  
he knows the contents of said application and  
that the statements therein contained are true  
as he truly believes Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1894

My Commission expires

April 1899

R. E. Edwards

Notary Public

Ed Smith

Attorney for Applicants

State of Tennessee  
County of Gibson

Before me R. E. Edwards a Notary  
Public duly commissioned, qualified  
and acting as such, Quirk Bryant  
with whom I am personally acquainted  
and under the following statement  
swears as follows -

That her name is Quirk Bryant, and  
that her age is about seventy years, and  
that she is a resident of Gibson County,  
Tennessee and has resided in said  
County about, or nearly all her life;  
that she was born in Gibson County,  
Tennessee and was originally owned and  
held as a slave by John Bryant, from  
the late war between the States; that said  
John Bryant owned and held her up  
to her death when in the dominion of  
his property; she was owned and held  
by Zuerich Bryant, sometimes known as  
and called "Zach", and also "Rial",  
and that she was owned and held  
as a slave by John Bryant, while he  
was a resident of Gibson County;

that she has heard him say that his  
people were Indians and that he  
was stole from the nation and  
brought to South Carolina, he moved  
from South Carolina to this State;  
that he was a boy, or small child  
when he was stole, and that he

... a ... - He didn't  
live on ... in this country, he  
had long black hair, and when he  
died, his hair was as black and  
there was no gray hair in his head  
... the people ... will ... an  
... and said he was an  
... - ... the general talk  
and he ... all ... Indian  
... in ... - ... in his children  
and ...

... were ...  
... and ...  
- ... - ... - ... - ...  
- ... - ... - ... - ...  
- Mary, called Polly - Sarah Ann -  
- Caroline - Hannah - Jane - Jennie -  
and ...

... called Polly, married Samuel  
... - ... - ... - ... - ...  
- ... married ... and  
Caroline was married Stephen F. McPherson  
and ... children -

... Caroline ... married  
Stephen F. McPherson and G. S.  
McPherson, Samuel McPherson, Martin  
McPherson, - ... McPherson and ...  
McPherson, are their children by their  
intermarriage -

They were lived here in ... County  
all their life -

Mary or Polly Belant and Samuel Belant had

The children other than those above &  
those named - James, the married  
L. A. Spring - Betty - Thomas  
Ely - Master -

The above named G. S. McPherson  
and his sister and brother, are  
great grand children of John Bryant -  
John Bryant died in Gibson  
County Tennessee about 40 years ago.

Witness my hand  
this 10th day of May 1896

Commissioner

J. D. Edwards

Witness my hand

Notary Public



John Gibson

Witness me J. E. Edwards  
a Justice of the Peace duly commissioned  
according and return is such. 4. 11.  
I am with you I am personally  
acquainted and you being duly  
sworn, according to law, make the  
following affidavit -

That I am or was in your eye -  
That I am a resident of Gibson  
County, Tennessee, and have resided  
in said County for many years -  
That I have known Bryant and his  
wife Fannie Bryant in their life time  
and know them from his infant re-  
collection until their death, which  
occurred about four years since  
in Tennessee. That said John Bryant  
and Fannie Bryant were neighbors of  
me -

That it was always understood by him-  
self and the public generally, that said  
John Bryant was post Charles Sumner.  
That his father, John Gibson, knew said  
John Bryant and Fannie Bryant before  
they moved to the State and while they  
were living in the State of South Carolina  
he the said John Gibson and wife  
and Fannie were neighbors to them  
while living in said State of South



... and ...  
... father and mother  
... a Cherokee  
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... and ...  
... Cherokee  
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called John Taylor, who was a daughter  
of John Taylor and Fannie Taylor.  
The said Fannie was daughter of said  
John Taylor by her union with one  
John Taylor, and the above named of  
present is - said by S. - Martin - Samuel  
Lurray - and Tommie McPherson, are sister  
and brother and children of said  
John Taylor by her union marriage  
with Captain F. McPherson.

That applicants Fanny McPherson, Lena  
McPherson and Miss McPherson are  
the children of said J. McPherson  
and are great - great - grand - children  
of said John Taylor.

That said Mrs McPherson is the wife  
of said J. McPherson.

That he is acquainted with all  
of said applicants, and has  
known them all their lives.

That the said J. S. McPherson, Martin,  
Samuel, Lurray and Tommie McPherson  
are full blood and nephew  
of Frank Fippin of United Indian  
Territory and of Aaron and Geo.  
Taylor.

That he has known and known said  
Frank Fippin, and said Aaron  
and Geo. Taylor.

G. W. Robinson

known to and subscribed

before me this August 31<sup>st</sup> 1894

Not Commissioner  
Office April 1895

R. E. Edwards  
Notary Public

State of Tennessee

County of Gibson

John W. Boyd, Clerk of the Court  
do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the  
deed of land to you on the 27th  
of Dec 1852 and in a record of Gibson  
County State of Tennessee and has  
remained in your custody ever  
since he was a small boy -  
That he was well acquainted with  
John Bryant in his life time - that he  
knew and John Bryant since he  
was a small boy and lived  
above a time up to his death  
which occurred in Gibson County  
about forty years ago -

That he knew and was well ac-  
quainted with John Bryant's wife  
whose name was Fannie -

That it was always understood  
by himself and all the people that  
knew John Bryant, that said John  
Bryant was a Cherokee Indian -  
That he was an Indian in apper-  
ance and manner.

That he was and is acquainted with  
all the children of said John  
and Fannie Bryant, by their  
intermarriage, and that the names  
of said children are as follows -  
Boyd F. Bryant - John Bryant jr - Giles Bryant -



Lucas Beyer - Martin Beyer - Jackson  
(also known as Jack and Bill) - Loren Beyer  
who is married with John Springer -  
Mary (some time called Polly) who is married  
with Samuel Beyer - Sarah Ann Beyer  
was married with J. L. Fippin -  
Cordelia Beyer who is married  
with J. L. Fippin - Harriet Beyer who  
is married with Eliza Gray - Jane Beyer  
who is married with James Beyer -  
Lida Beyer who is married with James  
Beyer -

That he is well acquainted with the  
descendants of these above named  
children of John Beyer -

That Isaac Fippin of Union Indian  
territory, J. L. Beyer, Aaron Beyer  
in succession - said Mary, some time  
called Polly, Beyer, and Samuel Beyer,  
and that the applicant Harvey H. Beyer  
is also a son of said Mary and  
Samuel Beyer and a full brother  
of Aaron Fippin, and said Aaron and  
J. L. Beyer - That the names of his  
children and grand children are  
correctly set out and stated in  
his said application - which has  
been read to applicant -

That the applicants G. L. McPherson, Samuel  
Morton Perry, and Normie McPherson  
are children of Corliss McPherson  
nee Beyer, and of applicant who is unmarried.

That said Caroline was a dead,  
was a daughter of said Mary, called  
Belly, Bellet, who was a daughter  
of said John and Fannie Bryant -  
That said Caroline was a full  
sister to Horace Fiffin -

The names of the children of said  
G. S. Johnson are correctly set out  
in their application for citizenship  
in Cherokee Nation and in which  
and in how their applications  
their affidavits in the said -

L. A. Springer is a son of James  
Bryant who intermarried with James  
Springer and a grand son of said  
John Bryant - That James the  
deceased wife of said L. A. Springer  
and mother of L. A. Springer children  
who are applicants for admission to  
citizenship with their father and their  
family, was a daughter of said  
Mary Bryant with her intermarriage with  
said Samuel Bellet -

That the names of the Springer children  
are correctly stated and set  
out in their application attached  
hereto also the names of their wife  
husbands and - children -

That applicant G. W. Bryant is a  
son of Zachariah, Zach or Paul Bryant  
who was a son of said John  
Bryant and Fannie Bryant -



Lucas Bryant - Walter Bryant - Jackson  
(also known as Jack and Bill) - Theresa Bryant  
who intermarried with John Springer -  
Mary (some times called Polly) who intermarried  
with Samuel Bellew - Sarah Ann Bryant  
who intermarried with John Flippin -  
Cordelia Bryant who intermarried  
with John White - Harriet Bryant who  
intermarried with Elijah Gray - Jane Bryant  
who intermarried with James White -  
Lena Bryant who intermarried with James  
person -

That he is also acquainted with the  
descendants of these above named  
children of John Bryant -

That Samuel Flippin of Union Indiana  
son of John Flippin, Aaron Bellew  
is a son of said Mary, some times  
called Polly, Bellew, and Samuel Bellew,  
and that the applicant Norway H. Bellew  
is also a son of said Mary and  
Samuel Bellew, and a full brother  
to Samuel Flippin, and said Aaron and  
John Bellew - that the names of his  
children and grand children are  
correctly set out and stated in  
his said application - which has  
been read to applicant -

That the applicants G. W. Peterson, Sonnet,  
Morton, Harry, and Normie Peterson  
are children of Cordelia Peterson  
nee Bellew, and of applicant who intermarried

State of Tennessee

County of Gibson

John W. E. Edwards a  
Notary Public, Testes F. W. Person  
after this duly sworn depose as follows -  
That he will be seventy years old the 27<sup>th</sup>  
of Dec 1894 and in a recd of Gibson  
County, State of Tennessee and has  
resided in said county ever  
since he was a small boy -  
That he was well acquainted with  
John Bryant in his life time - that he  
knew said John Bryant since he  
offered was a small boy and lived  
above a time up to his death  
which occurred in Gibson County  
about forty years ago -

That he knew and is well ac-  
quainted with John Bryant wife  
whose name was Fannie -

That it was always understood  
by himself and all the people that  
knew John Bryant, that said John  
Bryant was a Cherokee Indian -  
That he was an Indian in apper-  
-ance and manner -

That he was and is acquainted with  
all the children of said John  
and Fannie Bryant, by their  
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Lucas Bryant - Martin Bryant - Jackson  
(also known as Jack and Bill) - Lucian Bryant  
who is intermarried with William Springer -  
Mary (some time called Polly) who is intermarried  
with Samuel Bellew - Sarah Ann Bryant  
was intermarried with John Flippin -  
Cordelia Bryant who is intermarried  
with John White - Harriet Bryant who is  
intermarried with David Gray - John Bryant  
was intermarried with James White -  
Lillian Bryant who is intermarried with James  
person -

This is also accounted with the  
descendants of these above named  
children of John Bryant -

That Samuel Flippin of Santa Barbara  
County, Los Angeles, Aaron Bellew  
in Sweden - said Mary, some time  
called Polly, Bellew, and Samuel Bellew  
and that the applicant Norway H. Bellew  
is also a son of said Mary and  
Samuel Bellew, and a full brother  
of Harriet Flippin, and said Aaron and  
John Bellew - that the names of his  
children and grand children are  
correctly set out and stated in  
the said application - which has  
been read in affirm -

That the applicants G. L. McPherson, Samuel  
Morton Perry, and Norman McPherson  
are children of Cordelia McPherson  
nee Bellew, and of affirm who is intermarried



That said Caroline was a child,  
was a daughter of said Mary, called  
Polly Belle. She was a daughter  
of said John and Fannie Bryant -  
That said Caroline was a full  
sister to Frank Flippin -

The names of the children of said  
G. L. Spenser are correctly set out  
in their application for citizenship  
in Cherokee Nation and to which  
and in their other applications  
- her affidavit in this case -

L. A. Spenser is a son of Mrs  
Bryant who intermarried with John  
Spenser and a good son of said  
John Bryant - That since the  
deceased wife of said L. A. Spenser  
and mother of said Spenser children  
who are applicants for admission to  
citizenship with their father and their  
family was a daughter of said  
Mary Bryant with her intermarriage with  
said Samuel Belle -

The names of the Spenser children  
are correctly stated and set  
out in their application attached  
hereto and the names of their wives  
husbands and children -

That applicant G. W. Bryant is a  
son of Zachariah, Zach or Paul Bryant  
who was a son of said John  
Bryant and Fannie Bryant -





That said Caroline was a Good,  
was a daughter of said Mary, called  
Polly Patten, who was a daughter  
of said John and Fannie Bryant -  
That said Caroline was a full  
sister of George F. Patten -

The names of the children of said  
G. F. Patten are correctly set out  
in her application for citizenship  
in Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

That said Caroline is a son of James  
Bryant who is mentioned with James  
Bryant and a grand son of said  
John Bryant - That said the  
deceased wife of said L. A. Spinger  
and mother of said Spinger children  
who are mentioned for admission to  
citizenship with their father and their  
family was a daughter of said  
John Bryant with her initials with  
said James Bryant -

The names of the Spinger children  
are correctly stated and set  
out in their application attached  
hereto and in name of their wife  
husbands and children -

That applicant G. W. Bryant is a  
son of Jackson, Jackson Paul Bryant  
who was a son of said John  
Bryant and Fannie Bryant -

That the applicant William J. ...  
is ... as set out in their  
application in his name and  
the great-grandchildren of said  
John and Fannie Bryant -

That said applicant is  
a son of said Fannie Bryant, who  
is a son of Jackson Jack or Rick  
Bryant, who was a son of said  
John and Fannie Bryant -

That he is acquainted with the  
above named applicants and lived  
with and among them nearly all  
his life, and knows their relationship  
to said John Bryant -

That he files this application with  
the signatures of G. S. McPherson  
State - A. S. Springer State - G. W.  
Bryant State - Jack Bryant State -  
and Henry B. Bell State -

Witness my hand and seal  
this 2nd day of April  
1889.  
My Commission Expires  
April 1889.

Wm. J. ...  
Notary Public

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Nation's No. 9943

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*G. E. McPherson*  
*et al.*

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Demurrer and Answer.

*AS* 1888  
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JULY 1888

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*G. E. McPherson*  
*et al*

Nation's No. *2243-*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his afore said demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John Bryant*  
through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hoxinge, Hutchings & Bondurant* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *19* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*D. L. Ball*

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BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF L.A. GRANT FOR LANDS  
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

J.S.MC.CRARY, of lawful age being first duly sworn,  
says that on the 17th day of Sept. 1893 he served the application  
hereto attached by delivering a true copy of the same  
and papers attached thereto, to *W. H. Hastings attorney for*  
*Cherokee Nation as directed by Samuel H. Mayes*  
Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, at Tahlequah  
Cherokee Nation and that is not of counsel for or  
related to any of the parties, or in any manner  
interested in the prosecution of said claim.

*J. S. Mc. Crary*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of  
Sept. 1893.

*Myra G. Young*  
Notary Public.

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Before the Honorable Commission to the Five  
Civilized Tribes.

In the matter of the application of L. A.  
Dobbs Springer to be admitted to  
citizenship in the Cherokee Nation

### Application

I, the undersigned, L. A. Springer of you,  
own family and on behalf of Sarah  
Springer my wife and John Springer,  
Ellen Rebecca Springer, Edna Duke,  
all Springers, Eddie Springer, Mollie  
Loller, all Springers, children of my  
marriage with, Mary Belle, my deceased  
and late wife.

Also John Springer wife of the above  
named John Springer, and Hafford  
Springer, their child.

Also David Bellew husband of the  
above named Ellen and Ruby Bellew,  
Eddie Bellew, and one infant un-named,  
children of said Ellen and David

Also Thomas Duke, husband of  
the above named Edna Duke, and  
their two children Vivian Duke and  
Mary Duke.

Also Sic Loller, husband of the  
above named Mollie Loller.

Also Eliza Grooms, who is a daughter of

Emma Brown the Springer, who sister  
married with Emma Brown, said Emma  
being a daughter of the undersigned A. A.  
Springer by his said marriage with his first  
wife the said Emma Springer nee Belew (deceased)  
we can Emma Brown said

we most respectfully request and  
make known unto the Honorable Commis-  
sion, that we are now residents of Carroll  
County and of Gibson County, State of Tennessee  
and our post office is Atwood Ten-  
nessee

That we are by blood Cherokee Indians  
descended our Cherokee blood from through  
Furman Bryant who was the mother of the  
undersigned A. A. Springer. The said Furman  
Bryant was a full sister of Zachary Bryant  
and a daughter of Jim Bryant, who  
was a Cherokee by blood and a member  
of the old Cherokee Nation.

The said Furman Bryant was an aunt  
of Hannah Flippin of Cherokee Indian  
Territory, who was born with her family  
admitted to citizenship in the Cherokee  
Nation and also an aunt of Aaron  
Belew and Gov. Belew, who we under-  
stand are applicants for enrollment as  
citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

on other words, we undersigned A. A.  
Springer was a son of said Furman Bryant  
who was a daughter of the said John  
Bryant, and of Joshua Springer with



from the said Laura Bryant testimony

And the undersigned L. A. Springer is a full cousin of said Hannah Flippin, aunt of Aaron Kelley and Geo. Kelley and as above stated a grand-son of said John Bryant.

But the name, sex and age of the persons comprised in this application are as follows:-

Name	Sex	Age
L. A. Springer	Male	61 years
Sarah	Female	37 "
John	Male	37 "
Ellen Kelley (nee Springer)	Female	24 "
Edna Duke	"	22 "
Eddie Springer	Male	22 "
Mollie Collier (nee Springer)	Female	20 "
Jessie Springer	"	28 "
Hafford	Male	7 "
David Kelley	"	28 "
Patsy	Female	5 "
Eddie	Male	3 "
infant	"	1 month
Thomas Duke	"	23 years
Virna	Female	3 "
Mary	"	1 "
See Collier	Male	24 "
Geo. Springer	Female	5 "

The undersigned L. A. Springer would further state that his <sup>first</sup> wife who is the mother of the above named children the said Jessie Kelley, deceased, was a

will visit the above named Hannah  
Thippin of Santa Indine Nation, the under  
signed A. Springs and his said first wife  
Jemie Belle Leonard being first cousins

opponents attach hereto such  
evidence as they have and respectfully  
ask that such evidence as to their rela-  
tionship and Cherokee Indian blood be  
made on file in the said case of Hannah  
Thippin, any of the other members of the family  
of said Susan Bryant, all Springs, may be  
admitted upon the hearing of their application.

opponents most respectfully ask that  
their said application may be heard and  
determined, and that they may be admitted  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, and  
enrolled as such citizens.

George S. Jones

in the presence of  
W. J. Richardson W.D.  
W. D. Jones

State of Tennessee } ss.  
Wilson County

Before me, J. E. Edwards, a Notary  
Public, duly commissioned, qualified  
and acting as such, A. Springs  
who is personally known to me, as the  
person signing the above and foregoing  
application for citizenship in the Cherokee  
Nation, and being by me first  
duly sworn, states that he knows

The contents of said application and  
the statements therein contained are  
true as the same were  
made under oath and read  
as such on the 31<sup>st</sup>  
day of June 1892

Ed Edwards  
Notary Public  
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Ed Smith  
attorney for applicant





State of Tennessee )  
County of Gibson.

Before me, R. G. Edwards, Notary  
Public duly commissioned, qualified  
and acting as such, of and for  
said county and with whom I  
am personally acquainted and  
under the following statement  
and present names with -

That he is living in year of  
age - That he is a resident of  
Gibson County State of Tennessee  
and has had a resident of said  
county for forty two years - That  
he killed John Bryant and his  
wife Fannie Bryant in their life  
time and knew them from his  
infant recollection until their  
death, which occurred some  
forty years ago or more - That said  
John Bryant and Fannie Bryant  
were neighbors of his up to their  
death.

That it was always understood  
by himself and the public generally  
that said John Bryant was a Cherokee  
Indian - That John Bryant  
claimed to be a Cherokee Indian  
and was an Indian in ap-  
pearance, and that he had given  
himself the name Bryant say he was  
a Cherokee Indian, and that





with Joshua Sprague and L. A. Sprague  
and a son by said intermarriage -  
- that - L. A. Sprague, his son  
as L. A. is a full owner of Homish  
Flippin of said section - history and  
- L. A. Sprague and Geo. Bellet  
- as in said section whose names  
appear in said application, all  
concerning said Homish Flippin  
and Geo. Bellet, both  
on their father (L. A. Sprague) and their  
maternal side, their mother said  
Sprague was a daughter of Henry Bellet  
the father and the said Homish  
Flippin and said Sprague being  
full intermarriage.

The intermarriage of the children  
of said L. A. Sprague are correctly  
set out in said application  
which he has heard read, and  
are true and correct. I believe as  
from a book on in his and  
his intermarriage - G. W. Robinson  
and to and submitted  
before me August - 31<sup>st</sup> 1894

Witness my hand  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1894  
R. E. Edwards  
Notary Public

Nation's No. 2949

Commission's No

In re Application of

L. A. Springer

et al.

Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*S. A. Springer et al*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation's No. *2242*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his *fore* said demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John Bryant* through whom the petitioner claim to derive *this* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings, Hutchings & Paulina* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *19* day of *Sept* 1896.

*J. L. Adair*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Before the Honorable  
The Five Civilized Tribes  
in the matter of the  
**Caroline White** - and others for  
admission to citizenship in the  
Cherokee Nation.

The undersigned Caroline  
White - on her own behalf  
on behalf of her  
grand children & great-grand  
children whose names and  
ages are herein set forth  
says that - that she is  
15<sup>th</sup> Civil District of  
Tennessee near the town of  
Milan, and respectfully  
represents and makes known  
that she and the said  
children & great-grandchildren  
herin after named are of  
free Indian blood  
Cherokee Indian blood  
and are from her father's  
side.

The said Caroline White says  
that she is the

Hannah Flippin & son James &  
 Balew and son, & son who  
 are applicants, she being a full  
 sister of their mother Mary (nee  
 ) Balew who was a daugh-  
 ter of one John Boyant,  
 and she requests that this  
 application may be con-  
 sidered in connection with-  
 theirs and that any testimony  
 given in support of their  
 applications produced by  
 this honorable Commission  
 is pertinent to the claims of  
 applicants herein and  
 may be considered upon the  
 hearing of this application.

The names sex and age of the  
 applicants herein are as  
 follows:

Caroline White	female	74 years.
Vince White	daughter	48 years.
Joseph White	grandson	25 "
Hattie White	wife of Joseph	24 "
Millie White	granddaughter	3 "
Fleeta White	"	1 "



Grenada Smith - Grand daughter 29 years.  
 Gordon Smith - grand son 10 " "  
 Lillie Smith - great-grand daughter 5 " "  
 Winnie Smith " " " 3 " "

Since Mattie White & Hector White  
 are children of David Joseph and  
 Mattie White. And since  
 Gordon Smith - Lillie Smith and  
 Winnie Smith - are the children  
 of since Grenada Smith - and her  
 husband Levi Smith -

applicants - ask that - this  
 their application may be heard  
 and determined and that they  
 may be admitted to citizenship  
 in the Cherokee Nation  
 and enrolled as such citizens.

in presence of } Caroline<sup>W</sup> White  
 S. B. Peckline }  
 A. M. Wilson }

State of Tennessee }  
 Gibson County } Before me R. E.  
 } Edwards a Notary  
 Public in and for said County

and state duly examined and  
qualified and acting as such,  
personally appeared Caroline White  
to me, known as the person sign-  
ing the above and foregoing ap-  
plication and being by me finally  
admitted. She knows  
the contents of the same and  
that the statements therein con-  
tained are true to the verity  
believed. Given under my hand  
and seal as such Notary Public.  
This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1894.  
My commission expires in April 1898.

R. Edwards

Notary Public

J. F. Rankin  
of N. D. Driscoll  
Attorney for Applicants

State of Tennessee  
Gibson County Before me R. E. Ed-  
wards a Notary Public in and for said  
State and County do hereby certify and  
attest that the following appears Joseph  
Williams and his wife  
follows. — I am 83 years old  
and have lived near the  
town of Dilace and have for  
years at least 60 years. I know  
Caroline White and have known her  
ever since she was a girl. She  
has lived in Gibson County Tennessee  
ever since I know her, she mar-  
ried one Mr. White who died  
years ago. The said Caroline  
White is the daughter of John  
Bryant who lived in Gibson  
County not far from where  
I live and whom I knew  
well. he died some years  
before the war of 1861-5. in  
Gibson County Tennessee. David John  
Bryant was as I remember  
a half blood Cherokee Indian  
and was the father of several  
children. all of whom I knew.  
he had one daughter named

Pollie who married Samuel Below  
and I know Hannah Flippin who  
now lives as I understand in the  
Indian Territory. She is the daughter  
of some man Below. — Since  
Caroline White is the youngest  
child of some John Bryant, and  
is an aunt of said Hannah Flippin,  
I know them well. —

Sum to subscribed

before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1896

by ~~some~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~notary~~ Public  
expired 4<sup>th</sup> April 1898.

R E Edwards

notary public





who now lives in the Indian Territory,  
said woman being the daughter of  
Polly Smith who was a sister of said  
Caroline and a daughter of said  
John Bryant.

Said Caroline is the mother of  
Lina White - who is about - 48 years  
old & lives with her mother.

also the grand mother of Joseph White  
who is about - 27 years old - he being the  
son of Joe White, who was a son of  
Caroline White - also grand mother  
of Emma White - she being the dau-  
ghter of Sarah Jane Morris, said Sarah  
Jane Morris being the daughter of said  
Caroline White.

Said Caroline White - is the great-  
grand mother of White White & Eliza  
White - who are children of said Joseph  
White - also the grand mother  
of Gordon Smith - Lela Smith - and  
Winnie Smith - who are the children  
of said Grenada Smith - who is the  
wife of said - I know them  
all well and they all live in  
the 15<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Gibson Co.  
Tennessee. their ages are about -

as follows. - Caroline  
White is about 70 years old.  
Vina White - 28 years. Graph White  
27 years his wife Hattie White  
24 years. Mattie White - 3 years.  
Fleeta White - 1 year. Grenada  
Smith - 29 years. Gordon Smith -  
10 years. Leta Smith - 5 years. &  
Vernie Smith - 2 years. They all  
live in the same neighborhood  
that I do. Miss Hattie White  
is the daughter of Terrence Symon  
& Miss Terrence is the daughter  
of Mary John, who was the  
wife of Harold John, and daughter  
of John Bayard. I also know  
Terrence Flippin. I know  
all of the above named parties  
and they are all blood  
descendants of said John Bayard.  
Sworn to & subscribed  
before me 3rd Sept 1898. <sup>H. M. Pherson</sup>  
My Commission as Notary Public expires in  
April 1899. R. E. Edwards  
Notary Public

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Nation's No. *2280*

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Carolina White Corp.*

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Caroline White*

Nation's No. *2824*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not wanting to answer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John Bryant* through whom the petitioner claims to derive *her* right

to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the roll indicated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof, but the

*applicant is a resident and citizen of the State of Texas*  
Respondent, for a further and complete defense to the aforesaid Application says: That, heretofore said applicant made application before a legally constituted Court, or Commission on citizenship, having jurisdiction over applications for readmission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation; That the said case was tried upon its merits; that upon a final hearing, judgment was duly given against the applicant and in favor of this Nation. A duly certified transcript of the aforesaid proceedings and judgment are annexed ~~hereto~~ *and made a part of the answer, of Adam Blair, to which reference is made*

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Wm. Hastings Condon* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

*John L. Adair*  
day of *Sept*, 1896.  
*John L. Adair*

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Nation's No. 2882

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*Mary Gornie*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*May Corvix*

Nation's No. *2832*

Commission's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Margret Stille*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hubling, Hartung & Bondinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*D. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Wester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 4th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 303 received from postmaster James attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Madam Sam and of the affidavits of George V. ... and Wester Mullen in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4th day of September, 1896.

John A. Smith  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

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# Affidavit of Witness.

In the matter of Petition and Memorial of **Mary Garvin**  
for Admission to Citizenship in the **Cherokee** Nation.

STATE OF **Arkansas**  
COUNTY OF **Sebastian**

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared **Geo. W. Mann** who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That **he** is **81** years of age, is a resident of the State of **Cherokee Nation**, **Sequoyah Dist.**, and that **he** is personally acquainted with **Mary Garvin** who is an applicant for Citizenship in the **Cherokee** Nation. Affiant further states:  
*(Here state the facts which establish the claimant's heredity and ancestry of Indian blood.)*

That this affiant has known the said **Mary Garvin** nearly all of her life, and this affiant knows that she is one-fourth Cherokee blood, and has been so recognized by her acquaintances.

Affiant further states that she is the daughter of the late **Margarette Sill**, who resided at **Webber Mills Cherokee Nation, I. T.** and who was a half-breed Cherokee Indian, and was a recognized citizen and member of the Cherokee Nation and of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in the Cherokee Nation in the Indian Territory.

Affiant further states that he knows that the said **Mary Garvin** is the identical person that she represents herself to be in her application for Cherokee citizenship; and that she is rightfully entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That **he** has known the said **Mary Garvin** for the past **41** years, and knows that **she** has been and is recognized by **her** neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally, as having **Cherokee** Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said **Mary Garvin** indicate that **she** is of **Cherokee** Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said **Mary Garvin** he believes the said **Mary Garvin** to be a descendant by blood of the **Cherokee** Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **4<sup>th</sup>** day of **September**, 189**6**.

My Commission expires **Feb. 14 1900**

*George W. Mann*

*Geo. W. Mann*

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Wester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 5th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 344 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is receipt for said package, which contained the copies of the application of Robt. F. Sullivan and of the affidavits of Robert Coulson and Robert Stapp in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5th day of September, 1896. Thos. W. Carter  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

APPLICATION FOR CHEROKEE CITIZENSHIP.

TO THE HONORABLE LAWES' COMMISSION;

The undersigned respectfully petition and memorialize your Honorable Body for admission to the rights and privileges of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the treaties and laws of said Nation, and the United States. Your petitioner states that his immediate family consists of the following named persons, for whom he asks the privileges of Citizenship with petitioner, to wit;

Names of Children.	Ages.
Adline Crawford.	17.
Mary Ellen. "	14.
Arthur "	10.
George "	8.
Millie "	6.

As grounds for asking admission to Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, I.T. your petitioner states; That he is the Son of Green Lewis who was the Son of the late Lewis who was a Cherokee Indian by blood that lived in the state of North Carolina in the old Cherokee Nation East before the removal West of the Indians by the U.S. Government, as he verily believes.

, Affiant says he derives his Cherokee Indian blood from his Father Green Lewis who was at least 1/2 Cherokee by blood, and who was the Son of the Cherokee Indian Lewis.

Affiant states that he intermarried Mary Crawford, nee Gatewood, and by such marriage the following named Children was born, to wit; Adline 17. Mary Ellen 14. Arthur 10. George 8. Millie 6. For whom he asks the privileges of Citizenship as he verily believes he is entitled to in the Cherokee Nation.

Respectfully Submitted.

Rolin Crawford

State of Arkansas.

)ss.  
County of Crawford.

On this 4th day of September, 1896, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and state aforesaid, Rolin Crawford, who, after being duly sworn by me, says; That the statements set forth in the foregoing petition and memorial for Cherokee Citizenship, are true, as he verily believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and ~~year~~ date last above written.

My Commission Expires Jan 8, 1898.

E. L. Matlock  
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF ROLAND CRAWFORD, FOR ADMISSION  
TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE CHEROKEE NATION.

State of Arkansas.

County of Crawford.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for  
the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared, Robert Foundling, who,  
after being by me duly sworn, states; That he is 38 years of age, and a  
resident of the state of Arkansas and County of Crawford and that he is  
personally acquainted with Roland Crawford who is an applicant for ~~ENGLISH~~  
~~INDIAN~~ Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states,  
(Here set out all that witness knows about claimants family and ancestors  
of Indian Blood.)

That he knows the said Roland Crawford to be the Son of Green Lewis,  
who was an admixture of Negro and Cherokee Indian, and that the said appli-  
cant is at least one-fourth Cherokee Indian by blood, and that the said ap-  
plicant derives his Cherokee Indian blood from his Father Green Lewis who  
was a half breed Cherokee Indian that lived awhile in Johnson County, Ark.  
and died there, but whom had moved from the state of North Carolina previous  
to the time he lived in Johnson County, Ark. Affiant further states; That  
he has known the said Roland Crawford for the past 30 years, and knows that  
he has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public  
generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and phys-  
ical appearance of the said Roland Crawford indicate that he is of Cherokee  
Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts  
and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of  
the said Roland Crawford he believes the said Roland Crawford to be a des-  
cent by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Robert Foundling

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of September, 1896.

My Commission Expires July 8th 1899

E. L. Matlock

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF ROLAND CRAWFORD FOR ADMISSION  
TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHEROKEE NATION.

State of Arkansas,  
1899.  
County of Crawford.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and  
for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Calvin Stafford,  
who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 84 years of age, and  
a resident of the State of Arkansas and County of Crawford, and that he is  
personally acquainted with Roland Crawford who is an applicant for Citi-  
zenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states: (Here set out all  
which he knows about claimants family and ancestors of Indian blood.)  
That he has always heard and knows that the applicant is of Cherokee In-  
dian blood, and that the said applicant is the son of Green Lewis who was  
a half-breed Cherokee Indian that died in Johnson County, Ark. Affiant  
states that the said applicant intermarried Mary Crawford, nee Gatewood,  
and by such marriage the following named Children was born, to wit:  
Mary Ellen, 14. Arthur, 10. George, 8. Millie, 6. Affiant further  
states that he has known the said applicants' Father and that he knows  
that he is of Indian descent. Affiant further states; That he has known  
the said Roland Crawford for the past 38 years, and knows that he has been  
and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally  
as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical  
appearance of the said Roland Crawford indicate that he is of Cherokee  
Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts  
and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of  
the said Roland Crawford he believes the said Roland Crawford to be a  
descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Calvin Stafford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of September, 1899.

By Commission Expires July 8th 1899

E. L. Matlock  
Notary Public.



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Nation's No. 833  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

*John Crawford*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Robert Crawford*

Nation's No. *2833*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his ~~above~~ demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Ann Lewis*

through whom the petitioner claim to derive right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hulding, Hoatings & Bondinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*D. J. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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# 3138  
IN THE MATTER 670

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P. A. Houston

PETITION AND MEMORIAL

...FOR...

CITIZENSHIP

In the Cherokee Nation, T. T.

FILED 7 1896. ★  
W. S. MCKENNON  
COM'R

Repealed  
Joseph R. Mulla

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Nation's No. 2767

Commission's No.

In re Application of

*P. A. Harris & Co.*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 24 1898

A. S. KENNEDY

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*J. A. Davis et al*

Nation's No. *2769*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his ~~former~~ demurrer, but insisting upon the same in answer to said application, says that

*Wm. and John Brown*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive his right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *John L. Adair, Executive Secretary* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *20th* day of *Sept* 1886.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

*Handwritten text, possibly a signature or name, located in the upper middle section of the page.*



I hereby certify that the within is a true  
copy of the Original this 21 day of Aug  
1894

A. Brewer,

Mayor, Kibbick.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 14  
day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel  
Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 383 received  
from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of  
P. A. Houston and of the  
affidavit of Vester Mullen and  
in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 14 day of September, 1896.

J. M. Smith

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



**End**

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<sup>671</sup>  
Donald Cottman

Chamber

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#3132

FILED SEPT. 7 1896 ★  
A. S. MCKENNON  
Clerk

Rec'd

Joseph Miller

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.

J. P. Muller & M. M. Martin  
Attorneys for petitioner.

The above named petitioner, Sarah Kadzki Gattingsham says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to her best knowledge information and belief.

Sarah Kadzki Gattingsham  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31 day of August 1896.

Edwin J. Van Wazer  
Notary Public.

No. 100  
**APPLICATION OF**  
Sarah Kadzki Gattingsham  
FOR  
Enrollment in American Nation  
Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1896  
Sec. U. S. Comm. Five Civ. Tribes.  
Attorney for Petitioner.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

Before the United States Commission to the five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

Sarah Lodoski Cottingham Et. Al. PETITIONER, VS. Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, RESPONDENT. APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner Sarah Lodoski Cottingham states that Elisabeth Christie was a Cherokee Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in the old Cherokee Nation in N.C. and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and immunities of other Cherokee Indians by blood in the said Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said Elisabeth Christie appears or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said Cherokee Indians for the year 1835

That the petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said Elisabeth Christie to-wit: That the post office address of your petitioner is Fort Scott, Kansas, that she is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one sixteenth Cherokee blood. That she is the daughter of Phoebe Jane, and James M. Fairman, and the said James M. Fairman was the son of the late Harvey W. and Lodoski Fairman, and the late Lodoski Fairman was the daughter of of the late Shadrick, and Hannah P. Allard, and the said Hannah P. Allard was the daughter of the late John Putnam and Elisabeth Putnam, that the maiden name of the said Elisabeth Putnam was Elisabeth Christie, and she was born in Knox County, Tenn., in 1776, and died in said Knox County Tenn. in 1840. The said Elisabeth Christie lived the old Cherokee Nation in Tenn. and North Carolina, and spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a full blood Cherokee Indian and was a member of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians

That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other Cherokee Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner persons, as follows, to-wit:

- List of living legal descendants with names and ages.

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that her name, with those of



said descendants, to-wit:

That she be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges and immunities of other Cherokee Indians, in and to the Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

And in support of said claim herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence namely: *The evidence submitted and now on file before the Honorable, The Commissioner, in the John N. Fairman case*

and petitioner respectfully awaits the time and place when his application shall be heard and tried, and petitioner will ever pray, etc.

*J. P. Muller & W. W. Martin*  
Attorneys for petitioners.

The aforementioned petitioner, *Sarah Lodski Coltingham* says that the statements set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to her best knowledge information and belief.

*Sarah Lodski Coltingham*  
Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *31* day of *August* 1896.

*A. Henry*

Notary Public.

*com 20's Mar 11, 1899*

No. ....

APPLICATION OF  
*Sarah Lodski Coltingham*

FOR  
Enrollment in *Cherokee* Nation

Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

State of Kansas )  
County of Bourbon,)

Before me a notary public in for the county and state aforesaid personally came J. W. Fairman to me personally well known to be the person named, and being by me first duly sworn, deposes that he is a resident of the county and state aforesaid and has been for the last twenty eight years, and that he John W. Fairman was a younger brother of James M. Fairman, and has known said James M. Fairman ever since he could remember. That he knows that said James M. Fairman was a son of Harvey Fairman and Lodoski Fairman, and that when said James M. Fairman died he left surviving him the following named children to wit: Sarah Lodoski Cottingham, Amos D. Fairman, Harriett Maranda Campbell, Francis Marion Fairman, John Adam Fairman, Nancy Ann McGovern, and Hannah Jane Richardson, and that said ~~Nancy Ann McGovern~~ now deceased, left the following children to-wit: Bessie E. Parks, and Fannie B. Heisler now residing in Kansas City Missouri.

J. W. Fairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of August, 1896.

A. H. Jones

114 Corn Spr. W. Mo. 11, 1899

Notary Public in

State of Kansas, )  
                          ) ss.  
County of *Woodson*

Before me, *J. M. Sutton*, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid personally came Jane Gleason, to me well known to be the person named, and who being duly sworn, deposes and says: That her age is fifty eight years and that she has been a resident of said county for the last twenty five years, and that her post office address is Toronto, Kansas, and that she was well acquainted with James Madison Fairman, and with Loloski Fairman, his mother, and also with Hannah P. Allari, his grand-mother, that they claimed to be part Indian, and from their personal appearance, talk and disposition, she believes that they were Indians, and that they were always recognized and spoken of by their neighbors as Indians; and she further says that she has been well and intimately acquainted with said Hannah P. Allari for more than fifty years, or up to the time of her death in 1869, and was well and intimately acquainted with James Madison Fairman from the time of his marriage with Phoebe Jane Gleason, in the year 1847, until the time of his death in 1882. That she knew the names of the children of the said James Madison Fairman and Phoebe Jane Fairman, and that they are Sarah Loloski Nottingham, now 46 years old, Amos D. Fairman now 40 years old, and Harriet Maranda Campbell now 38 years old, Francis Marion Fairman, now 37 years old, John Adam Fairman now 36 years old, Nancy Ann McGovern, now 34 years old, Hannah Jane Richardson, now 33 years old. And she further says that her means of knowing all of the facts herein stated are from her long and intimate acquaintance with all of the persons named, and with all of the circumstances mentioned.

*Jane Gleason*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *September*, 189*7*.

*(My term expires  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1900.)*

*J. M. Sutton,  
Notary Public.*

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Walter Muller do solemnly swear that on the 6th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 383 received from ~~postmaster~~ hereto attached ~~is~~ receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of ~~John A. Cannon~~ and of the affidavits of ~~John A. Cannon~~ and ~~Walter Muller~~ in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 6th day of September, 1896.

John B. Sartan  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.



Nation's No. *9754*

Commission's No .....

In re Application of

*Robert S. Cunningham*  
*et al*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

SEPT. 28 1896

A. S. MCKENNON

COM'R



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of...

*George L. Cunningham  
et al*

Nation's No. *2754*

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his ~~fore~~ demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Elizabeth Christie* through whom the petitioner claims to derive *her* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Wardner, Hutchings & Bonine* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *25* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*S. J. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Muller do solemnly swear that on the 24  
day of Sept., 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at H. Smith  
Ark. addressed to Samuel Hayes  
Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tullesah Indian Territory.  
that Registry Receipt No. 265 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which  
contained true copies of the application of Phely Stout  
affidavits of Joshua Cox and Phely Stout  
in support of same. Plato Ark -  
County Abstract Vester Muller  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 24 day of Sept., 1896.

Wm. C. ...  
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No. 2461

IN THE MATTER OF

*Phelytaub*

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**PETITION AND MEMORIAL**

...FOR...

**CITIZENSHIP**

In the *Cherokee* Nation, I. T.

Filed 7 Sept 1896

*Wm Jacobson*  
clerk

*Rejected*

*Rejected*

*Joseph Mullen*  
*[Signature]*



No. \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION OF  
*Phely Stout* Et. Al.,

FOR  
Enrollment in *Cherokee* Nation

Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_\_

Sec. U. S. Com. Five Civ. Tribes.

Attorney for Petitioner.

CAPITAL PRINT, South McAlester, I. T.

My Commission Expires 25, 1890

My Commission Expires 25, 1890

## Application For Enrollment.

Before the United States Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians:

PHEBY STOUT VS. CHEROKEE	Et. Al, PETITIONER, VS. Nation, Indian Territory. RESPONDENT.	APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT
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TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED HONORABLE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner **Pheby Stout** states that **Ephraim Hawkins** was a **Cherokee** Indian by blood, was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in **The old Cherokee Nation, now North Carolina** and enjoyed all the rights, privileges benefits and annuities of other **Cherokee** Indians by blood in the said *Cherokee* Nation or Tribe of Indians, and that the name of the said **Ephraim Hawkins** appears, or should appear upon the authenticated rolls of the said **Cherokee** Indians for the year **18**

That petitioner is a lineal descendant of the said **Ephraim Hawkins** to-wit:

My maiden name is **Hargis**, and am the daughter of **Reubin and Nancy Hargis**, that said **Hargis** is a white man and said **Nancy Hargis** whose maiden name is **Hawkins**, and who is the daughter of said **Ephraim Hawkins and Nancy Hawkins**, and she the said **Nancy Hargis nee Hawkins** was an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and at least one-fourth Cherokee blood, that her father to-wit said **Ephraim Hawkins** was a half blood and was a citizen of the Old Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indian, That said **Ephraim Hawkins** was born in North Carolina, in 1790 and died in North Carolina, in 18 that **Nancy Hargis nee Hawkins** was born in North Carolina in 18 and died in North Carolina in 18. That petitioner was bor in North Carolina in 1846 and is now living in the Choctaw Nation.

Affiant further says that she is at least one eighth Cherokee blood.

And in support of her claim she herewith submits the affidavit of herself and

That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said **Cherokee** Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said **Cherokee** Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other **Cherokee** Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner **five** persons, as follows, to-wit:

<b>Ettie stout</b>	a	female	and	<b>18</b>	years of age
<b>Ella</b>	▪	▪		<b>18</b>	years of age
<b>Mack</b>	▪	a son	and	<b>13</b>	years of age
<b>Vetra</b>	▪	female	and	<b>11</b>	years of age
<b>Leta</b>	▪	▪	and	<b>6</b>	years of age
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Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that *Cherokee* name, with those of

aid descendants to-wit: *Ettie, Ella, Mack, Vetra*  
*and Seta Stout.*

and *Pheby Stout* be enrolled and admitted to all the rights, benefits, privileges  
and immunities of other *Cherokee* Indians, in and to the *Cherokee* Nation  
or Tribe of Indians, in Indian Territory, and your petitioners will ever pray.

*Pheby Stout*

ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONERS.

The aforementioned petitioner, *Pheby Stout*, says that the state-  
ments set forth in the above and foregoing petition are true according to his best knowledge, information and belief.

*Pheby Stout*

Petitioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *20* day of *August*, 1896.

*W. N. Littlejohn*

Notary Public.

*August 20, 1896*

No.

APPLICATION OF

*Pheby Stout*

Et. Al.

FOR

*Cherokee*

Nation

Filed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_\_.

See U. S. Com. Rev. Civ. Rules.

Attorney for Petitioner.

CAPITAL PRINT. South McAlester, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF PHEBY STOUT
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE CHEROKEE NATION,
STATE OF
COUNTY OF } SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared PHEBY STOUT who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That she is 50 years of age, and a resident of the State of Choctaw Nation and County of Wade and my postoffice address is Braden, D. T.; that she is personally acquainted with Pheby Stout who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That she is 50 years of age, my P. O. address is Braden, I. T. That she is the daughter of Reubin and Nancy Hargis, and is an admixture of white and Cherokee, and is at least one-eighth Cherokee blood and that she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother the late Nancy Hargis, whose maiden name was Hawkins, and who was the daughter of the late Ephriam and Nancy Hawkins, that said Ephriam Hawkins was born in North Carolina in the year of 17 and died in the state of North Carolina in the year of 18 that he was a half blood Cherokee and an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and was a citizen in the Old Cherokee Nation, now North Carolina, and a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Affiant further says that her mother Nancy Hargis, nee Hawkin was one-fourth Cherokee blood.

Affiant further says that she intermarried with Allen Stout in the year of 1870 and by such intermarriage the following children were born and are now living the said children with ages are mentioned in affiant's application, and that the said children are admixtures of white and Cherokee blood and are at least one-sixteenth Cherokee blood.

Affiant further says that she has been seeking to establish her rights to Cherokee citizenship for the past several years.

Affiant further states: That she has been recognized by her neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Affiant indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Ephriam Hawkins he believes the said Pheby Stout to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said Ephriam Hawkins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of August 1896

My Commission expires Notary Public. My Commission Expires Nov. 25, 1899



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF **Pheby Stout**  
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE **Cherokee** NATION,

STATE OF **Indian Territory**  
COUNTY OF **Northern Div.** } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared **Geo. T. Vann** who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That **he** is **81** years of age and a resident of the State of **Cherokee Nation** and County of **Sequoyah Dist.** and postoffice address is **Waldron, I. T.**; that **he** is personally acquainted with **Pheby Stout** who is an applicant for Citizenship in the **Cherokee** Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

**That this affiant lived in the old Cherokee Nation until he was 28 years, and that during that time he was engaged to a great extent in riding races, or a jockey, and that affiant traveled over a great part of the country.**

**Affiant further states that he knew in the old Cherokee Nation in North Carolina one Ephrim Hawkins. Affiant further says that he is of the opinion, and that he has been told, and as the public in general considered the said Ephrim Hawkins as a full blood Cherokee Indian language; that he could speak but little ~~Cherokee~~ of the ~~Cherokee~~ English language, and that he was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Affiant further states that the said Ephrim Hawkins had two daughters, viz Sallie and Nancy Hawkin that they were both Cherokees, and were members of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Affiant further states that the said Nancy Hawkins married ~~Hargis~~, as affiant has been credibly informed, and verily believes, ~~integrated~~ with a Hargis, and by such intermarriage there ~~were~~ born, and ~~now~~ living this applicant, viz: Pheby Stout nee Hargis.**

**Affiant verily believes that the said Pheby Stout is a direct lineal descendant of the late Ephrim Hawkins and Nancy Hawkins who married a Hargis, and that she is rightfully entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood.**

Affiant further states: That ~~he~~ has known the said ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ for the ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ years, and knows that ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ has been and is recognized by ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said **Pheby Stout** indicate that ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ she is of **Cherokee** Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said **Pheby Stout** he believes the said **Pheby Stout** to be a descendant by blood of the **Cherokee** Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said **Ephrim Hawkins and Nancy Hargis nee Hawkins**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **20<sup>th</sup>** day of **Aug**, **1896**  
**George T. Vann**  
**W. N. [Signature]**  
Notary Public.  
My Commission expires **Nov. 25, 1899**



AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Phoby Stout
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION,
STATE OF Indian Territory
COUNTY OF Northern Div.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared John Ross who, after being by me duly sworn, states: That he is 75 years of age, and a resident of the State of Cherokee Nation and County of Flint Dist. and postoffice address is Wauhatchie, I. T. that he is personally acquainted with Phoby Stout who is an applicant for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states:

(Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

that this affiant is a full blood Cherokee Indian, and was a Chief of the Cherokees in North Carolina. That this affiant came to this Indian Territory in 1880, and has lived here continuously ever since.

Affiant further states that the said Phoby Stout is an admixture of white and Cherokee and is at least one-fourth Cherokee. That she derives her Cherokee blood from her mother, the late Nancy Hargis nee Hawkins. That this affiant knew well the said Nancy Hargis nee Hawkins; and knows that she lived in the old Cherokee Nation in North Carolina; and knows that she spoke the Cherokee Indian language; was a half blood Cherokee Indian, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Affiant further states that the said Nancy Hargis nee Hawkins was the daughter of the late Ephraim Hawkins. Affiant further says that he knew well the said Ephraim Hawkins, and affiant knows that he was a full blood Cherokee Indian; and spoke the Cherokee Indian language, and was a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Affiant further states that the said Ephraim Hawkins was married, and that the said Nancy Hawkins was his wife's daughter.

Affiant further states: That he has known the said Phoby Stout for the past years, and knows that she has been well recognized by neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Indian blood, and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Phoby Stout indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Phoby Stout he believes the said Phoby Stout to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and a lineal descendant of the said Ephraim Hawkins and Nancy Hargis nee Hawkins; and that she is rightfully entitled to the rights of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of her Cherokee blood.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of January, 1896

W. K. Littlejohn Notary Public. My Commission Expires Nov. 25, 1899

Nation's No. 2367

Commission's No .....

In re Application of

*Philip David Miller*

**Demurrer and Answer**

FILED SEPT 25 1877

A. S. MCKENNON

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, W. S. Millicom, T. B. Coburn, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Phily Stout*

Nation's No. *2360*  
Commissioner's No. \_\_\_\_\_

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *Ephraim Hunt* through whom the petitioner *is* claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now eside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchins, Hastings, & Co.* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *21* day of *April*, 1896.

*John L. Adair*  
*D. J. Smith*

NOTARY PUBLIC

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Victor Muller do solemnly swear that on the 4 day of Sept. 1896, I saw a package registered at the postoffice at St. Louis, Ark. addressed to Samuel Mayes ~~Chief~~ Chief of the Cherokee Nation Tahlequah Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. 365 received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Martin Stout and of the affidavits of Martin Stout and Alonzo Stout in support of same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 4 day of Sept. 1896, at State Ark. Sebastian County, My com. expires 14 Feb. 1900. Notary Public

No. 246  
IN THE MATTER OF  
FRIBY STOUT

*Martin Stout*

Petition and Memorial  
FOR  
CITIZENSHIP

In the CHEROKEE Nation, I.T.

*Filed 7 Sept 1896  
Wm. J. ...  
clerk*

*Repeated*

*Joseph ...  
...*

## Application For Enrollment.

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIANS:

PHILIP STOUT

E. A.  
PETITIONER.

VS.

APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE AND ENROLLMENT.

CHEROKEE

National Indian Territory,  
INDIAN TERRITORY

THE CHIEF OF THE WENTWORTH BAND, CHIEF OF THE COMMISSION:

Your petitioner, PHILIP STOUT, states that Ephraim Hawkins was a Cherokee Indian who was duly recognized by the proper authorities as such in the Old Cherokee Nation, now North Carolina, and enjoyed all the rights, privileges, benefits and annuities of other Cherokee Indians by blood in the said Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians. In the name of the said Ephraim Hawkins appears, or should appear, in the rolls of the said Cherokee Indians for the year . . . . .

That the name of the said Ephraim Hawkins is to-wit:

That his present office address is Cavanaugh, Ark., that he is 32 years of age, that he is an admixture of white and Cherokee Indian blood, and that he is at least 1/8 Cherokee blood, that he derives his Cherokee blood from his mother, Pheby Stout who is the daughter of Nancy Hawkins, who was the daughter of Ephraim Hawkins, who was a full blood Cherokee Indian and a recognized citizen of the Old Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe and who was born in the state of North Carolina and died in the state of North Carolina, Applicant has been taught by his parents that the said Nancy Hawkins was an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and was at least 1/2 Cherokee blood, and was a recognized citizen of the Old Cherokee Nation and a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and was born in the state of North Carolina, and died in the state of Tenn in the year of 1870.

Applicant further says that he intermarried with Minnie Person and that by such marriage one child was born and now living, and that the said child is an admixture of white and Cherokee blood and is at least 1/16 Cherokee blood, and who name is mentioned herein below.

That under the constitution, laws, usages and customs of the said Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws of the United States, and treaties with said Indians, your said petitioner is entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a citizen and member of said Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits, privileges and annuities of other Cherokee Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants of your said petitioner, one persons, as follows, to-wit:

Ephraim L. Stout,	a	SON	and	1	years of age
	a		and		years of age
	a		and		years of age
	a		and		years of age
	a		and		years of age
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	a		and		years of age

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that . . . . . name, with those of









AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION AND MEMORIAL OF Martin Stout
FOR ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE Cherokee NATION.

STATE OF ...
COUNTY OF ...

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared ... who being by me duly sworn states:
That ... years of age, a resident of the State of ... and County ... and that ... is personally acquainted with Martin Stout
who is an applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further states
Here set out all that witness knows about claimant's family and ancestors of Indian blood.)

That his post office address is Cavanaugh, Ark. that he is a white man and that he is the father of said Martin Stout, and that he has known the said Martin Stout all of his life, and that he was personally acquainted with Nancy Hargis nee Hawkins, who is Martin Stout's grand-mother, and knows that she was a Cherokee Indian by blood and was at least 1/2 Cherokee blood and that she was a recognized member of the Cherokee Nation now, Tenn. and that she was a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe. Affiant further says that he was born in Tenn. in 1861. Affiant further says that he knows that the said Nancy Hargis was the daughter of said Nancy Hargis nee Hawkins, and knows that the said ... by us at least 1/4 Cherokee blood and that the said Martin is and admixture of white and Cherokee blood and is at least 1/8 Cherokee blood.

Affiant further states: That ... he ... has known the said Martin Stout ... for the past ... years and knows that he ... has been and is recognized by his ... neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as having Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion and physical appearance of the said Martin Stout ... indicate that ... Indian blood and descent. Affiant further says, that from the above facts and circumstances, and from what he has heard and knows of the family of the said Nancy Hargis, he believes the said Martin Stout ... to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ... day of ... 1896.
Notary Public.

My commission expires ... 1898.

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Louisa E. Dickson

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Cherokee

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P. J. ...

Joseph Hamblen  




Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I, Vester Mullen do solemnly swear that on the 5th day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the post office at Fort Smith, Arkansas, addressed to Samuel Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Indian Territory, that Registry Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_ received from postmaster, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of Louisa E. Dickson and of the affidavits of \_\_\_\_\_ in support of same. Vester Mullen

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 5th day of September, 1896.

Thos. B. Sartin

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires 14th of March, 1900.

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Nation's No. 277

Commission's No

In re Application of

*James E. Dickerson  
et al*

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**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 28 1906

U. S. DISTRICT COURT

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application

*John L. Adams*

Nation's No. 2771

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the following reasons:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right to determine the same.

2nd. That the evidence submitted is not sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent's answer to the application, insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

John L. Adams, the petitioner, claims to derive his right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation from his father, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation to Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on the rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered the respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

*John L. Adams* Attorneys.

John L. Adams, Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27th day of October, 1896.

*J. H. Hill*

NOTARY PUBLIC.



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No. 778

Application of

*Richard Dodson*

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*Cherokee Nation*

For Enrollment as a Cherokee  
Citizen.

To the Honorable Dawes  
Commission.

Filed by:

LUCAS & LONDON  
Attorneys at Law,  
MIAMI, IND. TER

*Filed Sept 5-1896*  
*A.S. McKinnon*  
*Clerk*

*Report*

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.**

TO HON. HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMSTRONG, ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON, THOS. B. CABANISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, to hear and determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Gentlemen: The undersigned, your petitioner, for and in behalf of Richard Dodson and his children, this day makes application to you for the purpose of being placed on the revised rolls of the Cherokee Indians, and of those allowed to share in the distribution of funds and allotments of lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood. And grounds upon which his claim is based are as follows, to-wit:

That he is the son of Nancy Reeves and John M. Dodson - said Nancy Reeves being a half blood Cherokee Indian - daughter of Poggie Bla is a full blood Cherokee Indian - who after the birth of said Nancy Reeves married Dick or Richard Husson - That Poggie Husson was recognized by the Cherokee Indians as a member of their tribe - So was her children namely Joseph and John Husson - but said Nancy Reeves her daughter was denied the citizenship of her mother - Claimant states that he has never received any remuneration or compensation from the government of the United States as such Cherokee Indian. That he is a pure blood Cherokee Indian.

The premises considered applicant prays your honorable body to place him upon the revised rolls of the Cherokee Nation. The Nation he variably believes he is a citizen of - The Nation of his grandmother - And that he may enjoy all rights of citizenship and privileges of other Nation citizens of said Nation.

And in support of said claim, your petitioner herewith submits the affidavits, depositions and record evidence, namely: Caleb Husson, J. A. Husson, George Husson, John Husson

and respectfully awaits the time and place when my application shall be heard and tried. Respectfully submitted, Richard Dodson Applicant.

NAMES.	AGES.	RELATIONSHIP.
Mollie	19 years	Daughter
Sarah	16	"
John	"	Son
Walter Husson	9	"
Arthur	7	"
Eda	5	"
Oliver	1	"

Indian Territory. Northwestern District. Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the Northwestern District, Richard Dodson and aforesaid Richard Dodson who after being duly sworn states that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing petition are true as he verily believes. Richard Dodson Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 1st day of Sept 1896.

My commission expires on the 21 day of 9 1897 Notary Public.

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Nation's No. 1774

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Richard Dodson  
et al*

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabanis, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Richard L. Adams*

Nation's No. ....

Commission's No. ....

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs to the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant ..... entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*George Blount* through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hadriano, Hutchings & Bannister* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, *16th* day of *Sept*, 189*6*.

*D. J. Bull*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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**Citizenship Document Receipt.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CHEROKEE NATION.

TALLEGUAH, INDIAN TERRITORY, *Aug. 22,* 1896

Received from *Richmond L. Small et al,* copies of  
the following documents, to-wit:

*1* applications for cit.  
*2* affidavits

certified to by *M. G. Whomley, Jr. P.*

as true and correct copies of the originals, and constituting all of the testimony submitted to the Dawes  
Commission in support of the claim of

*Richmond L. Small + Sons*

for Cherokee citizenship.

By *John L. Gair*

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, CHEROKEE NATION, INDIAN TERRITORY.



James M. Smith

James M. Smith, Clerk of the Court,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Be it remembered that James M. Smith,  
of the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri,  
has deposited with me a certain Manuscript  
entitled "The History of the State of Missouri"  
to be preserved in the Public Library of the  
City of St. Louis.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand and the seal of the Court, at  
St. Louis, this 10th day of June, 1820.  
James M. Smith, Clerk of the Court.  
Witness my hand and the seal of the Court,  
this 10th day of June, 1820.  
John H. Rhea, Clerk of the Court.

The following are the names of the  
persons entitled to receive a copy of the  
same, and the respective amounts to be  
paid therefor, under oath, and  
the affidavits of the following named  
witnesses, to wit:

1. Melvin, 100
2. Mansfield, 100
3. Melvin, 100

Taking the testimony of the above  
named witnesses in detail.

1<sup>st</sup> Witness  
I, [Name], do hereby certify that  
[illegible text]

2<sup>nd</sup> Witness  
I, [Name], do hereby certify that  
[illegible text]

3<sup>rd</sup> Witness  
I, [Name], do hereby certify that  
[illegible text]

Was a member of the Society of Friends,  
and was a member of the same since  
the year 1800.

Was a member of the Society of Friends by  
birth, and was a member of the same since  
the year 1800. Was a member of the same  
and was a member of the same since  
the year 1800.

agreeable to all the Cherokee treaties with the United States government, all the censuses made by the United States government, of Cherokee Indians by blood, citizens and all such censuses of that class of Cherokees, made by the Cherokee Indian authorities for the purpose of payment of per capita money, as an inherent right, and all precedents established and in public official record by said Cherokee Indian government, through its council, congress, council and special commissions, the latter the creature of such council, determining the rights to Cherokee Indian citizenship of a Cherokee Indian, requiring proof satisfactory as to the fact of claimants being descended from a known Cherokee Indian by blood ancestor, either male or female, according to public official records of said Cherokee Indian government of files in the Executive Department of the Cherokee Nation, at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, evidencing the fact of many hundreds of Cherokee Indians having in the years 1817-19 voluntarily taken reservations of Cherokee Indian lands in the Cherokee Nation, east of the Mississippi river, in 1817, and as payment in full of all their respective right, title and interest in, and to all lands, and all other possessions of the Cherokee Nation of people, such individual Cherokee Indians by the said reservations, the said territory was, sold, disposed and bartered their birthright, therefore forever relinquishing any further right, title and interest in, and to, any and all the lands, property and whatsoever possessions, of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

There may also be cited, in this connection, a like public official record of reservations, to about the number of thirty (30) families, or what was called, and commonly known, as the "Neutral Land," and notwithstanding that all such reservations received and enjoyed the full benefits of their selection and election, the greater number of them, in time, wended their way westward to, and joined their Cherokee brethren in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, where, with open arms and a welcome greeting, all such were again received into full membership of the tribe, without any condition, while today it is perhaps doubtful whether any of the heads of families of such reservations survive, yet there can be found hundreds of their descendants, enjoying all the full rights and benefits of Cherokee Indian citizenship, and why? for the very, one prominent reason that they are Cherokee Indians by blood, blood descendants from a Cherokee Indian by blood ancestor, who was formerly an acknowledged member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. The title to such reservations never having reverted, but have ever remained unquestioned and are today perfect, thus conclusively showing that it has been the one unvarying rule and practice, in the history of the Cherokee Indian government, by and through the operation of all its departments and organs, its proof sufficiently establishing the fact of the Cherokee Indian blood of the claimant and petitioner, has always been accepted by the Cherokee authority as ample and satisfactory reasons and grounds to grant and acknowledge the full unreserved and unrestricted rights to the enjoyment and benefits of Cherokee Indian citizenship, notably, (and were the Cherokee public records easy of access, other and similar cases might be mentioned) the case of \_\_\_\_\_ nephew of Hon. I. A. Scales of Webber Falls, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, may be cited, as having been heard before the Cherokee "commission on citizenship," composed of Hon. John Thompson Adair, deceased, chairman; Hon. Wm. P. Ross, deceased, and Hon. D. W. Lipe, surviving. About the year 1888 this commission, being the creature of the Cherokee National Council and for which commission the legislative department of the Cherokee Indian government had framed and enacted rules whereby forbidding that any claimant be admitted to Cherokee citizenship no matter how positive and pointed the proof of Cherokee Indian blood might be, unless the name of one or more of the claimant's Cherokee Indian by blood ancestors, should be found to appear on the census rolls of the Cherokee Indians by blood, of the years 1835, 1848, 1851 and 1852.

The said claimant did furnish to said commission proof positive of the fact of his Cherokee Indian blood, but, none of the names of any of his Cherokee Indian by blood ancestors were found to appear on any of said census rolls, thereupon the commission's decision being in consequence adverse to the claimant, and denying him the right of citizenship sought, a certified transcript of the proceedings of the commission, had in the case was made, and at the convening of the next regular session of the Cherokee National Council, the said claimant presented his application for recognition, together with said transcript proof in support thereof to the said council, and without delay or hesitancy, the council granted his petition, and the Principal Chief, having no objections to offer, approved the act; all on the one only ground and plea for cause of his Cherokee Indian blood of the claimant.

The said council, upon its own authority, derived by operation of the constitution of the Cherokee Nation, to admit or readmit at will, any person or persons to Cherokee citizenship, has never, in any instance, in the case of application for Cherokee citizenship by the claimant alleging his right by virtue of Cherokee Indian blood, and coming directly before that authority, made it a condition and requirement, that in order to be entitled to the rights of Cherokee Indian citizenship, that the names of Cherokee Indian ancestor or ancestors of the claimant, must be found to appear on the said census rolls of the years 1835, 1848, 1851 and 1852, or on any other census rolls, and no such claimants having ever, by said council, for causes and reasons, that the names of such ancestor or ancestors did not so appear, been denied the granting of their prayer in such petition.



And again, the said council at various times empowered and required the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation, and its individual members, viz: Hon. Riley Keys, deceased, chief justice, Hon. Robert Daniels, deceased, associate justice, and Hon. John Vann, deceased, associate justice, to investigate, and to reinvestigate certain claims for Cherokee Indian citizenship, and in which special authorizing act, no rules or guide including any of the said census rolls of 1835, 1848, 1851-52 were laid down for the said Supreme Court or its separate judges, to govern and control them in such investigation, findings and decisions. But all such cases to be so heard, were upon the fact of Cherokee Indian blood of the claimant. And again, the said council at various times did create, authorize and empower certain commissions, in addition to the one already mentioned, and designated, "Commissions on Citizenship," and delegating to such commissions its (the said council) power and authority to hear the petitions of claimants for admission to Cherokee citizenship, to pass upon and determine such claims, without reference to any census rolls, but solely and alone upon the fact of the claimant being of Cherokee Indian blood, derived from a Cherokee Indian ancestor, who had been an acknowledged member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians. Such said "commissions" were commonly called and generally known, respectively, as follows, to wit: The "Chambers" Commission, The "Spears" Commission, and "Young Pappy" Commission. And there is an entire absence of anything in the law governing their procedure, or any other Cherokee law, that could be even on a strained construction claimed to point to any other condition or requirement of the claimants, other than to satisfy the commission on the one only point in issue and that, that of the Cherokee Indian blood, and no matter how remote the ancestor of the claimant.

One other matter may properly be mentioned in connection with the subject at issue, touching the manner of the Cherokee Indian government treatment in such cases of extending to absent Cherokee Indians by blood the right of citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory and as this, that, as far as is obtainable from the most trustworthy and reliable sources, there were perhaps as many as two thousand (2,000) persons, Cherokee Indians by blood, of the States of North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia together, who, upon learning that the object of such officials were in their country taking the census of the Cherokees, fearing that the object of such enrollment meant their removal from the then, their beloved country, peaceful and happy homes, and apprehensive of what to them the dreaded evil, eluded the census takers by fleeing to the dense forests and mountain wilds, some also seeking refuge in the state of Kentucky, thereby evading enrollment, and in consequence the large number of Cherokees, the names of whose ancestors do not appear on either of the said rolls of 1835 or 1848, (the rolls of 1851 and 1852 not being a roll of the general census of Cherokee Indians by blood, but only of that class known as "Old Settler Cherokees," and so designated from the act of their early removal west, and it is a well established fact, not denied, but admitted and acknowledged by the Cherokees in their unwritten history, that all such Cherokee Indians by blood, not having been enrolled upon the said census of 1835 and 1848, returning from their voluntary temporary banishment, and hiding, were ever after granted and accorded the same rights and privileges of tribal citizenship as ever before, and their descendants have never been discriminated against on account of the absence of the names of their ancestors on said rolls, except as referred to before in the case of "Adair" Commission on Citizenship, and which authority, in deciding favorably to any claimant having presented satisfactory proof, that he was a lineal descendant from a Cherokee Indian by blood ancestor, whose name appearing on said rolls, agreeable to such decision, admitting him to all the rights and privileges enjoyed by Cherokee Indians by blood citizens, such claimant was virtually given such favorable decision on account of the Cherokee Indian blood, derived from such alleged ancestor, and, so far as known, and the Cherokee Indian government official records show, the Cherokee authorities have, in all their history, made but the one, and only exception from the rule and practice of requiring the test, of full citizenship to be, Cherokee Indian by blood, (save and except always, as regards the white adopted, the Delawares and Shawnees, and those of African descent, all of which classes of citizens respectively, coming under special statutory law, special compact and treaty stipulations; and was, in the case of Rev. Evans Jones and his family, white citizens of the United States, who had been a Baptist missionary for many years among, and greatly admired by, the Cherokee people.

As will be observed, the testimony submitted in this case by the claimant, as the plaintiff, is in affidavit form, and while EX PARTE, is nevertheless in one of the forms referred to by your honorable commission, as admissible as evidence before you, besides, the official records of the Cherokee Nation, the defendant in this case, will afford abundant and undoubted proof, showing that her authorities, the Cherokee National Council, the Cherokee Supreme Court and the Cherokee commissions on citizenship, received and accepted this same form of documentary evidence in nine out of every ten cases of the many hundreds claims for citizenship presented and acted upon, and upon which form of proof in the main, the majority of those admitted to Cherokee citizenship had relied for the strength of their claim.

Therefore, it must be believed that your honorable commission will not, in passing upon the form of the evidence offered, recede from the very lines the Cherokee Nation has ever practiced and made a well established precedent of, but that you will adhere to, and be governed by, the said defendant's own acknowledgments and admissions by practice, as to "form of evidence" heretofore satisfactory and not objectionable to the defendant, and which form, coming clearly within the provisions of the law of the congress of the United States, creating and empowering your honorable commission, to wit:

\* \* \* \* \* That, in the determining of all such applications, said commission shall respect all laws of the several nations or tribes, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States, and all treaties with either of said nations or tribes, and shall give due force and effect to all the rolls, usages and customs of said nations or tribes. \* \* \* \* \*



## Application for Cherokee Citizenship

To the Honorable, the **DAWES COMMISSION**, Vinita, Indian Territory: *Minor children*

The undersigned, *Richard Cornell*, your petitioner, makes this *here* application for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, as a Cherokee Indian by blood, in accordance with all the Treaties, the Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation, and precedents established and of record, and respectfully submits the following statement of facts for the grounds of *these* claim, to wit:

That *my* *children* *children* of one *and the* *grand children* of one *and the* of one who, your petitioner firmly believes, were

Cherokee Indian by blood and duly acknowledged member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and from whom *my* *two* Cherokee Indian blood, entitling *them* to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

That *my* *name* and the name of said ancestor *John Timpson* should be found to appear on the Census Rolls, taken and made of Cherokees east of the Mississippi river, in the years, 1835, 1848, 1851, and 1852.

And your petitioner respectfully awaits the time this *here* application for admission, together with the proof in support thereof, shall be truly heard and passed upon.

That the age of your petitioner is *eight* years; that *my* postoffice address is *Pahleguak* and that *my* family, by virtue of Cherokee Indian blood, consists of the following named to-wit:

No.	Names	Sex	Age	Relationship	Remarks
1	<i>Esther Cornell</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Non-Cornell</i>
2	<i>John</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>son</i>	
3	<i>Walter</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>son</i>	
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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at *Pahleguak* this, the *20* day of *August*, A. D., 189*6*

Attest: *Richard Cornell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me at *Pahleguak* this, the *20* day of *August*, A. D., 189*6*

*My Com. H. Jan 16-99*

*W. H. ...*  
*Notary Public*  
*North on East of P.*

## Application for Cherokee Citizenship

To the Honorable, the DAWES COMMISSION, Vinita, Indian Territory:

The undersigned, Eldorado Robbins, your petitioner, makes this her application for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, as a Cherokee Indian by blood, in accordance with all the Treaties, the Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation, and precedents established and of record, and respectfully submits the following statement of facts for the grounds of her claim, to wit:

1. That she is the daughter of one Susan Cornell and the grand daughter of one John Simpson and the daughter of one John Simpson who, your petitioner firmly believes, was a

Cherokee Indian... by blood and duly acknowledged member... of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and from whom she derived her Cherokee Indian blood, entitling her to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

That the name of said ancestor should be found to appear on the Census Rolls, taken and made of Cherokees east of the Mississippi river, in the years, 1835, 1840, 1851, and 1862.

And your petitioner respectfully awaits the time this her application for admission, together with the proof in support thereof, shall be truly heard and passed upon.

That the age of your petitioner is 30 years; that her postoffice address is Delmar, Del. and that her family, by virtue of Cherokee Indian blood, consists of the following named to-wit:

No.	Names	Sex	Age	Relationship	Remarks.
(The table body is crossed out with a diagonal line.)					

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Delmar, Del. this, the 20 day of August, A. D., 1896

Attest: Eldorado Robbins

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Delmar, Del. this, the 20 day of August, A. D., 1896

My Comm. Expires Jan 16-99  
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W. H. ...  
Notary Public  
Monticello, Del.

## Application for Cherokee Citizenship

To the Honorable, the DAWES COMMISSION, Vinita, Indian Territory:

The undersigned Junotus Cornell your petitioner, makes this his application for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, as a Cherokee Indian by blood, in accordance with all the Treaties, the Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation, and precedents established and of record, and respectfully submits the following statement of facts for the grounds of his claim, to wit:

That he is the son of one Junotus Cornell and the grand daughter of one John Simpson and the son of one John Simpson who, your petitioner firmly believes, was a Cherokee Indian, by blood and duly acknowledged member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and from whom he derived his Cherokee Indian blood, entitling him to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

That name the name of said ancestor John Simpson should be found to appear on the Census Rolls, taken and made of Cherokees east of the Mississippi river, in the years, 1835, 1848, 1851, and 1852.

And your petitioner respectfully awaits the time this his application for admission, together with the proof in support thereof, shall be truly heard and passed upon.

That the age of your petitioner is 24 years; that his postoffice address is Tahlequah, I.T. and that his family, by virtue of Cherokee Indian blood, consists of the following named to-wit:

No.	Names	Sex	Age	Relationship	Remarks.
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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Tahlequah, I.T. this, the 20 day of August, A. D., 1896.

Attest: Newton Coderol

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Tahlequah, I.T. this, the 20 day of August, A. D., 1896.

W. H. H. H.  
Notary Public  
Northwest I.T.

[SEAL]  
my ban of Jan 16-99

## Application for Cherokee Citizenship

To the Honorable, the DAWES COMMISSION, Vinita, Indian Territory:

The undersigned Lilly Brown your petitioner, makes this her application for admission to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, as a Cherokee Indian by blood, in accordance with all the Treaties, the Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation, and precedents established and of record, and respectfully submits the following statement of facts for the grounds of her claim, to wit:

That she is the daughter of one Jesse Good and the grand daughter of one John Timpson and the son of one John Timpson who, your petitioner firmly believes, was a Cherokee Indian by blood and duly acknowledged member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and from whom she derived her Cherokee Indian blood, entitling her to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

That John Timpson the name of said ancestor should be found to appear on the Census Rolls, taken and made of Cherokees east of the Mississippi river, in the years, 1835, ~~1848~~, 1851, and 1857.

And your petitioner respectfully awaits the time this application for admission, together with the proof in support thereof, shall be truly heard and passed upon.

That the age of your petitioner is 26 years; that her postoffice address is Tahlequah D.T. and that her family, by virtue of Cherokee Indian blood, consists of the following named to-wit:

No.	Names	Sex	Age	Relationship	Remarks.
1	<u>Charley Brown</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>son</u>	
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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Tahlequah D.T. this, the 20 day of August, A. D., 1896.

Attest: Lilly Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Tahlequah D.T. this, the 20 day of August, A. D., 1896.

[SEAL]  
Myloam T. Jan 6-99.  
O.K.

W. H. ...  
Nathan ...  
Nathan ... D.T.



Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, )  
Northern District, ) ss.

Personally comes before me Joe.M.Lahay Clerk of the District of Coo-wee-scoo-wee, in the Cherokee Nation, one Melvina Silk, and after being duly sworn, states that she is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation by Cherokee blood, and that she is 54 years of age, and that she is personally and well acquainted with Susan Corroll ( nee Timpson ) and that the said Susan Corroll is her Sister, :- She further states that the said Sasan Corroll is the mother of Luticia- Mmerica Cain (nee Corroll) Cladonia Hughes ( nee Corroll ) Newton:- Eldorado Robbins (nee Corroll) - Dorum- Ruth A Corroll, She further states that all of the above named family are now living at or near Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, I.T.

Melvina Silk <sup>her</sup> <sub>mark</sub>

Sworn and suscribed to before me on this the 17th<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896.

Joe M. Lahay  
Clerk of Coo-wee-scoo-wee District, C.N.

Corroll



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United States of America )  
Northern District

Indian Territory  
In the case of *Sarah Jane Simpson* <sup>claimant for citizenship</sup>  
in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, as a Cherokee Indian by blood, before the Honorable "Dawes Commission," authorized under act of the Congress of the United States.

Personally appeared this day before me *W.D. Masson* a Notary Public within and for the *district and* <sup>forenamed</sup>, duly authorized to administer oaths *Mary A. Clark* to me <sup>and</sup> personally well known to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, according to law, deposes and says: My name is *Mary A. Clark* my age is *49* years: My post-office address is *Tahlequah Ind. Ter.*

I am a citizen of the *Cherokee Nation Indian Territory* by occupation: *house holder*

And affiant deposes in relation to the above-named case, as follows, to-wit:

*I am a Cherokee Indian by blood and a member of that tribe and so recognized by the Cherokee National Government my maiden name was Simpson & I have lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since the year 1850 I had a sister named Susan Simpson the married Richardson Carrell and is as the mother of Lutesky Carrell, Lily America Brain nee Carrell, Caldonia Hughes nee Carrell, Newton Carrell, Eldorado Robins nee Carrell, Adorum Carrell and Vasti Carrell they are all Cherokee Indians by blood being nephews and nieces of mine by blood and they have many other blood relations who are recognized citizens of the Cherokee Nation Indian Territory* *Marya Clark*

*Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of August A.D. 1894*  
*W.D. Masson*  
*Notary Public*  
*My Commission expires Jan. 3rd 1900*

AFFIDAVIT.

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United States Commission  
Indian Territory

In the case of *Walter French* <sup>claimant for citizenship</sup>  
in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, as a Cherokee Indian by blood, before the Honorable "Dawes Commission," authorized under act of the Congress of the United States.

Personally appeared this day before me *Walter French* a *Notary Public*  
within and for the *County of Cherokee* aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths *Walter French* to me personally well known to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, according to law, deposes and says: My name is *Walter French*, my age is *30* years: My post-office address is *Shoals*

I am a *farmer* by occupation:

I am a citizen of the *Cherokee Nation*

And affiant declares in relation to the above-named case, as follows, to-wit:

I was acquainted with *Jason Carroll* before he was married and lived with him at school a year or two with him in *North Carolina*. *Charles Carroll* was a daughter of *John Carroll*. He was a Cherokee Indian. *Walter French* is on the 1855 census of *Cherokee Nation* as a *Poklanah* district. *Charles Carroll* is a half sister of her. *Walter French* is a citizen of the *Cherokee Nation* and *Walter French* of *Cherokee Nation*. *Jason Carroll* was a full sister of *Walter French*. *Walter French* was born in *North Carolina* and a bona fide citizen. *Walter French* with *Walter French* and *Walter French* children of *Jason Carroll* in *North Carolina* that country. The other was born after I left and I never saw the other until *Walter French* at his country. I was at *Walter French* on a visit, when she got a letter from her mother which stated that her sister *Jason Carroll* was dead. *Walter French* with *Walter French* in turn to send her

part of the club in case it would not  
turn.

Martha French

submitted to and shown to you  
this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1890-

Wm. French  
Notary Public  
Western Dist. of N.Y.

Name of  
Commissioner  
of the  
Application of

*Small*  
*etal*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, W. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*Newton Powell, Elders son*  
*Felix Powell, son of Newton*  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Nation No. *201*

Commission's No.

Your respondent, S. H. M. [unclear] Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the reasons following:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction in the subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right to determine the same.

2nd. That the applicant has failed to show that the applicant  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not being a party to the application, and answering upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that

*the applicant*  
[unclear] name to derive *their* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, [unclear] has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, east to the Indian Territory as it is now located and defined; that *their* name  
~~do~~ not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation, that neither ~~he~~ *they* nor any of ~~his~~ *their* ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided, in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered your respondent asks to be heard dismissed.

S. H. M. [unclear] Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings & Company* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1896.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



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**End**

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No 677 **677**  
Geo W Spear Et Al

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Characterization  
✓  
Order of Appeal

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NOTICE.

United States of America,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT

In the United States Court for said District.  
In the matter of the application of  
*Geo. W. Spear et al* to be  
enrolled as citizens of the *Cherokee* Nation.

TO THE *Commission to the five civilized Tribes;*

You are hereby notified that an appeal has been taken in the matter of the application of

*Geo. W. Spear, Doremy Spear et al*

to be enrolled as citizens of the *Cherokee* Nation, from said  
*Commission*

to the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, and that your tribunal is requested by said Court to transmit at the earliest time practicable to said Court, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, a transcript of all the entries made in the docket of your tribunal relating to the case, together with the depositions and testimony taken before said tribunal; the decision thereof on the application, and all original papers relating thereto.

Witness the Honorable William M. Springer, Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, the *29* day of

A. D. 189*7*

*Jan*  
*James* Clerk.

**End**



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No. 872-  
-Original-

Mary J. Ellis  
et al.

Applicants for  
Cherokee Citizenship

Filed Sept. 4-1896  
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Robert J. Downing  
Atty for Petitioners

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Susan E. Brents  
Lulu E. Brents  
Max B. Brents  
Maud J. Brents

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Petitioner  
Daughter of Petitioner  
Son  
Daughter

And in the prosecution of their Claims for enrollment upon the revised roll of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians to be prepared and perfected by Your Honorable Commission, appointed under and by virtue of an act of Congress approved June 4th 1896; And that each, every, and all the said Petitioners and Applicants, herein, and heretofore mentioned are Cherokee Indians by blood, as he verily believes, and derive their Cherokee Indian blood, from the same Stock or Common Ancestor.

That the said petitioners, and, Applicants, and each of them mentioned are related the one to the other in either the lineal or Collateral degree;—being descendants of the same Stock— And in a lineal or Collateral degree Spring from the same Stings or Trunk;— And I herewith in support of said Petitioners and applicants as aforesaid Submit the evidence hereto attached, To wit:—

Affidavits of Minerva J. Strickland marked "Exhibit 1";—Beck Flamer marked "Exhibit 2";—James L. Pursley "Exhibit 3";—Robinson Brown Exhibit 4";—H.C. Airheart marked "Exhibit 5".

And make reference to, as a part hereto of the different rolls of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians— And especially that of 1855— compiled in the State of Tenn— which your said petitioners believes will show the name of Setat Gussie Sugars an Ancestor of those for whom this Application is made.

Wherefore Your Petitioner for the reasons herein before mentioned, would most respectfully pray that your Honorable Commission, allow a joinder of all the Said petitions hereto attached as one petition and action;—as well also as that each of said Applicants, And the heirs of their bodies begotten— be placed upon the revised roll of the Cherokee Indians, And those entitled to share in the distribution of funds, and in the allotment of lands in the Cherokee Nation by virtue of their Cherokee blood.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of September 1896.

Notary Public.

My commission Expires ----- A.D. 18--.

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In the matter of the claim of Mary J. Ellis for Cherokee Indian  
Citizenship, before the Hon. James O. Williams at Vinita, Cherokee Nation  
Indian Territory.

Exhibit A

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United States of America.

Northern Judicial District,  
Indian Territory.

Affidavit and petition of

Mary J. Ellis for her self and  
heirs and the heirs of Martha  
K. Ellis (now deceased).

On this the 7th day of August A.D. 1906 personally appeared  
before me the undersigned a Notary Public, for and in the Northern Judicial  
District of the Indian Territory, Mary J. Ellis, to me well and per-  
sonally known and whom I certify to be credible and respectable, who  
being by me first duly sworn according to law deposes and says:- That  
I was born in the County of Polk and state of Tennessee in the year  
A.D. 1855 and am 51 years of age.

Affiant further states that she is a Cherokee Indian by blood  
being the legitimate daughter of the body begotten of one Jennie-Hanna  
a Cherokee Indian by blood who was born upon the Cherokee Indian reserva-  
tion in the state of Tennessee about the year A.D. 18\_\_.

Affiant further states that the said Robert Ferguson, was the  
legitimate son of the body begotten of one Jennie Hanna, a Cherokee  
Indian by blood, who was born upon the Cherokee Indian reservation in  
the state of Tennessee in the year A.D. 18\_\_ that the said Jennie Hanna  
married one Robert Ferguson, in the state of Tennessee about the  
year A.D. 18\_\_ and died in the state aforesaid about the year  
A.D. 18\_\_.

Affiant further states that the said Robert Ferguson, his  
wife and their children removed from the state of Tennessee  
to Graham County and state of Texas about the year A.D. 1874, that  
the said Robert Ferguson died in the county and state above named about  
the year A.D. 18\_\_ that the wife and children of the said Robert

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Ferguson, removed to the Indian Territory during the years A.D. 1887 to 1890, that of the marriage of the said Robert Ferguson, there were born five (5) children living and having offspring, and two (2) children who having married, died, leaving offspring whose names and ages are as follows to-wit:- Mary J. Ellis (nee Ferguson) aged 41 years John S. Ferguson aged 39 years, Moses C. Ferguson aged 37 years, Susan E. Brents (nee Ferguson) aged 34 years, John L. Gibson (nee Ferguson) aged 24 years, all the above sons and daughters of Robert Ferguson, married and having offspring. That Martha W. Ellis (nee Ferguson) was born in the year A.D. 1866 and died in the Indian Territory in the year A.D. 1898 leaving as issue of her body begotten three children still living: That Elizabeth A. Harris (nee Ferguson), was born in the year A.D. 1866 and died in the year A.D. 1898, leaving as issue of his body begotten one (1) child still living.

Affiant further states that she was legally married to one John P. Ellis on the 18 th day of March A.D. 1894, that there has been born as issue of the said marriage eight children whose names and ages are as follows to-wit:- Robert L. Ellis aged 22 years, Edna B. Ellis aged 18 years, Vestal B. Ellis aged 14 years Minerva J. Ellis aged 12 years, Sarah F. Ellis aged 9 years, Cleo P. Ellis aged 7 years, Beatie L. Ellis aged 5 years and Alma H. Ellis aged 3 years.

Affiant further states that the said Martha W. Ellis (nee Ferguson (now deceased) as aforesaid, is a full sister by blood of your affiant and a Cherokee Indian by blood, both being children by the same father to-wit:- Robert C. Ferguson that she was legally married to one D.P. Ellis on the 28 th day of January A.D. 1890, that of issue of the said marriage there have been born and are still living three children whose names and ages are as follows to-wit:- May B. Ellis aged 18 year

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James F. Ellis aged 12 years, and John H. Ellis aged 9 years.

Sheweth for the causes and reasons hereinset forth your petitioner's weight and importance, and humbly prays that she and the heirs of her body begotten and the heirs of the body begotten of Martha F. Ellis (now deceased) be placed upon the revised roll of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians and those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and in the allotment of the lands of the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood.

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of August A.D. 1896.

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J. P. Blodgett  
Notary Public  
Northern Judicial District  
Ind. Territory  
Aug 10 1896

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In the matter of the claim of Moses Ferguson for Cherokee Indian Citizenship before the Sen. Excs. Commission, at Vinita, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

*Exhibit J*

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United States of America, :  
*Southern* Judicial District :--ss- Petition and affidavit of  
Indian Territory. : Moses C. Ferguson

On this the *24* day of August A.D. 1898, personally appeared before me the undersigned a Notary Public, duly authorized to administer oaths, for and in the *Southern* Judicial District of the Indian Territory, Moses Ferguson to me well and personally known and whom I certify to be credible and respectable, who being by me first duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he was born on the *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* in the year A.D. 18*57* in the County of *Polk* and state of *Tenn* and an *37* years of age.

Petitioner states that he is a Cherokee Indian by blood, being the legitimate son of the body begotten of one Robert Ferguson Cherokee by blood, who was born on the Cherokee Indian reservation in the state of Tennessee about the year A.D. 18*30*, that the said Robert Ferguson (father of your petitioner) was the legitimate son of the body begotten of one Jennie Hanna, a Cherokee Indian by blood, who was born on the Cherokee Indian reservation in the state of Tennessee, that the said Jennie Hanna married one Moses Ferguson, in the state of Tennessee about the year A.D. 18*25*, and died in the state aforesaid about the year A.D. 1898.

Petitioner further states that the said Robert Ferguson; - his wife Minerva and their children removed from the state of Tennessee to Grayson County and state of Texas about the year A.D. 1874, that the said Robert Ferguson died in the County of Grayson and state of Texas about the year A.D. 1892, that the wife and children of the said Robert Ferguson removed from the state of Texas to the Indian Territory during the year 1892, that of the marriage of the said Robert Ferguson, there have been

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born and are still living five (5) children whose names and ages are as follows to-wit:- Mary J. Ellis (nee Ferguson) aged 41 years, John S. Ferguson aged 39 years, Moses C. Ferguson aged 37 years, Susan E. Dren-  
ts (ne Ferguson) aged 34 years, Lula L. Gibson (nee Ferguson) aged 34 years, all the above sons and daughters of the said Robert Fur-  
guson are still living, that of the issue of the marriage of the said Robert Ferguson there were born two(2) children , who having married, died, leaving offspring as follows to-wit:- Martha N. Ellis, born (nee Ferguson) born A.D. 1894 and died A.D. 1906, and Elizabeth A Harris (nee Ferguson) born A.D. 1891 and died A.D. 1906.

Petitioner further states that he was legally married on the 11th day of Aug A.D. 1892 in the County of Swain and state of Ind. Ter. that of issue of the said marriage there have been born and are still living (1) children whose names and ages are as follows to-wit:-

Margaret Ferguson aged 1 year.

Therefore for the reasons herein set forth your petitioner would most respectfully and importantly pray that he and the heirs of his body be placed upon the revised roll of the Cherokee tribe of Indians and those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and in the allotment of the lands in the Cherokee Nation by virtue of their Cherokee blood.

*Moses C. Ferguson* . . . . .

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of August A.D. 1896.

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..... *J. A. Stokes* . . . . .

My Commission Expires July 7th A.D. 1897. Notary Public.

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In the matter of the claim of Lulu L. Gibson for Cherokee Indian Citizenship before the Hon James Commission, at Vinita, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

United States of America,

Wm. H. ... Judicial District  
Indian Territory.

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: Petitioner and affidavit of  
:-ss-  
: Lulu L. Gibson  
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On this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August A.D. 1890, personally appeared before me the undersigned a Notary Public, duly authorized to administer oath, for and in the ... Judicial District of the Indian Territory, Lulu L. Gibson, to me well and personally known and whom I certify to be credible and respectable, who being first duly sworn according to law deposed and said that he was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year A.D. 1872 in the County of Polk and state of Tenn. and 21 years of age.

Petitioner states that he is a Cherokee Indian by blood, being the legitimate daughter of the body begotten of one Robert Furguson Cherokee by blood, who was born on the Cherokee Indian reservation in the state of Tennessee about the year A.D. 1860, that the said Robert Furguson (father of your petitioner) was the legitimate son of the body begotten of one Jennie Hanna, a Cherokee Indian by blood, who was born on the Cherokee Indian reservation in the state of Tennessee, that the said Jennie Hanna married one Moses Furguson, in the state of Tennessee about the year A.D. 1855, and died in the state aforesaid about the year A.D. ~~1860~~ 1892.

Petitioner further states that the said Robert Furguson; - his wife Minerva and their children removed from the state of Tennessee to Grayson County and state of Texas about the year A.D. 1874, that the said Robert Furguson died in the County of Grayson and state of Texas about the year A.D. 1861, that the wife and children of the said Robert ~~Furguson~~ removed from the state of Texas to the Indian Territory during the year 1887, that of the marriage of the said Robert Furguson, there have been

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There are now still living five (5) children whose names and ages are as follows to-wit:- Mary J. Ellis (nee Furguson) aged 41 years, John S. Furguson aged 39 years, Moses S. Furguson aged 37 years, Susan E. Furguson (nee Furguson) aged 25 years, and Julia L. Gibson (nee Furguson) aged 24 years, all the said sons and daughters of the said Robert Furguson are still living, and that the issue of the marriage of the said Robert Furguson there were but two (2) children, who having married, have, leaving one child each to-wit:- Martha W. Ellis, born (nee Furguson) year A.D. 1861 and died A.D. 1886, and Elizabeth A. Harris (nee Furguson) born A.D. 1861 and died A.D. 1886.

Petitioner further stated that she was legally married on the 2nd day of July A.D. 1861 in the County of Polk and state of South Carolina and that since the said marriage there have been born and are still living two children whose names and ages are as follows to-wit:-

- Robert S. Gibson aged 5 years,
- Leahie Ann Gibson aged 14 years. Niece of petitioner

Wherefore for the reasons herein set forth your petitioner would most respectfully and importunately pray that she and the heirs of her ~~husband~~ husband might be placed upon the revised roll of the Cherokee lands of South Carolina and those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and in the allotment of the lands in the Cherokee Nation by virtue of their Cherokee blood.

..... Fula L. Gibson .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of August A.D. 1896.

..... J. A. Stokes .....

My Commission Expires 7th July A.D. 1897. Notary Public.

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John Ferguson for Cherokee Indian Citizen-  
ship and the Texas Commission, at Vinita, Cherokee Nation,  
Indian Territory.

Before James H. American,  
*Southern* Judicial District  
Indian Territory. :  
: Petitioner and Respondent of  
: as :  
: John S. Ferguson

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, A.D. 1890, personally appeared before me the undersigned *James H. American*, duly authorized to administer oaths, the said *Southern* Judicial District of the Indian Territory, John Ferguson, of no well and personally known and whom I certify to be a credible and respectable, who being by me first duly sworn according to the usual and legal mode he was born on the 11 day of January the year A.D. 1857 in the County of Polk and State of Iowa and is 33 years of age.

Petitioner states that he is a Cherokee Indian by blood, being the legitimate *son* of the body begotten of one Robert Ferguson, of blood, who was born of the Cherokee Indian reservation in the state of Tennessee about the year A.D. 1870, that the said Robert Ferguson (father of your petitioner) was the legitimate son of the body begotten of one Jennie Hanna, a Cherokee Indian by blood, he was born of the Cherokee Indian reservation in the state of Tennessee, that the said Jennie Hanna married one Moses Ferguson, in the state of Tennessee about the year A.D. 1870, and died in the state of Tennessee about the year A.D. 1893.

Petitioner further states that the said Robert Ferguson; - his wife *Minerva* and their children removed from the state of Tennessee to *Gregg* County and state of Texas about the year A.D. 1874, that the said Robert Ferguson died in the County of *Gregg* and state of Texas about the year A.D. 1881, that the wife and children of the said Robert Ferguson removed from the state of Texas to the Indian Territory during the year 1887, that of the marriage of the said Robert Ferguson, there have been

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Born and are still living five (5) children whose names and ages are as follows to-wit:- Mary J. Ellis (nee Ferguson) aged 41 years, John S. Ferguson aged 36 years, Moses C. Ferguson aged 37 years, Susan E. Bron- ta (nee Ferguson) aged 28 years, Lulu L. Gibson (nee Ferguson) aged 24 years, all the above sons and daughters of the said Robert Fur- guson are still living, that of the issue of the marriage of the said Robert Ferguson there were born two (2) children, who having married, died, leaving offspring as follows to-wit:- Martha H. Ellis, born (nee Ferguson) born A.D. 1864 and died A.D. 1886, and Elizabeth A. Harris (nee Ferguson) born A.D. 1861 and died A.D. 1886.

Petitioner further states that he was legally married on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Oct. 7. 1879 in the County of Greene and state of Texas; that of issue of the said marriage there have been born and are still

living (9) children whose names and ages are as follows to-wit:- Robert C. Ferguson age 15 years, George C. Ferguson age 14 years, Moses L. Ferguson age 13 years, John H. Ferguson age 10 years, Andrew S. Ferguson age 8 years, Charles S. Ferguson age 6 years, William F. Ferguson age 5 years, Martin Ferguson age 3 years, and Theodicia Ernst Ferguson age 1 year.

Wherefore for the causes and reasons herein set forth your petitioner would most respectfully and importunately pray that he and the heirs of his body together be placed upon the revised roll of the Cherokee tribe of Indians and those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and in the allotment of the lands in the Cherokee Nation by virtue of their Cherokee blood.

*J. D. Ferguson*  
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1899.

(3) ..... *J. A. Stokes* .....

My Commission Expires July 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1899. Notary Public.

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In the matter of the petition of Susan E. Brents for Cherokee Indian  
Citizenship, before the Hon. Dawes Commission, at Vinita, Cherokee  
Nation, Indian Territory.

United States of America. :  
Southern Judicial District :-S- : Petition and affidavit of  
Indian Territory. : Susan E. Brents.

On this the 31 day of August A.D. 1896, personally appeared  
before me the undersigned a Notary Public, duly authorized to admin-  
ister oaths for and in the Northern Judicial District of the Indian  
Territory, Susan E. Brents, to me well and personally known and whom  
I certify to be credible and respectable, who being by me first duly  
sworn according to law depose and says:- That I was born in the  
County of Pek in the State of Tenn in the year A.D. 1868 and am  
28 years of age.

Petitioner states that she is a Cherokee Indian by blood,  
being the legitimate daughter of the body begotten of one Robert  
Ferguson, a Cherokee Indian by blood who was born upon the Cherokee  
Indian reservation in the State of Tennessee about the year A.D. 1830  
and that the said Robert Ferguson, was the legitimate son of the body be-  
gotten of one Jennie Hanna, a Cherokee Indian by blood, who was born  
upon the Cherokee Indian reservation in the State of Tennessee in the  
year A.D. 1810, that the said Jennie Hanna married one Moses Ferguson  
in the State of Tennessee about the year A.D. 1825, and died in the  
County of Scott in the State of Tennessee about the year A.D. 1850.

Petitioner further states that the said Robert Ferguson, his  
wife Anerva and their children removed from the State of Tennessee to  
Grayson County, in the State of Texas about the year A.D. 1874, that the  
said Robert Ferguson, died in the County of Grayson and State of Texas  
about the year A.D. 1881, that the wife and children of the said Rob-  
ert Ferguson, removed to the Indian Territory during the years from 1877  
to 1889, that in the marriage of the said Robert Ferguson, there were  
born five (5) children living and having of spring, and two, now having  
married, died leaving of spring whose names and ages are as follows  
to-wit:- Mary J. Ellis, (nee Ferguson) aged 17 years, Susan E. Brents  
aged 28 years, your petitioner, now the wife of T. L. Brents- John S.

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*Ant. Moses C. Ferguson 37*

Ferguson age 50 years, Lulu L. Gibson (ne Ferguson) aged 24 years, all the above sons and daughters of Robert Ferguson, married and having of spring:- That Martha W. Ellis (ne Ferguson) was born in 1864 and died in the Indian Territory in 1886 leaving as issue of her body begotten 5 children:- That Elizabeth A. Harris (nee Ferguson) was born in the year 1861 and died in the year 1886 leaving one (1) child as issue of her body begotten.

Petitioner further states that she was legally married in the County of Bryan, State of Texas on the 11 day of Sept A.D. 1867 that of issue of the said marriage there have been born and are still living 3 children whose names and ages are as follows to-wit:-

<i>Lulu B. Bents</i>	age 6 years.	age	years.
<i>Mah. R. Bents</i>	age 4 years.	age	years.
<i>Maud J. Bents</i>	age 2 years.	age	years.

In further support of her said claim your petitioner would most respectfully refer your Honorable Commission to the original exhibits in the case of Mary J. Ellis, now on file in the office of your Honorable Commission, reference to which is hereby made copies of which are herewith attached and made a part of the evidence in support of her claim;- That the said Mary J. Ellis is a full sister in blood of your petitioner, being both daughters of the same father and mother.

Wherefore your petitioner would most respectfully and importunately pray that she and the heirs of her body begotten be placed upon the revised rolls of the Cherokee tribe of Indians and those entitled to share in the distribution of funds and in the allotment of the lands in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their Cherokee blood.

*Susan E. Bents*

Sworn and subscribed before me this the 31 day of August A.D. 1886.

*M. F. Murray*

My commission expires Oct 4 A.D. 1885. No ary Public.

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William, Elger, the ...  
 Susan & Ferguson married ...  
 and one child Margaret ...  
 Elizabeth ... married William ...  
 Harris she said Elizabeth ...  
 and ...  
 Martha ...  
 and the following children ...  
 are now living ...  
 Frank ...  
 Susan ...  
 and the following children ...  
 now living ...  
 Julia ...  
 and the following children ...  
 now living ...  
 James ...  
 years ...  
 She further says that the ...  
 always ...  
 through their mother ...

Witnessed & ...

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ...  
 16th day of July 1896.

M. J. ...  
 -Notary...

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Chickasaw Nation  
Indian Affairs

Oct 1851

Personally appeared before me a  
Notary Public, in and for the  
Nation of our said Rock Blader  
who being of the best understanding  
says concerning the Cherokee  
of Mrs Susan C. ~~Emilia~~ <sup>Emilia</sup> ~~Emilia~~ <sup>Emilia</sup>  
Hanna in the State of Tennessee  
in the year 1838 I last saw him  
as he was coming over to the  
Cherokee Nation in the year 1838  
he was near a full blood  
Cherokee Indian speaking that  
language and admitting the same  
as his wife he told me that the  
members of his relation were going to  
move out to the Cherokee Nation  
soon I know most of his family well  
He had an only sister named Jane  
Hanna who married Moses Ferguson  
and soon was born to them <sup>son</sup> and  
named Robert Ferguson who married  
Martha Neal a daughter was born  
to them and named Susan Emilia  
Ferguson who married and is at  
present the wife of E. ~~Emilia~~ <sup>Emilia</sup>  
The above Robert Ferguson moved  
west and soon died I have often heard  
all the above admit their Cherokee  
Indian blood I always considered





Indian Territory  
Chickasaw Nation

"Exhibit 3"

Personally appeared  
before me, a Notary Public in  
and for the Territory of Arkansas,  
James S. Purley who being  
by me first duly sworn said  
knowing the Cherokee word  
"M. Susan O. Wright" - I know  
Mrs. Jennie Ferguson 48 years  
of age in the State of Tennessee  
and know her to be one fourth  
blood Cherokee Indian and  
in my opinion to be Jennie Hornum  
and she after ward married  
Wm. Ferguson & her name from  
to then and name Robert  
Ferguson who after ward married  
and came to Texas where I first  
saw him and there was born  
under him a daughter and one  
named Susan O. Ferguson the  
present claimant - who after ward  
married and is at present the  
wife of D. O. Brantley, I have lived  
for most of my life neighbors  
to the above mentioned and always  
known them to be good citizens they  
having always attended their Indian  
school. The aforesaid Mrs. Jennie -  
Ferguson was of medium height.



high neck, brown, bright black  
hair, and a white line and nose  
mark, and all other brown hair.  
The head is round, the ears are  
medium, the eyes are of a hazel  
color, the nose is straight, the  
mouth is small, the lips are  
black, the tail is of a black say  
nothing, the feet are small. The animal  
is in the hands of the miller  
right and left black eyes and  
straight, with a red and much  
seen in the same animal.

J. J. Buckley

Witness

Martin

Sworn and subscribed before  
me a Notary Public this the  
5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1881.

J. H. Miller  
Notary Public

In and 3d Division of Ind. T.  
my Commission expires March 5 1881.

This Done at Davis  
Aug 4<sup>th</sup>

Witnessed and subscribed before me a Notary Public  
in and for the 5th Judicial Dist. of the State of New York  
in the name of Deborah Pickens to David T. ...  
the 16th day of Oct 1846

Robinson Brown

Witnessed and subscribed before me a Notary Public  
in and for the 5th Judicial Dist. of the State of New York  
in the name of Deborah Pickens to David T. ...  
the 16th day of Oct 1846

Notary Public

British Territory

Exhibit 1

Cherokee Nation

Personally appeared

John H. ... and

... by me first-duty sworn  
... The Cherokee blood  
... John Hamrah in the  
... in the year 1851  
... the year 1855  
... I went to the  
... I met Albe  
... time in  
... said Nation I made his home  
... while there. The above menti-  
... John Hamrah was the father  
... Albe Hamrah, and the brother  
... Hamrah the Jennie Hamrah  
... Ferguson and son  
... and named  
... who came to the  
... married and a  
... daughter was born to him and name  
... Ferguson the present claimant  
... married and is at  
... the wife of Mr. Bruntz Jr.  
... Hamrah was a tall man dark  
... long black hair  
... black eyes

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and much resembled

light black eyes dark  
hair very light black hair  
little to say he was  
Hannah. The appearance of  
Hannah was like

Hannah was  
skin straight  
Susan  
much resemble  
their ways and make up.

H. C. Airheart

Witness

Marlin Brown

Sworn and subscribed before  
me A. Notary Public this  
the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1891

A. Brumley  
Notary Public

In and Third Division of  
the Ind. Ter.

Commission Expires March 5, 1895

This Done at New & D.

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SERVICE AFFIDAVIT.

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Cherokee Nation.

I, R. C. DAY, do solemnly swear that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the Postoffice at Vinita, I. T., addressed to S. H. MAYES, Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter., that registry receipt, No. 265, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of

*Mary J. Ellis, Miss P. B. Quinn, Luke L. Gibson, John J. Quinn, & Susan E. Brent*

and of the affidavits of *Meyers J. Strickland, Rock Blader, J. G. Cursley, Robinson Brown and H. C. Airheart*

in support of same. That affiant has no interest in this matter.

*R. C. Day*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 4 day of September, 1896,  
*Harry E. Dow-Curtis*



REGISTRY RECEIPT. *Ellis*

Post Office at *INDIAN TER.*

Registered <sup>Letter</sup> ~~Parcel~~ No. *265* Rec'd *Sept 4. 1896*

of *Col R. J. Downing*

addressed to *Gen J. H. Mayer*  
*Sublequah I. T.*  
*Oa Frayors P.M.*

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Nation's No. 2593

Commission's No

In re Application of

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*Mary J. Ellis et al*

Demurrer and Answer.

FILED Oct 2

1885

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Catness and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*Mary J. Ellis et al.*

Nation's No. 2593

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*Jimmie Hanna*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive his right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined, that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings Hastings & Bondman* Attorneys

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

*John L. Adair*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 8th day of June, 1891.

NOTARY PUBLIC

**End**

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No. 127  
Original

William Taylor Rich

Applicant for  
Cherokee Citizenship

Filed Sept. 5, 1896.

H. W. Jewway  
Deey.

Robt. J. Downing  
Atty for Petitioner

Original

(2)

In the matter of the Claim of William Taylor Rich for Cherokee Indian  
Citizenship, before the Hon. Lawes Commission, at Vinita  
Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

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United States of America, :  
Northern Judicial District : - Petition and affidavit of  
Indian Territory. : William Taylor Rich.

On this the 19 th day of August A.D. 1896, personally  
appeared before me the undersigned a Notary Public for and in the  
Northern Judicial District of the Indian Territory, William Taylor  
Rich to me well and personally known and whom I certify to be  
credible and respectable, who being by me first duly sworn according  
to law deposes and says that he was born in the 14 th day of April  
A.D. 1845 in the county of Hamilton and state of Illinois and am 53  
years of age.

Petitioner further states that he is a Cherokee Indian by  
blood, being the legitimate son of the body begotten of one Taylor  
Rich a Cherokee Indian by blood, who was born upon Cherokee Indian  
reservation in the state of Tennessee about the year A.D. 1814, and died  
in the County of Hamilton and state of Illinois in the year A.D. 1864,  
that the said Taylor Rich, father of your petitioner, was legally  
married in the state of Illinois, that of issue of said marriage, still  
living, there are three children, your petitioner being one of said  
children so born as aforesaid, that the said Taylor Rich, (father of  
your affiant) was the legitimate son of the body begotten of one  
Warren Rich, a Cherokee Indian by blood, born on the Cherokee Indian  
reservation east of the Mississippi river ~~east of the~~ and died  
in the County of Hamilton and state of Illinois about the year A.D.  
1853, and that the said Warren Rich, (grand father of your petitioner)  
was a duly enrolled Cherokee Indian by blood, as will appear by refer-  
ence to the accredited and authenticated roll of the Cherokee tribe of

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Indians compiled in the state of Tennessee in the year A.D. 1835.

Petitioner further states that he was legally married on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1834 in the County of Hamilton and state of Illinois, that there have been born and are still living as issue of the said marriage eight (8) children, whose names and ages are as follows to-wit: Mary Trotter (ne. Rich) aged 28 years, Sarah Clark (ne. Rich) age 26 years, George Rich aged 23 years, Milenda Rich aged 19 years, Louisa Hobbs (ne. Rich) aged 17 years, Rebecca Rich aged 14 years, Adam Rich aged 12 years, Edith Rich aged 8 years,

Petitioner further states that of the marriage of his daughter Mary Rich to William Trotter, there have been born and are still living four (4) children whose names and ages are as follows to-wit: Adie Trotter aged 16 years, Nina A. Trotter aged 8 years, Henry Trotter aged 5 years, Nancy Trotter aged 3 years, that of the marriage of the said Sarah Clark (nee Rich) to one George Clark there have been born and are still living one child whose name and age is as follows to-wit: Nancy Clark aged 20 months, that of the marriage of Louisa Rich, my daughter to one Curtis Hobbs there have been born and are still living one (1) child whose name and age is as follows to-wit: Arthur B. Hobbs, Date.

Petitioner further states that in the fact that his name does not now appear upon the accredited and authenticated roll of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians is not due to any laches or negligence or due diligence on his part because in the year A.D. 1835 he filed proper applications and affidavits before the Cherokee Council as required by the Cherokee laws, and that the said evidence was (in the opinion and belief of your petitioner) sufficient to establish his claim as aforesaid, but that the Cherokee Council, has wholly failed neglected and refused to pass upon the merits of his said claim, that the said evidence, in the form and nature of affidavits contained facts confirmatory of his identity, as well also as that of his an-

cestor-



...and that said evidence was legally competent, relevant and  
material in the presentation of his said claim, the same being cor-  
roboration of such herewith filed.

Therefore your petitioner would most respectfully and in-  
personally pray that he and the bones of his body begetten be placed  
upon the reserved well of the Cherokee tribe of Indians and those  
entitled to share in the distribution of funds and in the allotment of  
lands in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, by virtue of their

*W. L. ...*

*his*  
*William Leysor Dick*  
*mark*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896.

*Harry E. Don Carlos*

Notary Public, My Commission Expires May 11th, 1900.

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In the matter of the claim of William Taylor Rich for Cherokee Indian  
Citizenship before the Gen. Land Office Commission, at Vinita  
Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

*"Ex Libris 1"*

United States to America, :  
Northern Judicial District :-- Affidavit of Andrew J. Mc Daniel  
Indian Territory.

On this the 11th day of August A.D. 1896, personally appeared  
before me the undersigned a Notary Public, Andrew J. Mc Daniel, to me  
well and personally known and whom I certify to be credible and res-  
pectable who being by me first duly sworn according to law deposes  
and says that he was born in 1829, and on 67 years of age, my post  
office address is Sanger, Indian Territory.

Affiant further states that he is well and intimately  
acquainted with one William Taylor Rich, the petitioner for Cherokee  
Citizenship in this case, and knows the said William Taylor Rich to  
be a Cherokee Indian by blood, that he is the legitimate son of the body  
begotten of one Taylor Rich, a Cherokee Indian by blood, that the  
said Taylor Rich (father of your petitioner) was the legitimate son of  
one Warren Rich (grand father of your petitioner) and a Cherokee Indian  
by blood, whose name appears upon the accredited and authenticated roll  
of the Cherokee tribe of Indians compiled in the year A.D. 1835 by the  
U.S. Government, that he was well and intimately acquainted with all  
of the said Rich family, and has heard from his affiant's, early  
recollections, and knows that they all appeared to be Cherokee Indians  
in habits and demeanor, that the said William Taylor Rich (your pet-  
itioner) has always claimed and never denied being a Cherokee Indian,  
and has always been regarded as a Cherokee Indian by everyone in the  
community in which he lived, that the said Taylor Rich (father of your  
petitioner) also had the appearance habits and demeanor of a Cherokee



Indian, as was known, treated and regarded as a Cherokee Indian by everyone irrespectively in the community in which he lived, that the said Harvey Rich (grandfather of your petitioner) always claimed to be a Cherokee Indian from the state of Tennessee, and was respected treated and called a Cherokee by everyone in the community in which he lived.

*Harvey Rich*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of August A.D. 1901.

*Henry C. ...*

Notary Public My Commission Expires ...

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Exhibit

General Affidavit.

On the matter of claims for Indian citizenship of William Taylor.

On this 11th day of June - A.D. 1901  
 I, the undersigned, a State of  
 Michigan, do hereby certify that  
 duly qualified to act as a witness  
 appears before me the undersigned  
 Post office is in the County of  
 and State of Michigan, who after  
 being duly sworn says that he is well  
 acquainted with the one William Taylor  
 Rich and he appears to him to be  
 who is a direct lineal descendant of the  
 Rich family. He further says that Taylor  
 Rich and his grandfather name was some  
 given and those names he believes will be  
 found on some one of the census rolls  
 made by United States government of  
 Michigan by thousand and eight hundred  
 belong to the Cherokee tribe of Indians,  
 as provided by Sec. 2 Art. 1 of the Consti-  
 tution of the Cherokee. Affiant further  
 says he has known the said William

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Taylor Rich for 35 years at least  
who is now a resident of the Cherokee  
Nation whose Post office is Fairland's P. O.  
Affiant further says he believes it is to  
be true to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this  
the 10 day of June A. D. 1874.

County of Wayne  
State of Illinois  
William Taylor Rich  
Cherokee Indian citizenship  
Affidavit of William Taylor Rich

State of Illinois } ss "Exhibit 3"  
County of Hamilton

On this the 11th day of  
January 1854 personally before  
me J. M. Wilson a Notary  
Public in and for the County aforesaid  
appeared William Taylor Rich aged 21  
years a resident of Wayne County  
and State of Illinois whose postoffice is  
Waynesboro Illinois who after being duly sworn  
says he is a direct, ~~lineal~~ descendant  
of the Rich family, whose names he  
believes appears upon the Census Rolls  
that were taken by the United States  
Government by blood of the Cherokee  
Tribe of Indians in the years 1835 1845  
1850 and 4. Affiant further says that  
he believes himself to be of Cherokee  
Indian blood and rightfully belongs  
to the Cherokee Tribe of Indians.  
Affiant further says the above statements  
are true to the best of his knowledge  
and belief.  
Witness my hand  
D. A. Coker  
J. M. Wilson  
William Taylor Rich

County of Hamilton  
In the matter of the estate of William  
Taylor deceased Cherokee Indian citizen, and his  
administrator

State of Illinois ) ss  
(County of Hamilton)

On the 11th day of January  
1885 personally before me  
William A. Nelson public administrator  
of the county aforesaid duly authorized  
to administer oaths appeared Lewis  
Green aged 49 years a resident  
of the County and State of Illinois  
and of the town of McDonough Ills  
who after being duly sworn according to  
law says that he well acquainted with  
the claimant Taylor Rich the claimant  
named in the above entitled claim  
to Cherokee Indian citizenship and  
has known the said claimant for  
45 years at least

Without further says that  
the said William Taylor Rich is the  
identical person that he represents  
himself to be and is a direct lineal  
descendant of the Rich family whose



whose names he believes appears  
upon the Census Rolls that were taken  
by the United States Government by  
blood of the Cherokee White Indians  
in the years 1835 1845 1850 & 1855,  
Affiant further says that he believes  
the said William Taylor Rich to be of  
Cherokee Indian blood and rightfully  
belong to the Cherokee <sup>tribe</sup> Indians.

Affiant further says the above  
statements are true to the best of  
his own knowledge and belief.  
Lewis Green

subscribed and sworn  
to before me this the  
11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1862  
W. H. Wilson  
Notary Public  
my commission expires  
Jan 1 1863

...  
the above obtained on ...  
not ... and ...  
Special ...

...  
to before me this 10th  
day of January, 1889  
Henry ...  
My communication ...

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in the  
"Exhibit 5"

11th day of January  
before me  
Notary Public in and for  
the State of Illinois  
and 25 years resident  
of the State of Illinois  
I have seen and examined  
the said instrument  
and know the contents  
thereof and the person  
who executed the same  
and know the contents  
thereof and the person  
who executed the same  
and know the contents  
thereof and the person  
who executed the same

Witness my hand and seal  
this 11th day of January  
1900 at Chicago, Illinois



Office of  
John T. Drew  
Attorney At Law

July 26 1893

Mr James Coyne  
London

It is about  
three months and claims for  
action up have been  
will write you as soon as  
we can get action in  
It seems as if it is almost impos-  
sible to have Case tried. A Bill is  
now pending before the Legislature  
Creating a Commission to try all  
cases. Can't say just now what  
will be done.

I hope yet to be successful before  
any money is paid for Capital  
will do in my power

Truly  
Yours  
John T. Drew

Esther

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SERVICE AFFIDAVIT.

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Cherokee Nation.

I, R. C. DAY, do solemnly swear that on the fifth day of September, 1896, I saw a package registered at the Postoffice at Winga, I. T., addressed to S. H. MAYES, Governor or Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter., that registry receipt, No. 278, hereto attached, is a receipt for said package, which contained true copies of the application of

William Taylor Rich.

and of the affidavits of Andrew J. McDaniel Benjamin F. Holmes, William Taylor Rich, Lewis Green, Daniel H. Hoodniff, and a letter of Jas. T. Green

in support of same. That affiant has no interest in this matter.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896.

R. C. Day  
Harry E. Dow-Carlson

Notary Public. My Commission Expires May 11th, 1900.

*Affidants of*

Andrew J. McDaniel marked "Exhibit 1"; Benjamin F. Holmes marked "Exhibit 2"; William Taylor Rich "Exhibit 3"; Lewis Green "Exhibit 4"; Daniel W. Woodruff marked "Exhibit 5"; *Letter of John W. ...*

And make reference to, as a part hereof the different rolls of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians—and especially that of 1835—Compiled in the State of *Tenn*—which your said petitioner believes will show the name of *...*—An Ancestor of those for whom this application is made.

Wherefore Your Honorable Petitioner for the reasons herein before mentioned, would most respectfully pray that Your Honorable Commission, ~~allow a joinder of all the said petitions hereto attached as one petition and action;~~ <sup>as well as that each of said petitions</sup> the heirs of ~~these~~ <sup>their</sup> body begotten - be placed upon the revised roll of the Cherokee Indians, and those entitled to share in the distribution of funds, and in the allotment of lands in the Cherokee Nation by Virtue of their Cherokee blood.

*Robt J. ...*  
*Atty for ...*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4-day of September 1838.  
*Henry E. ...*

Notary Public.

My Commission Expires March 11, 1840

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APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

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To The Honorable HENRY L. DAWES, FRANK C. ARMISTEAD, ~~AND~~ S. J. GANNON, THOMAS B. CABINISS and ALEXANDER B. MONTGOMERY, United States Commissioners authorized by an act of Congress of June 4, 1896, to hear and determine Claims for Cherokee Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation:

In THE CASE OF WILLIAM TAYLOR RICH.

GENTLEMEN: Comes now Robt. J. Downing for and in behalf of the within named Petitioner and Applicants, And states that he is the Attorney for each of the Several Petitioners whose names will herein appear together with their heirs and lineal descendants to wit:-

William Taylor Rich marked "Exhibit A".

NAMES	AGES	RELATIONSHIP.
William Taylor Rich	55	Petitioner.
Mary Trotter	26	Daughter of Petitioner
Sarah Clark	24	" " "
George Rich	22	Son " "
Milenda Rich	19	Daughter " "
Louisa Hobbs	17	" " "
Rebecca Rich	14	" " "
Adam Rich	12	Son " "
Edith Rich	9	Daughter " "
Addie Trotter	10	Granddaughter of " "
Nina A. Trotter	8	" " "
Henry Trotter	6	Grandson " "
Nancy Trotter	3	Granddaughter " "
Nancy Clark	10 mo.	" " "
Arthur B. Hobbs	babe	Grandson " "

And in the prosecution of their Claims for enrollment upon the revised roll of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians to be prepared and perfected by Your Honorable Commission, approved under and by virtue of an Act of Congress approved June 4th 1896; And that each, every, and all of said petitioners and Applicants, herein, and heretofore mentioned, are Cherokee Indians by blood, as he verily believes, And derive their Cherokee Indian blood, from the same Stock or Common Ancestor.

That said Petitioners, and, applicants, and each of them mentioned are related the one to the other in either the lineal or Collateral degree;- being descendants of the same Stock- And in a lineal or Collateral degree Spring from the same Stems or Trunks;- And I herewith in support of said petitions and applications as aforesaid Submit the evidence hereto attached, to wit:-

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Nation's No. 2572  
Commission's No.  
In re Application of

William Taylor P. Co.

**Demurrer and Answer.**

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Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of  
*William Taylor Rich et al*

Nation's No. *2592* -

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is* entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his objections in remur, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that *(see Rich)*

through whom the petitioner *is* claim to derive *his* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings Hutchings & Bousinot* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *22* day of *Sept*, 1890.

*S. A. Ball*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Last Office at

Registered <sup>Letter</sup> Parcel No. 278 Rec'd Sept 1, 1896

of Col Robt J. Downing

addressed to Hon J. H. Hayes  
Fahlegrah I. I.

S. A. Hayes J. P. M.

**End**

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REGISTRY RECEIPT.

Post Office at

Registered Letter / Parcel No. 283. Rec'd 9/5 1896

of J. J. Armonette  
Roxton, Mass

addressed to S. H. Mayes Chief  
Tahlequah Ind. Ter.  
P. M.

(Original) Petition and Application  
with names of Parties

James F. Fletcher et al }  
Benjamin F. Fletcher et al }  
Mary J. Penn et al }  
Petitioners

Cherokee Nation Ind. Ter.

Documents

Service Affidavit

Indian Territory }  
Cherokee Nation }

I J. H. Brown do solemnly swear that on the  
5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896 I saw a pack-  
age registered at the Post Office United Ind  
Terr addressed to S. H. Mayes Governor or  
Chief of the Cherokee Nation Tahlequah Ind  
Terr that registry receipt No. 283 hereto  
attached as a receipt for said package which  
contained true copies of the applications of  
James F. Fletcher et al B. F. Fletcher et al and  
Mary J. Penn et al and the affidavits of  
A. H. Bywaters, Joseph J. Dipton C. R. Caldwell  
A. H. Bywaters C. M. Morgan Joseph J. Dipton  
H. B. McLeod, M. D. Mauer and Joseph J. Dipton  
in support of said applications which  
said affidavits and applications is here  
to attached The affiant further states

that he has no interest in this matter

~~A. H. Brown~~  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th  
day of September A.D. 1896

W. H. K. [unclear] Notary Public  
My Commission expires June 27, 1898



To Honorable Henry L Daves Frank  
 to Tom Tracy A.S. McKeenan J.D. Cabinn  
 and A.D. Montgomery United States Commis-  
 sioners Authorized by an act of Congress  
 of June 4<sup>th</sup> 1896. to hear and determine  
 Claims for Citizenship in the Cherokee  
 Nation

In the case of Jas. H. Fletcher Et. al

Montgomery  
 Gentlemen: I am now B.F. Amouello  
 of Roston Lamar County Geo. for and in  
 behalf of the within named petitioners  
 and applicants and state that he is  
 the attorney for each of the several  
 petitioners whose names will herein  
 after appear together with their heirs  
 and lineal descendants to-wit:

James H. Fletcher separate petitions  
 marked Exhibit "A"

Names -	ages	Relation ship to John Fletcher as the one common stock
James H. Fletcher	-	Son
Jennie Stallcup	-	now dead Grand Daughter
Ruth Holding	35 years	Grand Daughter
Maud Holding	13 "	Great Grand Daughter
Harriet Holding	12 "	Great Grand Daughter
John Holding	10 "	Great Grand Son
Fletcher Holding	6 "	Great Grand Son
Estelle Stallcup	3 "	Great Grand Daughter
Houston Stallcup	10 "	Great Grand Son
Dora Stallcup	5 "	Great Grand Daughter
Edith Stallcup	3 "	Great Grand Daughter

Willie Holding	1 year	Great Grand son
Fletcher Stallcup	7 months	Great Grand son
Harriet Hubbard	30 years	Grand Daughter
Earl Hubbard	6 "	Great Grand son
Aurelia Anderson	20 "	Grand Daughter
Helena Hubbard	4 "	Great Grand Daughter
Oliver Hubbard	2 "	Great Grand son
James Fletcher Jr	17 "	Grand son
Saisy Fletcher	16 "	Grand Daughter
Ed Fletcher	13 "	Grand son
Tom Fletcher	11 "	Grand son
Geo Fletcher	9 "	Grand son

Benjamin F Fletcher et al separate petition and marked Exhibit "E"

Names	Ages	Relationship to John Fletcher
Benjamin F Fletcher (unknown to affiant)		Son
James Fletcher	18 years	Grand son
Willie Fletcher	14 "	Grand son
Rosa Fletcher	12 "	Grand Daughter
Ruth Fletcher	10 "	Grand Daughter
Mirtle Fletcher	7 "	Grand Daughter
Jay Fletcher	5 "	Grand son
Berny Fletcher	2 "	Grand son

Mary T. Penn et al separate petition and marked Exhibit "F"

Names	ages	Relationship to John Fletcher
Mary T. Penn	-ages -	7 years Daughter
Bonnie Umberson	20	" Great Grand Daughter
Mamie Umberson	4	" Great Grand Daughter
Marwin Umberson	2	" Great Grand son
J D Penn	19	" Grand son
J C Penn	17	" Grand son

P Penn 14 Years Grand son  
 Maud Penn 11 " Grand daughter  
 James T Penn 7 " Grand son

And in the prosecution of their  
 Claims for enrollment upon the revised  
 roll of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians to be  
 prepared and perfected by your Honorable  
 Commission appointed under and by  
 Virtue of an act of Congress approved  
 June 4<sup>th</sup> 1896 and that each every and all  
 of said petitioners and applicants here  
 in and heretofore mentioned are Cherokee  
 Indians by blood as he verily believes  
 and derives their Cherokee Indian blood  
 from the same stock or common ancestor

That the said petitioners & applicants  
 and each of them mentioned or related the  
 one to the other in either the lineal or  
 collateral degree being descendants of  
 the same stock and a lineal or collat-  
 eral degree, springing from the stripes  
 or frunts; and I have with in support  
 of said petitioners and applicants as  
 aforesaid submit the evidence hereto  
 attached to wit: affidavit of A H Bywaters  
 marked exhibit "B" Affidavit Joseph J. Pipton  
 marked exhibit "C" Affidavit C R Caldwell  
 marked exhibit "D" affidavit A H Bywaters  
 marked exhibit "E" affidavit of C M Morgan  
 marked exhibit "F" affidavit of Joseph J.  
 Pipton marked exhibit "G" affidavit of H. B. M. Cloud  
 marked exhibit "H" affidavit of H. B. M. Cloud  
 marked exhibit "I" affidavit of H. B. M. Cloud



Marked exhibit "K" affidavit of Joseph  
Fletcher marked exhibit "L"

And make a special reference to  
as a part hereof the defunct rolls  
of the Cherokee Tribe of Indians and es-  
pecially that of 1835. Compelled in  
the state of Tennessee which your pe-  
titioners believe will show the name  
of John Fletcher an ancestor of those  
for whom this application is made

Wherefore your petitioners for the  
reasons herein before mentioned  
would most respectfully pray that  
your honorable Commission allow  
a joinder of all the said petitioners  
hereto attached as one petition  
and acting as well also as that  
each of the said applicants and  
the heirs of their body be gotten be  
placed upon the revised roll of the  
Cherokee Indians and those entitled  
to share in the distributions of funds  
and in the allotment of lands in  
the Cherokee nation by virtue of their  
Cherokee blood

B. F. Ammons  
Attorney for Petitioners

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 5 day of September 1896

J. A. Masterson  
Notary Public

My con. & J. June 31, 1899.

Application for Enrollment

Before the United States Commissioner to the  
 Five Civilized Tribes of Indians

James H. Fletcher St. Al  
 Petitioner

Respondent

Application for admission  
 and enrollment

To the above named Honorable Commissioner;  
 Your petitioner James H. Fletcher states that his  
 father John Fletcher was a Cherokee Indian by blood  
 and was killed in Tennessee in the year of  
 1850. That said John Fletcher was duly recognized  
 by the proper authorities as such in his life time  
 and did enjoy all the rights, privileges benefits  
 and immunities of other Cherokee Indians by blood  
 with said Cherokee Indians in Tennessee and that  
 his name should appear upon the authenticated  
 rolls of the said Cherokee Indians from his birth  
 until his death in 1850, or from the time should  
 have appeared on said rolls.

That the petitioner is a direct descendant of the  
 said John Fletcher to wit: Your petitioner James H.  
 Fletcher has children and his Grand children  
 in the Fletcher who is now dead, died in 1896  
 in Indian Nation, who previous to her decease  
 intermarried Henry C. Stallcup - leaving the following  
 children to wit: Estell Stallcup Houston Stallcup  
 Jora Stallcup Edith Stallcup and Fletcher Stallcup  
 Ruth Fletcher now Ruth Holding by intermarriage  
 with Jim Holding <sup>now</sup> Ruth Holding and has the following  
 children to wit: Maud Holding Harriett Holding John  
 Holding Fletcher Holding and Willie Holding

Harriet Fletcher now by intermarriage with  
 Robt. Hubbard is now Harriet Hubbard and has  
 the following children to wit: Carl Hubbard Glma



Subbard and Oliver a subbard.

The said Fletcher now by intermarriage with  
 Anne Anderson a Cherokee Indian and her  
 no more.

James Fletcher & Daisy Fletcher E. Fletcher  
 Thomas Fletcher and Geo. Fletcher all of said heirs  
 are citizens of Lower Creek Texas except some  
 Stallcup children who are living in Choctaw  
 Nation and Edith Holding and her children are  
 now in Choctaw Nation Texas. That under the  
 Constitution laws usages and customs of the said  
 Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and the laws  
 of the United States and treaties with said Indians  
 that said relations are entitled to be admitted  
 and regarded as citizens and members of said  
 Nation or Tribe of Indians in Indian Territory  
 and entitled to all the rights, benefits priv-  
 ileges and immunities of other Cherokee  
 Indians by blood.

That there are now living legal descendants  
 of the said relations James & Fletcher, names  
 as follows:

John Holding	Male	"	"	55	years of age
Edith Holding	Female	"	"	12	" " "
John Holding	Male	"	"	2	" " "
John Holding	Male	"	"	10	" " "
Edith Holding	Female	"	"	6	" " "
Estelle Stallcup	Female	"	"	3	" " "
Walter Stallcup	Male	"	"	10	" " "
Dora Stallcup	Female	"	"	5	" " "
Edith Stallcup	Female	"	"	3	" " "
Willie Holding	Male	"	"	1	" " "
Fletcher Stallcup	Male	"	"	7	months of age
Harriet Subbard	Female	a Cherokee	"	30	years of age
Geo. Subbard	Male	"	"	6	years of age
Amelia Anderson	Female	"	"	20	years of age

John Anderson male a child of 4 years of age  
 John Anderson male " " " " " "  
 John Anderson male " " " " " "  
 John Anderson male " " " " " "  
 John Anderson male " " " " " "  
 John Anderson male " " " " " "  
 John Anderson male " " " " " "

Remove the names considered. Their petition  
 is to us that his name with those of his  
 said descendants - wit; Ruth Holding, Mand  
 - - - - - Holding, John Holding, Fletcher  
 - - - - - Stalleup, - - - - - Stalleup  
 - - - - - Stalleup, Edith Stalleup,  
 - - - - - Stalleup, - - - - - Hubbard, Carl Hubbard  
 - - - - - Hubbard, James Fletcher  
 - - - - - Fletcher, Tom Fletcher and Gus  
 - - - - - be called and admitted to all  
 the same benefits, privileges and immunities  
 - - - - - in and to the Cherokee  
 - - - - - Indian Territory and your pe-  
 - - - - - in support of said  
 - - - - - the affidavits of Joseph  
 - - - - - Texas and A. H. Bywater  
 - - - - - Caldwell of Norman Texas also other affidavits received  
 and petitioners respectfully awaits the time and  
 place when his application shall be heard  
 at - - - - - will ever pray etc

D. F. Amantia

I, - - - - - Attorney for petitioners  
 - - - - - James H. Fletcher say  
 - - - - - in the above  
 - - - - - according to his best  
 - - - - - and belief.

I, J. H. Fletcher Petitioner  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August  
 1876  
 GEORGE W. HICKS  
 Notary Public in and for Samner  
 County Texas

My Commission expires May 30<sup>th</sup> 1897

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Affidavit of Oath

In the matter of petition and memorial of  
James H. Fletcher for admission to citizenship  
in the Cherokee Nation,

State of Texas

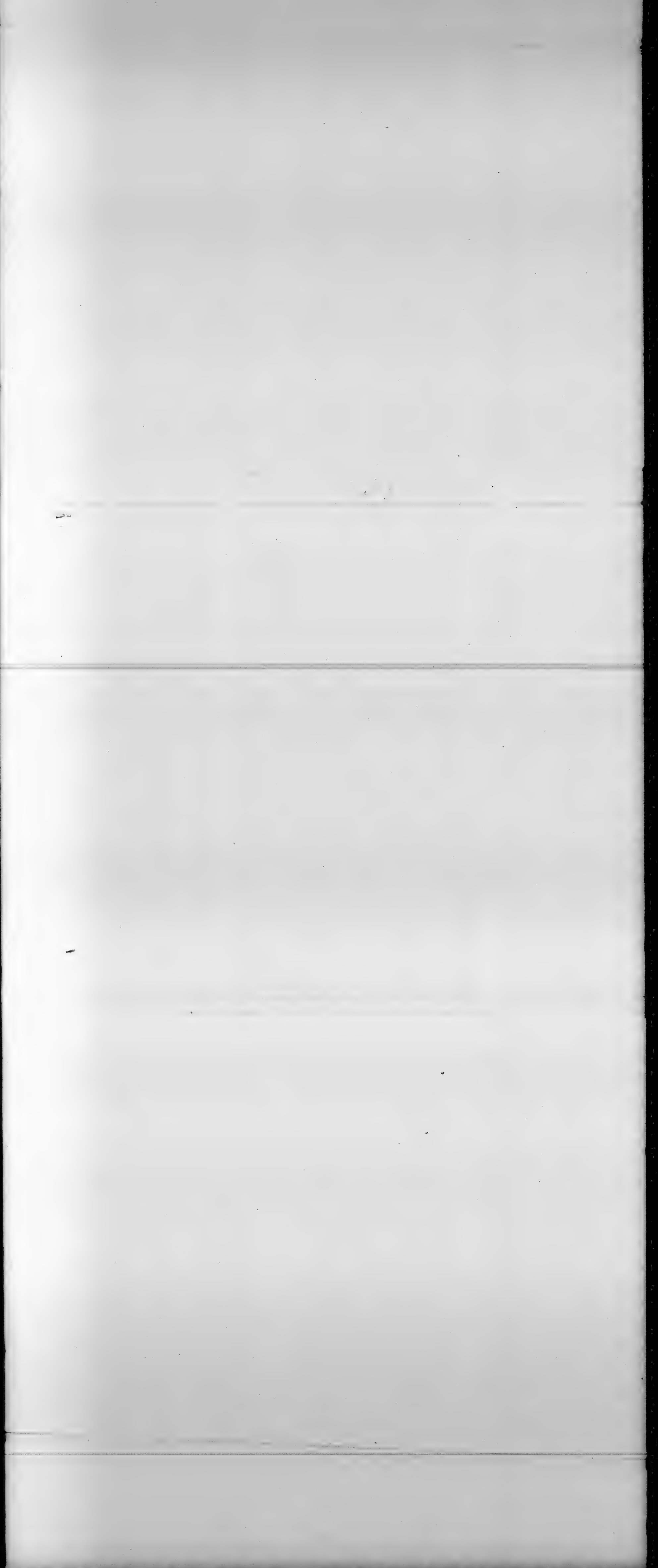
County of Lamar

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public  
in and for the County and State of Texas  
personally appeared J. H. Bywaters who  
after being sworn and sworn, states that  
he is 45 years of age and a resident of the  
State of Texas and County of Lamar and his  
post office address is Ruyton Texas, that  
he is personally acquainted with James H.  
Fletcher who is an applicant for citizenship  
in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant further  
states that he knows all the descendants of  
the said James H. Fletcher as set forth in  
his application that said James H. Fletcher  
is a brother of Benjamin F. Fletcher and  
Mar. T. Pease. Affiant further states that  
he has known the said James H. Fletcher for  
the past 36 years and knows that he has  
been and is recognized by his neighbors  
acquaintances and the public generally as hav-  
ing Cherokee Indian blood and that the complexion  
and physical appearance of the said James H. Fletcher  
and his children and grand children all indicate  
that they are of Cherokee Indian blood and  
descent. Affiant further says that from the above facts  
and circumstances, and from what ~~affiant~~ has  
heard and knows of the family  
of the said James H. Fletcher he believes  
the said James H. Fletcher to be a de-  
scendant by blood of the Cherokee  
Indian tribe and a legal descendant.



Out of the said Cherokee Indian  
Tribe (H. Bywaters  
subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896 and I  
further certify that I am well acquainted  
with the said H. Bywaters and know  
him to be a person of Credibility and of  
Truth and Integrity - <sup>He</sup> have no interest in  
this claim. <sup>He</sup> before the Volney Public in and  
for Lewis County - Texas  
my commission expires on 30<sup>th</sup> day of May  
A.D. 1897





In the presence of the undersigned  
of the County of [unclear] State of [unclear]  
County of [unclear]

Before me, the undersigned, a  
Notary Public in and for the County  
and State aforesaid, personally  
appeared [unclear] who being  
duly sworn, deposes that [unclear] five  
years of age, is a resident  
of the State of [unclear] and County  
of [unclear]

That he is personally acquainted  
with [unclear] who is an  
applicant for citizenship in  
[unclear] and that [unclear] is  
the father of [unclear] and  
that [unclear] of Boston  
impersonated [unclear] Indian  
[unclear] John  
Fletcher the father of [unclear]  
in [unclear] and he died about  
the year [unclear] He was a  
Cherokee [unclear] and  
his connection [unclear] and  
went [unclear] [unclear]  
I first became acquainted with  
John Fletcher [unclear] I know  
that he was recognized by all  
his neighbors, acquaintances and  
the public generally in [unclear]

Witness I have heard in detail  
his appearance and physical  
appearance of the said John  
Fletcher is a white man  
was a Christian - named by  
Charles Fletcher - that  
John Fletcher is a son of John  
Fletcher and that said Fletcher  
has been in the service of  
by his military engagements;  
and the father of the said  
having the name of -  
that the name and  
physical appearance of the  
said John Fletcher is such  
that

Applicant also says that from  
the above facts and circum-  
stances and from what he  
has heard of the name of the  
father of the said John Fletcher  
and the name of the  
them all of his life in  
Texas and since they moved  
to Texas he believes the said  
John Fletcher to be a descendant  
by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
tribe and a direct descendant  
of the said John Fletcher a Cherokee  
Indian. I have often heard  
the said John Fletcher talk of  
going to the Cherokee Nation  
to be with his tribe and  
would have gone had it  
not been for his wife she

not being an Indian  
Joseph J. Tipton  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 29th day of August 1896

Geo B. Whipple

Notary Public in and for

My Commission expires 31st day May

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*Deponent of witness*

In the matter of petition and memorial  
of James H. Fletcher for admission to citi-  
zenship in the Cherokee Nation  
State of Texas  
County of Tarrant  
Case of Tarrant

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public  
in and for the County and State of Tarrant  
know all persons C. R. Caldwell who  
after being by me duly sworn states he is  
39 years of age and a resident of the State  
of Texas and County of Tarrant and his post  
office address is Boston Texas that he is  
personally acquainted with James H. Fletcher  
and descendants who are applicants for  
citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Affiant  
further states that James H. Fletcher is a  
brother to Benjamin F. Fletcher and Mary  
J. Penn. Affiant further states that he  
has known the said James H. Fletcher for  
the past 30 years and all his descendants  
as set forth in petitioner's application nearly  
all their lives and knows that they are  
Cherokees by blood and knows that they  
have been and are recognized by their  
neighbors as practitioners and the public  
generally as having Cherokee Indian  
blood and that the complexion and  
physical appearance of the said James  
H. Fletcher and his children and grand  
children indicate that they are of Chero-  
kee Indian blood and descent.

Affiant further says that from  
the above facts and circumstances  
and from what he has heard and  
knows of the family of said James



H Fletcher he verily believes the said  
James H Fletcher to be a descendant  
by blood of the Cherokee Indian  
Tribe and a lineal descendant of the  
said Cherokee Indian Tribe, that I have no  
interest in the prosecution of this claim, (W Caldwell)  
subscribed and sworn to before me this  
29<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896 and I further  
certify that I am well acquainted with the  
said W Caldwell and know him to be a  
person of credibility and of truth and veracity  
and I further certify that I have no interest  
in the prosecution of this claim

Geo B Whipple

Notary Public in and  
for Lamar County, Texas

My Commission expires 21<sup>st</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_

Exposition for settlement  
Before the United States Commissioner to the  
Five civilized Tribes of Indians  
Benjamin F. Fletcher et al (Exhibit B<sup>d</sup>)  
Petitioners } Application for ad-  
mittance by enrollment  
Cherokee Nation of Indians }  
Respondent

To the above named honorable Commissioners,  
Your petitioner Benjamin F. Fletcher states that his  
father John Fletcher was a Cherokee Indian of  
blood. That said John Fletcher died in Tennessee in  
the year of 1850. That said John Fletcher was  
only recognized by the proper authorities as such  
in his life time and did enjoy all the rights  
privileges benefits and immunities of other  
Cherokee Indians of blood with said Cherokee  
Indians in Tennessee and that his name  
should appear upon the authenticated rolls  
of the said Cherokee Indians from his birth  
until his death in 1850, or from the time  
it should have appeared on said rolls.

That the petitioner is a lineal descendant  
of the said John Fletcher. That your petitioner  
Benjamin F. Fletcher and his children Lovit-  
James Fletcher, Willie Fletcher, Rosa Fletcher,  
Ruth Fletcher, Mirtle Fletcher, Jay Fletcher,  
Parmen Fletcher all reside in Lamar County  
Texas. That under the Constitution laws us-  
ages and customs of the said Cherokee Nation  
or Tribe of Indians and the laws of the United  
States and treaties with said Indians, your  
petitioner is entitled to be admitted and  
enrolled as a citizen and member of  
said Cherokee Tribe of Indians in Indian  
Territory and entitled to all the rights, benefits

...pieces of other  
...by word.

That there are now living legal descend-  
ants of our said petitioner Benjamin F.  
Fletcher persons as follows, to-wit:

Willie Fletcher male a Cherokee <sup>Age</sup> 17 years of age  
Rosa Fletcher Female a Cherokee <sup>Age</sup> 14 " " "  
Ruth Fletcher Female a Cherokee <sup>Age</sup> 10 " " "  
Mirtle Fletcher Female a Cherokee <sup>Age</sup> 7 " " "  
James Fletcher male a Cherokee <sup>Age</sup> 18 " " "  
Jay Fletcher male a Cherokee <sup>Age</sup> 5 " " "  
Barney Fletcher male a Cherokee <sup>Age</sup> 2 " " "

When the same are considered, your  
petitioner prays that his name with those  
of his said descendants, to-wit: Willie Fletcher  
Rosa Fletcher Ruth Fletcher Mirtle Fletcher  
James Fletcher Jay Fletcher and Barney Fletcher  
be enrolled and admitted to all the  
rights ~~benefits~~ privileges and immu-  
nities of the Cherokee Indians in and  
to the Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians  
in Indian Territory and your petitioner  
will ever pray.

And in support of said claim here-  
with submits the affidavits of Joseph  
T. Tipton a citizen of Laurens County  
Texas and W. S. Hyatt a citizen of Oklahoma and  
other affidavits in support of and petitioner res-  
pectfully awaits the time and place  
when his application shall be heard  
and tried, and petitioner will ever pray etc.

P. F. Amouette of Austin  
Texas Attorney for petitioner

In the above said petition Benjamin  
F. Fletcher says that the statements set-

with in the above and foregoing petitions  
are true according to his best knowledge  
information and belief. W. J. Lett  
Benjamin Peltner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896

Geo. Whipple  
Notary Public in and  
for Lamar County Texas

My Commission expires 30<sup>th</sup> day May 1897



In the matter of the petition and memorial of  
Benjamin F. Fletcher for admission to citizenship  
in the Cherokee Nation  
State of Texas  
County of Lamar

For and on the undersigned a - Relator  
Public in and for the County and State of fore-  
said personally appeared Calvin M Morgan  
who after being by me duly sworn states that  
he is 37 years of age and a resident of the  
State of Texas and County of Lamar and his  
Post Office address is Ruston Texas that  
he is personally acquainted with Benjamin  
F. Fletcher who is an applicant for citizen-  
ship in the Cherokee Nation that Benjamin  
F. Fletcher is a Cherokee Indian of Blood and  
is a brother of James H. Fletcher and Mary T  
Pena of Ruston Texas. And that said Benjamin  
F. Fletcher is the father of the following named  
children David James Fletcher Willie Fletcher  
Rosa Fletcher Ruth Fletcher Minnie Fletcher  
Jan Fletcher and Barney Fletcher all of  
Ruston Texas. Affiant further states that  
he has known the said Benjamin F.  
Fletcher for the past 15 years and knows  
his above named descendants and knows  
that they are and have been all their lives  
recognized by their neighbors acquaintances  
and the public generally as having Cherokee  
Indian Blood and that the complexion and  
physical appearance of the said Benjamin  
F. Fletcher indicate that he is of  
Cherokee Indian Blood and descent  
Affiant further states he has  
every reason to believe and



believes that the name Benjamin F. Fletcher is of Cherokee or Indian Blood.

Appaid further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim of said Benjamin F. Fletcher and his descendants to Interoakie's in the Cherokee Indian Indian Territory

Witness my hand

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896 and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Benjamin F. Fletcher and know him to be a person of credit and of truth and honor.

Witness my hand and seal of office in and for Taylor County Texas

My commission expires the 31<sup>st</sup> day of

In the Matter of the Petition and Memorial  
of Benjamin F. Fletcher for admission  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation  
State of Texas 335 1881  
County of Lamar

Deposes and the undersigned a member of  
Public in and for the County and State  
of Texas personally appeared J. H. [Name] who  
deposes that he is 45 years of age and a resident  
of the State of Texas and County of [Name]  
and his [Name] copies and [Name]  
that he is personally acquainted with  
Benjamin F. Fletcher who is an applicant  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation  
that Benjamin F. Fletcher is a [Name]  
Indian by blood and is a [Name] of  
James H. Fletcher and Mary F. [Name]  
Texas and that said Benjamin F. Fletcher  
is the father of the following named child-  
ren to-wit: James Fletcher, Willie Fletcher,  
Rosa Fletcher, Ruth Fletcher, [Name]  
Jay Fletcher and Barney Fletcher all of  
[Name] Texas. Affiant further states that  
he has known the said Benjamin F. Fletcher  
for the past 16 years and knows the above  
named descendants and knows that  
they are and have been all their lives  
recognized by their neighbors, associates  
and the public generally as having Cherokee  
Indian blood and that the [Name]  
and physical appearance of the said  
Benjamin F. Fletcher indicate that he  
is of Cherokee Indian blood and  
descent. Affiant further states

has ever reason to believe and does  
believe that the said Benjamin F. Fletcher  
is a Cherokee Indian by Blood and descent  
And further from statements made to  
me by said Benjamin F. Fletcher I am  
fully satisfied that said Benjamin F.  
Fletcher is a Cherokee Indian by blood

Aff By me

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1896 and  
I further certify that I am personally  
well acquainted with the said ~~Benjamin F. Fletcher~~  
and know him to be a  
person of Credibility and of Truth and  
Veracity

Geo B. Whitfield  
Notary Public in and  
for Lenoir County, N.C.

My Commission Expires the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May  
AD 1897



Affidavit of Witness.  
In the matter of petition and  
memorial of Ben S. Fletcher  
for admission to citizenship in  
the Cherokee Nation.  
State of Texas 1851  
County of Lamar

Before me, the undersigned, a  
Notary Public in and for the  
County and State aforesaid, per-  
sonally appeared Joseph J. Dipton,  
who after being by me duly sworn  
states that he is seventy five years of  
age and a resident of the  
State of Texas and County of Hunt  
and his post office address is  
Lone Texas.

That he is personally acquainted  
with Ben S. Fletcher, who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the  
Cherokee Nation. Affiant further  
states that I know that Ben S. Fletcher  
of Boston, Texas is a Cherokee  
Indian by blood. I knew  
John Fletcher, the father of Ben  
S. Fletcher in Texas and he died  
about the year 1850. He was a  
Cherokee Indian by blood and  
his connection left and went  
with the Cherokee Indians. I first  
became acquainted with the  
said John Fletcher about 1827.  
I know that he was recognized  
by all his neighbors acquaintances  
and the public generally as  
having Cherokee Indian



blood and that his complexion and physical appearance of the said John Fletcher indicated that he was a Cherokee Indian by blood and descent and that Gen. F. Fletcher is a son of John Fletcher. And that Gen. F. Fletcher has been and is recognized by his neighbors, acquaintances and the public generally as being Cherokee Indian blood. And that his complexion and physical appearance of the said Gen. Fletcher indicate that he is of Cherokee blood and descent.

Applicant further states that from the above facts and circumstances and from what he has heard and known of the family of the said Gen. Fletcher and his ancestry knowing them all his life in Texas and since they moved to Texas he believes the said Gen. F. Fletcher to be a descendant by blood of the Cherokee Indian tribe and a direct descendant of the said John Fletcher, a Cherokee Indian. I have often heard the said John Fletcher talk of going to the Cherokee Nation to be with his tribe and would have gone had it not been for

his wife, she not being an  
inhabitant of the State

Joseph J. Tipton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
20th day of August 1891 Geo B Whipple  
Notary Public in and for  
Lamar County Texas  
My Commission Expires 30th day of May 1891

Application For Enrollment  
Before the United States Commission to the Five  
Civilized Tribes of Indians

Mary T Penn et al.  
Petitioners

Application for ad-  
mittance to Enrollment  
(Exhibit D)

Respondent's

The undersigned Honorable Commissioner  
James William T. Penn states that she  
is a daughter of John Fletcher and by inter-  
marriage with William T. Penn became  
Mary T. Penn that she is a sister of James  
Fletcher Penn & Fletcher. That her  
father John Fletcher died in Tennessee in  
the year of 1850. That said John Fletcher  
was duly recognized by the proper author-  
ities as a Cherokee Indian in his life  
time and did enjoy all the rights privi-  
leges, benefits and immunities of other  
Cherokee Indians by blood, with said  
Cherokee Indians in Tennessee that his  
name should appear upon the authentic  
rolls of the said Cherokee Indians  
from his birth until his death in the  
year of 1850 or from the time it should  
have appeared on said rolls

That the petitioner is a lineal descendant  
of the said John Fletcher Lovit; her peti-  
tioner Mary T Penn and her children and  
her grand children Lovit; Brozzie Penn  
who by intermarriage with Ben Muberson be-  
came Brozzie Muberson. J. D. Penn, J. S. Penn  
R. P. Penn Maude Penn, and James T Penn and  
by the said marriage of Brozzie Penn with the  
said Ben Muberson there were born unto the

and Benjamin and Bogie Umberson the  
 following children Marie Umberson and  
 Benjamin Umberson. That under the laws  
 of the United States and customs of the said  
 Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians and the laws  
 of the United States and Treaties with said Indians  
 said Benjamin Umberson is entitled to be admitted  
 and considered as a citizen and member of  
 said Cherokee Nation of Indians in Indian Terri-  
 tory and entitled to all the rights benefits  
 privileges and immunities of other Cherokee  
 Indians of blood.

That there are now living legal descendants  
 of said Benjamin Umberson, to-wit: Perry P. Penn person  
 whose name is

- Female a Cherokee 23 years of age
- Female a Cherokee 4 years of age
- Male a Cherokee 2 years of age
- Male a Cherokee 1.9 years of age
- Male a Cherokee 1.0 years of age
- Female a Cherokee 4 years of age
- Female a Cherokee 11 years of age
- Male a Cherokee 7 years of age

When your Hon. Commission considered, your  
 Hon. Commission says that her name with those  
 of the said descendants to-wit: Bogie Umberson  
 Benjamin Umberson R. P. Penn Maude Penn and  
 Benjamin Umberson are Grand Children Marie Umberson  
 Benjamin Umberson. Be recalled and  
 admitted to all the rights benefits privileges  
 and immunities of other Cherokee Indians  
 in and to the Cherokee Nation or Tribe of  
 Indians in Indian Territory and your petitioners  
 will ever pray.

For the support of said claims heretofore



In witness whereof I have signed my name and  
affixed my seal at the County Clerk's Office  
addressed to the said Joseph Tipton which is true,  
and other records and returns

And testimony to be made at such time  
and place as the said applicant shall  
be heard and trial and judgment shall  
be given for the same  
Bostonville attorney  
for Petitioner

The undersigned petitioner Mary F. Penn  
says that the statements set forth in the  
above and foregoing petition are true ac-  
cording to her own knowledge information  
and belief  
Mary F. Penn  
Petitioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
29<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896  
Geo. B. Shippel  
Notary Public in and  
for Essex County Mass.  
in compliance with the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1897



In the matter of petition and memorial of  
Mrs J Penn for admission to citizenship  
in the Cherokee Territory  
State of Texas 259  
Case 6-2-1887

The undersigned a Notary Public  
in and for the county and state aforesaid per-  
sonally appeared H. C. McCloud who after by me  
sworn and sworn states that he is 54 years of age  
and a resident of the State of Texas and county  
of Adams and his Post Office address is Pottsville  
Texas that he is personally acquainted with  
Mrs J Penn who is now married with  
William Penn is now Mrs J Penn who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation  
that Mrs J Penn is a Cherokee Indian  
by blood and she is a sister of James H. Pen  
Benjamin Fletcher of Houston who are recog-  
nized as Cherokee Indians by their neighbors  
acquaintances and friends as such. That Mrs  
J Penn is the mother of the following children  
Joseph Bridgie Umberson J. C. Penn  
R. P. Penn Maude Penn and James J. Penn that  
Bridgie Umberson is the mother of the following  
named children Annie Umberson and  
Marion Umberson

Affiant further states that he has known  
the said Mrs J Penn for the past 8 years  
and knows her above named descendants  
and knows that they are and have been  
always during their lives recognized by  
their neighbors acquaintances and the public  
generally as having Cherokee Indian blood  
and that the complexion and physical  
appearance of the said Mrs J Penn

indicate that she is of Cherokee Indian  
blood and descent - Affiant states he  
has every reason and does believe that  
the said Mary J. Penn is of Cherokee Indian  
Blood. Affiant further states that he  
has no interest what ever in the  
prosecution of the claim of the said  
Mary J Penn and her descendant to  
Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation Indian  
Territory

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
29<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896 And I do further  
Certify that I am personally well acquaint-  
ed with the said Mary J Penn and know  
him to be a person of credit and of  
Irish ancestry Geo B Whipple

Notary Public in and  
for Lamar County Texas

My Commission Expires the 30 day of May A.D.

Affidavit of Witnesses

In the matter of settlement and memorial of  
Mary T Penn for admission to citizenship  
in the Cherokee Nation  
State of Texas JSS  
County of Lamar JSS

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public  
in and for the County and State aforesaid per-  
sonally appeared the said [Name] who after being  
duly sworn states that he is [Age] years of age  
and is a resident of the State of Texas and County  
of Lamar and his post office address is [Address]

That he is personally acquainted with  
Mary T. Fletcher who is now by marriage with  
William T. Penn is Mary T. Penn who is an  
applicant for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation

That Mary T. Penn is a Cherokee Indian by  
blood and is a sister of James H. and  
Benjamin F. Fletcher of [Address] Texas. That  
said Mary T. Penn is the mother of the follow-  
ing children to wit: Brozzie Umbrson J. D.  
Penn J. S. Penn, R. P. Penn Maude Penn and  
James T. Penn That Brozzie Umbrson is the  
mother of the following children to wit Marie Um-  
brson and [Name] Umbrson.

That [Name] further states that he has known  
the said Mary T. Penn for the past 9 years  
and knows her above named descendants and  
knows that they are and have been always  
in their lives recognized by their neighbors  
acquaintances and the public generally  
as having Cherokee Indian blood and that  
the complexion and physical appearance  
of the said Mary T. Penn indicate that she  
is of Cherokee Indian blood and descent.

Affiant states he has every reason to be-

live and does believe that the said Mary  
J. Peun is of Cherokee Indian Blood.

Applicant further states that he has no  
interest whatever in the prosecution of  
the claim of said Mary J. Peun and her  
descendants to citizenship in the Cherokee  
National Indian Territory. W. D. Manser  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
29<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1896. And I further  
certify that I am well acquainted with  
the said W. D. Manser and know him  
to be a person of credibility and of truth  
and integrity.

Geo. B. Whipple

Notary Public in and  
for Lenoir County Texas

My Commission Expires the 30 day of May



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1  
Affiant of Affidavit:  
I the undersigned of petition and me-  
morial of Mary T. Penn  
for admission to citizenship in  
the Cherokee Nation.  
State of Texas (County of "L")  
County of "L" State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned,  
a Notary Public in and for the  
State of Texas, personally  
appeared Joseph H. Davenport, who  
is a white man and duly sworn  
state notary, is seventy-five years  
of age and a resident of the  
State of Texas and County of  
Hunt and his post-office address  
is "L" Texas.

I am personally acquainted  
with Mary T. Penn, who is an ap-  
plicant for citizenship in the  
Cherokee Nation. Affiant further  
states that I know that Mary T. Penn  
of Boston, Texas is a Cherokee  
Indian by blood. I knew John  
Fletcher, the father of Mary T. Penn,  
who died about the  
year of 1850. He was a Cherokee  
Indian by blood, and his  
connection left and went with  
the Cherokee Indians. I first became  
acquainted with John Fletcher  
about 1827. I know that he was  
recognized by all his neighbors,  
acquaintances and the public  
generally as having Cherokee Indian  
blood and that his connection



and her general appearance of  
the same. Fletcher indicated  
that he was a Cherokee Indian  
by blood and descent. And that  
Mary J. Peun is a daughter of  
John Fletcher. And that Mary J. Peun  
has been and is recognized by  
her neighbors, acquaintances and  
the public generally as having  
Cherokee Indian blood. And that  
her complexion and physical ap-  
pearance of the said Mary J. Peun  
indicates her descent of Cherokee

Affiant further states that from  
the above facts and circum-  
stances and from what he has  
heard and knows of the family,  
of the said Mary J. Peun and her  
ancestry, knowing them all of  
his own knowledge and since  
they lived in Texas he believes  
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of the said John Fletcher, a Cherokee  
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said John Fletcher talk of going  
to the Cherokee Nation to be with  
his tribe, and would have gone  
had it not been for the war.  
The undersigned

Joseph F. Sipe

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of August 1896

My Commission Expires  
30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1897

Geo. B. Whipple  
Notary Public in and for  
Lawson County Texas

James, + McLean  
Petitioners  
vs  
Crosby, + Co  
Indian Territory  
Respondents

Filed Sept 5-1894  
A.S. McKinnon  
Clerk

B. F. Amouille  
atty for Petitioners  
Capt. Geo. F. Coe

Respectfully

Cherokee Claims  
James H. Fletcher & Co  
Petitioners  
vs  
Cherokee Nation  
Respondents  
No 954  
Argument  
D. F. Amouette  
Atty for petitioners  
Rayton Fox

FILED  
A. S. TICKET

James H. Fletcher Et-al } Before the Honorable  
Petitioners } Commission, the Virtue  
No 15- }  
Cherokee Nation } of act of Congress of  
Presidents } June 4<sup>th</sup> 1846, for the  
Five Civilized Tribes of  
Indians

= Argument =

Your Commission being familiar with the acts in which you receive your authority to investigate claims of parties claiming rights in any of the 5 Civilized Tribes of Indians, I also have no doubt by this time being versed to the laws of the Cherokee that are in conflict with laws of the United States - And deem it useless to again and again, to arouse a point that you have in hundred of cases already past upon

Your petitioners feel that it is the spirit of the laws of the Cherokee and the United States if not the written letter that Cherokee Indian Blood is and should be the great and only test and to admit all who could prove their Cherokee Indian Blood

Your petitioners submit the three affidavits of J. Tipton testifying to and for James H. Fletcher Benjamin F. Fletcher and Mary T. Penn, as being brothers and sister to each other and being of the same common stock or ancestor David John Fletcher and is some what secondary evidence and is admissible under the rule as it is to Family Pedigree (I think of see 103044) also submits the



Evidence of H. B. Bywaters C. M. Morgan  
M. S. Manners and C. R. Caldwell, as to  
the Claimants Relationship and to their  
Cherokee blood. That said <sup>Claimants</sup> have always  
been recognized, regarded, and con-  
sidered Cherokee Indians by blood to  
their neighbors as maintainers and friends  
These witnesses are parties of high stand-  
ing and their evidence entitled to full  
credit and belief.

Your petitioners do not believe  
that Claimants Common ancestor name  
is or should appear upon the duly au-  
thenticated rolls of the Cherokee Nation  
and do refer you to that portion  
compiled in Tennessee in the year of  
AD 1835. Said rolls being in the hands  
of the Cherokee authorities which your pe-  
titioners have never had the privilege  
to examine same, and do ask that you  
to have said rolls brought before  
your Commission and there examined  
which they believe will show their an-  
cestors name John Fletcher.

Your petitioners do not believe that  
your Hon. Commission will hold the Cherokee  
Constitution of any validity. To wit: That Claim-  
ants at some past time must have memorial-  
ized the National Council and to have been  
refused, neglected or rejected. As it is  
and has been an undisputed fact that  
to be readmitted when once decitizen-  
ized, Claimants would have to resort  
to bribery and fraud and no tribunal  
has ever held that a party must



resort to fraud to maintain his rights  
therefore Claimants holds a forfeiture  
could never be held against them

This case is submitted upon the great  
and undoubted policy of the United States  
and the customs of the Cherokee people  
and with the decision of ex attorney Gen  
and Governor that Cherokee Indian  
blood should be the test of ad-  
mission to citizenship

Petitioners believe your Commission  
will place each of their separate names  
with each of their descendants upon  
the revised rolls of the Cherokee Nation  
there to share in the funds, lands and  
all common property of the Cherokee  
people as other Cherokee Indians

We think the evidence supports the  
petition

Respectfully Submitted  
P. S. Amorette  
Attorney for Petitioners  
P. O. Boston Texas

James H. Fletcher Et al } Petitioners } Before the powers  
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been recognized, regarded, and con-  
sidered Cherokee Indians by blood by  
their neighbors as maintainers and friends  
These witnesses are parties of high stand-  
ing and their evidence entitled to full  
Christian belief.

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that Claimants Common ancestor name  
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thenticated rolls of the Cherokee Nation  
and do refer you to that portion  
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AD 1835. Said rolls being in the hands  
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Respectfully Submitted  
P. J. Amorette  
Attorney for Petitioners  
P. O. Austin Texas

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Nation's No. 3292  
Commission's No. ....  
In re Application of

*James F. Litchner et al*

**Demurrer and Answer.**

FILED SEPT 8 1926 ☆  
A. S. RICHMOND

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Before the Honorable, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*James F. Fletcher et al.*  
*Mary T. Penn et al.*

Nation's No. 3292

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the applicant has failed to establish, or to try, to show that the applicant *can* be entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not wishing to proceed in the matter, but insisting upon the same for answer to said application, says that

*John F. Fletcher*

is the person whom the petitioner *claim* to derive *this* right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hastings H. Hutchings & B. O. Smith* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

*25* day of *April*, 1896.  
*D. L. Ball*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

**End**

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No. 891

Dennisee Carbon

Cherokee Nation

Sept 1870

S. S. Emerson

Receipt

Don't know if this is

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State of Tennessee, James County,

I J. C. Heaton Clerk of the County Court of said County,  
do hereby certify, that John C. Heaton  
whose genuine signature appears to the attached deed is now,  
and was, at the time of signing the same, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said  
County, duly elected, commissioned, and qualified as such.

WITNESS, my hand, at office, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1887.

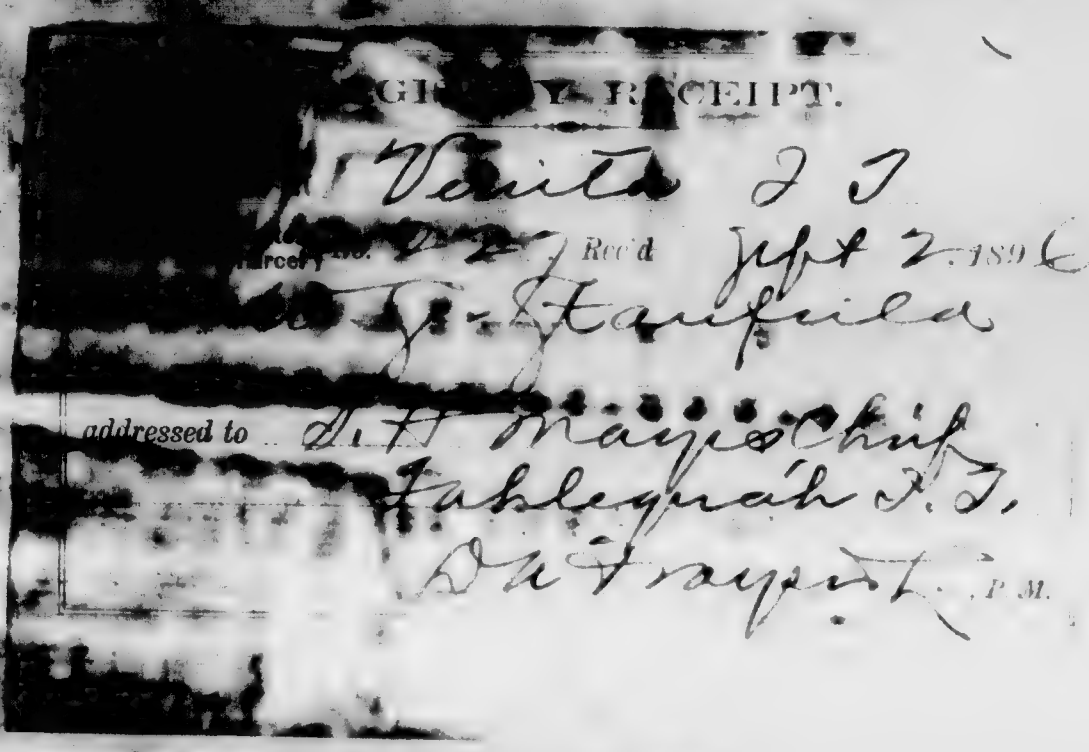
J. C. Heaton Clerk.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, *A. N. Brewer*, do solemnly swear that on  
the *2nd* day of *Sept*, 1896, I saw a package registered  
by *W. Starfield* at the Post Office at Vinita, addressed to  
B. H. Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Talequah Ind. Ter., that  
registry receipt, No ..... hereof attached, is a receipt for said  
package, which contained true copies of the application of .....  
and of the affidavits of .....  
*Yorkham* .....  
*Gov McCall*, *John B. Edwards*, *Rich. Sims*, .....  
*M. J. Smith*, *John W. ...*, *John ...*, .....  
Hamilton, George ...  
IN SUPPORT OF THE SAME.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this *2nd* DAY OF *Sept*, 1896  
*James E. ...*



POOR ORIGINAL -  
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Commissioners authorized by the State of Tennessee to determine claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation:

*Tennessee*  
*Gorkham*  
and her husband *Le late identified as a*  
*adopted citizen*

those entitled to share in the...  
land in the Cherokee Nation, by virtue of their...  
with submit the evidence...  
exhibits, "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F" "G" "H" "I" "J"

*Hill* *Margaret Pigg* *Hill* *Brig*  
from this application...  
eyes and...  
application...

*Tennessee Gorkham* '38' *Pittman*  
*Mrs. B. Gorkham* '44' *Husband Pittman*  
*All other...*  
*Tennessee Gorkham*  
*24th day of August 1896.*

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Indian. I am informed and verily believe that the name of Robbin Still can be found upon the old roll of 1838. The said Robbin Still was a Squaw by blood of George Still and was a recognized member Indian by blood. The said Robbin Still was born in the Cherokee Nation about the year 1838 and was afterwards killed on Caney Creek by Jack Spaniard. I verily believe that both of the names George Still and Robbin Still may be found on the rolls of Cherokee Indians, the said Robbin Still was my mother's father and my grand father.

I have made four (4) different applications to the Cherokee Nation to have my citizenship passed upon but the said Nation has failed to pass upon my case, as I am informed, either favorable or unfavorable. My mother's maiden name was Still and she was the illegitimate child of a white man and this is how my name came to be Still.

The reason that I have not obtained new testimony and through file instead thereof is the affidavit of G. A. Williams and Dutch Gray to that Dutch Gray has departed this life and that G. A. Williams is a non-resident of the Indian Territory and is living but whereabouts is unknown to me. Also I herewith file the affidavit of John Anderson and Sam Marshall which were taken in the year 1898 for the same reason that these parties are non-residents of the Indian Territory and if living at all are unknown to me. The affidavit of G. A. Williams acknowledged on the 14th day of November 1898 also the affidavit of John Anderson acknowledged on the 14th day of November 1898 also the affidavit of Susan Hunter acknowledged on the 15th day of April 1899, I have not filed for the reason that these parties are under the said above described affidavits are non-residents of the Indian Territory and if living, their whereabouts is unknown to me.

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That I have made diligent search and inquiry to find the George  
with those affairs I herewith file which was acknowledged on the 30  
day of November 1893. I have failed to locate the same records but I am  
reliably informed that the same were destroyed by fire and  
said George still those affairs of I have, by application to the  
The my mother's mother I was unable to locate my  
death I had no one in possession of any of the records of interest and  
consequently was not placed upon the rolls of the Cherokee, if there was  
any rolls made of the Cherokee in North Carolina after my birth.  
I did not understand until long after my death that it was  
necessary for me to make application to the Cherokee Nation to have my  
name placed upon the rolls, since which time I have made many  
applications for citizenship.

*James M. [unclear]*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 25th day of August 1893.

*W. S. [unclear]*  
Sept 1893

POOR ORIGINAL -  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
CHEROKEE NATION.

Allison Fox McCaleb, being first duly sworn on oath depose and say  
my name is Addison Fox McCaleb, a Cherokee citizen by blood. I re-  
side in the Cherokee Nation and my Post Office is Lenapeh, Ind. Ter.

My age is thirty five years. I am well acquainted with Tennessee  
Cochran have known her all my life. Her maiden name was Tennessee Still  
and she is the illegitimate daughter of Margaret Still, commonly called  
Peggy Still. My parents were well acquainted with Margaret or Peggy  
Still and have always understood from them and from all mutual acquaint-  
ances that Margaret or Peggy Still was a Cherokee Indian and was a grand  
daughter of Robin Still a well known Cherokee citizen.

Tennessee Cochran was always looked upon by my folks and by the other  
Cherokees as a Cherokee Indian and I think the rolls of the Cherokee In-  
dians will disclose the name of Margaret or Peggy Still and I think the  
rolls of Cherokee citizens of 1835 will disclose the name of Robin Still  
I understand that Margaret or Peggy Still drew money from the general  
government as a Cherokee Indian in 1852. Tennessee Still first married  
a man by the name of James Allen and while the wife or the widow of said  
James Allen applied at least three times to the Cherokee National Coun-  
cil to be placed upon the Cherokee Roll, but for some reason her differ-  
ent applications were never passed upon. I know that she never was  
received admission to Cherokee citizenship by the Cherokee authorities.  
That after the death of James Allen she assumed a name by the name of  
Tennessee Cochran. The person mentioned in the various affidavits herewith  
attached as Tennessee Allen is the same person who is now making application  
for Cherokee citizenship as Tennessee Cochran. Tennessee Still's  
mother died when she was a very small child and she was raised by my  
maternal Grand parents to the age of ten or twelve years when my grand  
mother died, and the said Tennessee Still was taken to Europe by my mother

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I think the fact of the said Tennessee still not being recognized as a Cherokee Indian by blood can be demonstrated in this manner: That her mother died when she was an infant in such a way it was necessary for her name to be placed on the Cherokee roll and she was given another place in Tennessee until the time of her death and she was permitted to go to the trouble of sending to the Cherokee Nation in the Indian Territory to find out whether said Tennessee still's name was on the roll or not and to have it placed on the roll if it was not there. If it was also lived and died in Tennessee and she was quite a young girl probably not over fifteen years of age. If she had no opportunity of placing the name of Tennessee still upon the roll while in Tennessee, the Cherokee roll being in the Cherokee Nation west of the river Mississippi.

*Adeline H. H. H. H.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

*A. H. H. H.*

Notary Public for the State of Tennessee

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN BUREAU,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Be it remembered on this 10th day of August A. D. 1886, personally  
appeared before me the undersigned Henry Public within and of  
the District aforesaid, John B. Edwards, to me personally known who  
deposes and says as follows: to-wit: That my name is John B. Edwards  
that I am 50 years old, and that I was a member of the Cherokee Nation  
25 years. That I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation by adoption  
and reside in Saline District and was by that name in Vance S. S.  
That I am personally well acquainted with Tennessee Still and Ellen  
Still. Her maiden name was Tennessee Still. She afterwards  
married a man by the name of Ellen and she had two children one son  
and married a man by the name of Stacy B. Gorham, whose wife she  
is at the present time. Tennessee Allen Gorham nee Allen nee Still  
her name was Fuzzy Still. Margaret Still was the  
called Fuzzy Still - her mother lived in Hamilton County, Tennessee  
close to Harrison the County Seat of said County. I know her there  
in the year 1851 and I know that she was spoken of and is  
considered and recognized by the Cherokee people as a Cherokee Indian  
by blood. At this time Tennessee Still, nee Tennessee Gorham nee Allen  
was something less than 2 years old and she living with her mother.  
I am personally well acquainted with Tennessee Still until she was a-  
bout 10 years old at which time I removed from Tennessee to the  
Cherokee Nation. After my removal to the Cherokee Nation I did not  
see her again for about the period of 15 years at which time I met her  
again here in Vinita Indian Territory, on which time I recognized her  
beyond any doubt as the same Tennessee Still, by her features and con-  
versation, who was I had known in Tennessee being the identical person  
that I have testified above concerning. To my personal knowledge  
Tennessee Still now Tennessee Gorham was recognized as Cherokee as a

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Cherokee Indian ...  
was the daughter ...  
Margaret ...  
member the ...  
Killed ...  
the year ...  
her, as a Cherokee Indian by blood.

*John B. Edwards*

Subscribed and sworn to ...  
*John B. Edwards*

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State of Tennessee, June County.  
Clerk of the County Court of said County,  
whose genuine signature appears to the attached affidavit is now,  
as Justice of the Peace in and for said  
County, duly elected, commissioned and qualified as such.  
WITNESS, my hand, at office, this 15 day of June 1888  
J. C. [unclear] Clerk.

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State of Tennessee Personally  
James County, I appear before  
the undersigned acting Justice  
of the Peace for said county & State  
of one said Pilla Gorin age 70  
years whose P.O. is Harwood State  
James County Tennessee and  
Make oath in due form of law  
& says that I was personally acquainted  
with Robin Still & his son said Robin  
Still is a Cherokee Indian also  
that Peggy Still was the daughter of said  
Robin Still also I know that Ann  
of Harwood the daughter of Peggy Still  
I know to and subscribed to on this  
14th 1880

McDonnan                      William <sup>the</sup> Gorin  
P.O.                                      Mark

attest Myself  
C. G. Sallard  
Justice of the Peace

(Witness - "L")

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I still remember on this day  
in the county of personally  
As direct before me  
The undersigned acting Justice of the  
Peace in the said county of said  
A. G. Brown, age 57 years, whose  
P. D. is Hatcher's Landing, James county  
Tennessee who is in station of law  
I know Robin Still and he  
was known to be a Cherokee Indian  
also Peggy Still who was known  
to be the daughter of Robt. Still  
also that Tennessee Allen was  
known to be the daughter of  
Peggy Still and I have very  
frequently heard Robin Still recognize  
said Peggy Still as his daughter and  
that Tennessee Allen is the daughter  
of said Peggy Still, all of the above  
I know of my personal knowledge  
I do hereby subscribe to on the  
1st day of 1889.

W. L. Johnson  
Justice of the Peace

C. G. Jamieson

Exhibit "E"

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State of Tennessee, this 10th day of October  
James County I appear in the under-  
signed an acting Justice of the Peace  
for the State & County aforesaid,  
John Anderson aged 75 years  
P.O. address Longwood James  
County Tennessee I have lived  
in Adamston now James County  
Tennessee for 54 years, I know  
Robert Still, and he was  
reputed to be an Indian, also  
Peggy Still who was reputed to  
be the daughter of Robert Still  
also that Tennessee Allen was  
reputed to be the daughter of  
Peggy Still - also Jane Garnell  
and Fanny Jane Thompson,  
I am a daughter of William Thompson  
my grand mother was a woman  
wh. married James Brown  
known as Judge Brown  
my age 74 years I know Robert  
Still and he was an Indian also  
that Peggy Still was reputed to  
be his daughter, and that Tennessee  
Allen ne Tennessee Still is reputed to  
be a daughter of Peggy Still  
I more too & subscribed before me this 10th day of October  
James County Tennessee

Subscribed  
10/10/18

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november 13<sup>th</sup> day 1889  
J. At, Gushue  
J. P.

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John ...  
... County  
... Susan ...  
... states ...  
... Margaret Still  
... states ...  
... 1852 ...  
... railroad ...  
... for  
... present  
... rail  
... said  
... whether  
...  
... Margaret Still was some  
times called Peggy as a  
nick name and was  
...  
... Margaret Still  
... in this county

Child

Susan ...  
... sworn to and subscribed before me  
this April 5<sup>th</sup> 1890 U.B. Champion  
(over)

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STATE OF TENNESSEE.  
HAMILTON COUNTY.

I. L. M. CLARK, Clerk of the County Court of said County, do hereby  
certify that *G. B. Blaupier* Esq., whose genuine signature  
appears to the foregoing, is now, and was at the time of signing the same, an acting  
in and for said County and State aforesaid, duly elected, commissioned and qualified according to law; and that full faith and  
credit should be given to his official acts as such.

WITNESS my Hand and Seal of said Court at office in Chattanooga, this *7* day of *April* 188*8*

Clerk.

D. C.

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Amoskegon Nation  
Tongue District 3 SS

personally appeared  
before me Henry Dick Deputy clerk  
Tongue District under appoint-  
ment from the Court and I examined  
the same and District George Still  
is a well known citizen of  
the State and was after being duly  
sworn according to law says that  
he has known Robin Still that  
he was in the Nation and moved  
to the country in 1839 and  
was killed and carried by pack to  
the west that Robin left the  
children in the Nation when  
he came to the country and he  
lives in the State that he thinks that  
Robin Still's name was on the  
roll of 1833

George Still

and I was led to believe  
the 14th day of November 1891  
Henry Dick, Deputy clerk,  
T. Dist. 40 N.  
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Nation's No. 723

Commission's No. ....

In re Application of

*Thomas G. Corhan*

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Demurrer and Answer.

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Before the Honorables, Henry L. Dawes, Frank C. Armstrong, A. S. McKennon, T. B. Cabaniss, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*John L. Adair*  
*John L. Adair*

Nation's No. *723*

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the  
said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has not jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy,  
and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2nd. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant *is*  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent not waiving his aforesaid demurrer, but insisting upon the same for answer to said appli-  
cation, says that ~~the~~ *Margaret, or Peggy, The*

through whom the petitioner claims to derive *his* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Attorneys Hastings & Bessie* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the *16th* day of *Sept*, 1896.

*Notary Public*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

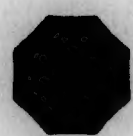
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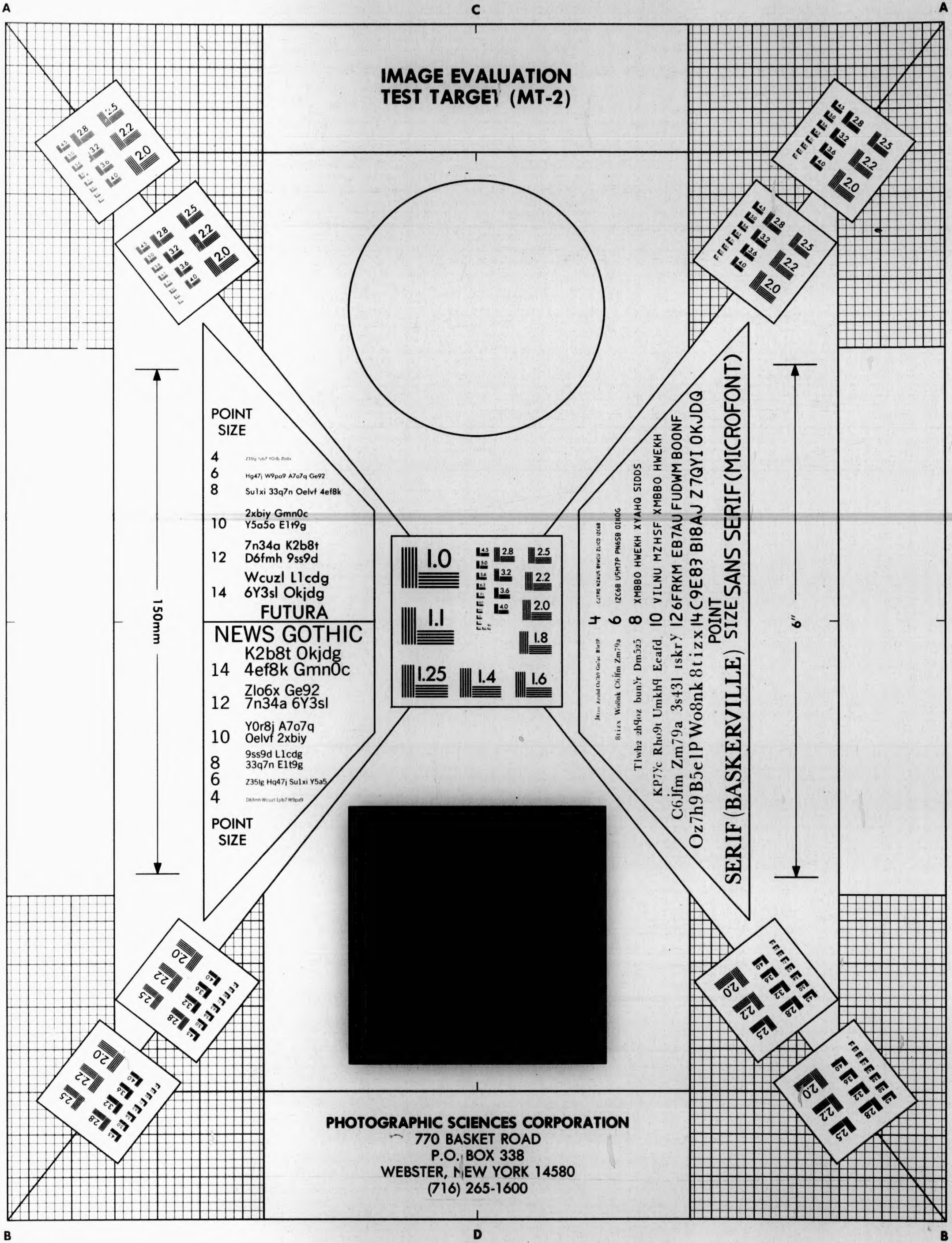
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