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No. 1

Action: Reject.

Name Ison Durham White, and children. Residence: 314 Main St., Joplin, Mo.

Reasons: Applicant was not enrolled in 1851. He was born in Washington Co., Mo., in 1841 and his parents were born in Allen County, Ky., which is more than 100 miles from the Eastern Cherokee domain in 1835. His parents and grandparents were not enrolled in 1835 or 1851. In reply to letter applicant states, "I cannot furnish living witnesses as to my descent from the Cherokee tribe."

No. 1

EASTERN CHEROKEES.

APPLICATION

OF

Isom, W. L.

For share of money appropriated for the Eastern Cherokee Indians by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decrees of the Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906.

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INDIAN OFFICE
EASTERN CHEROKEES.

Rec AUG 29 1906

No.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby make application for such share as may be due me of the fund appropriated by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decrees of the Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906, in favor of the Eastern Cherokees. The evidence of identity is herewith subjoined.

1. State full name—

English name:

Isom Durham White

Indian name:

none

2. Residence:

Joplin, Mo

3. Town and post office:

314 main st, Joplin

4. County:

Jasper,

5. State:

Mo.

6. Date and place of birth:

Feb. 14, 1841 Potosi, Washington Co, Mo.

7. By what right do you claim to share? If you claim through more than one relative living

in 1851, set forth each claim separately:

I claim through
my great-grand mother: Sarah Waters

8. Are you married?

yes; but my wife is dead

9. Name and age of wife or husband:

not living

10. Give names of your father and mother, and your mother's name before marriage.

Father—English name:

William White

Indian name:

none

Mother—English name:

Malinda White

Indian name:

none

Maiden name:

Malinda Durham

11. Where were they born?

Father:

allen County, Kentucky

Mother:

allen County, Ky

12. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time?

Father:

He was living in 1851 in Washington Co, Mo.

Mother:

she lived in Washington Co Mo

13. Date of death of your father and mother—

Father:

About 1886

Mother:

1888

14. Were they ever enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and where: No I think not.

15. Name all your brothers and sisters, giving ages, and if not living, the date of death:

	NAME.	BORN.	DIED.
(1)	William Henry White	about 1847	unknown
(2)	C. C. White	1850	living
(3)	Leanna E. White	1843	living
(4)	Mary Ann White	1845	living
(5)			
(6)			

16. State English and Indian names of your grandparents on both father's and mother's side, if possible:

FATHER'S SIDE.	MOTHER'S SIDE.
Henry Durham	Sarah Durham

17. Where were they born? North Carolina near Petersburg,

18. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time? Allen County - Kentucky.

19. Give names of all their children, and residence, if living; if not living, give dates of deaths:

(1)	English name:	Martha Durham ^{Fisher} - dead
	Indian name:	none
	Residence:	died in Jasper Co Mo
(2)	English name:	Socas Durham - M ^o Antie White, dead
	Indian name:	none
	Residence:	Durham
(3)	English name:	Mary ^{Durham} White - Dead,
	Indian name:	none
	Residence:	Durham
(4)	English name:	Rachel ^{Durham} Johnson dead
	Indian name:	none
	Residence:	
(5)	English name:	Rhoda Durham, died - Washington Co Mo -
	Indian name:	none
	Residence:	

20. Have you ever been enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and where.

21. To expedite identification, claimants should give the full English and Indian names, if possible, of their paternal and maternal ancestors back to 1835:

My mother's Grandmother was Sarah Waters a full blood Cherokee; She married Thomas Conway

REMARKS.

(Under this head the applicant may give any additional information that he believes will assist in proving his claims.)

NOTE.—Answers should be brief but explicit: the words "Yes," "No," "Unknown," etc., may be used in cases where applicable. Read the questions carefully.

I solemnly swear that the foregoing statements made by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature.)

Isom White

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27th* day of *August*, 1906.

My commission expires

July 14, 190*8*

Fred M. Johnson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT.

(The following affidavit must be sworn to by two or more witnesses who are well acquainted with the applicant.)

Personally appeared before me *J. Bosma* and *J. Smith*, who, being duly sworn, on oath depose and say that they are well acquainted with *Isom White*, who makes the foregoing application and statements, and have known *him* for *1* years and *4* years, respectively, and know *him* to be the identical person *he* represents *himself* to be, and that the statements made by *him* are true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and they have no interest whatever in *his* claim.

Witnesses to mark.

Signatures of witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27* day of *August*, 1906.

My commission expires

July 14, 190*8*

Fred M. Johnson
Notary Public.

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LAW OFFICES
- OF -
JOHNSON & BROWN

314 MAIN STREET

Joplin, Mo., 11/12

Dept of Interior

Bureau of Indian Affairs,

Washington

Dear Sir:-

I sent a application for a distrib
part in the payment to Eastern
Cherokee Indians as an heir

I have heard nothing from
my application and I desire to
know if same has been receive
and filed.

Yours Respt

Isom White.

EASTERN CHEROKEES.

Appln. No. 1.

November 28, 1906.

Mr. Isom D. White,
314 Main Street,
Joplin, Missouri.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 12, 1906, you are advised that your application for participation in the Eastern Cherokee fund, has been received and placed on file.

- The same will be taken up in its regular order and only considered, after the time for filing applications has expired, which is January 31, 1907.

Very respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

GM-NYC..

Appl No #1 - / Joplin, Mo 12/1/07

Hon Guion Miller

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir :- Replying
to your letter of Nov 15, 07 I
will say :-

I cannot furnish living
witnesses as to my descent
from Cherokee tribe, ~~further than~~
The facts are :-

Sarah Waters married Tom
Conway their daughter Sarah
Conway married Henry Durham
their daughter Malinda Durham
married William White my father
I think Sarah Water-Conway died
prior to 1835.

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Henry Durham and Malinda
Durham lived in Allen
County Kentucky in 1835.

Joseph Harper, of
Oregon, Mo., made an effort
to prove up our claim some
15 to 18 yrs ago. He is now
dead. I do not know what
success he met.

Wm Hager, Sarcosie Mo.,
tried to prove up his claim
at about same time they
are my cousins. They are both
dead.

I know of nothing

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further that would
assist in completing my
claim.

Hoping that you will
be able to identify me
from some of these names

I am

Yours Truly

Isom D White

314 Main.

November 15, 1907.

Isom Durham White,
314 Main St.,
Joplin, Mo.

Sir:

Relative to your application for participation in the fund arising from the judgment of the Court of Claims in favor of the Eastern Cherokees, we beg to inform you that under the names as given in your application neither your name nor those of your parents or grand parents appear on the rolls of 1835 or 1851, nor does the name of your great grandmother, Sarah Waters, appear upon the roll of 1835.

Can you furnish us with evidence tending to establish the fact that your parents or grand parents were recognized members of the Eastern Cherokee tribe of Indians at the date of the Treaty of 1835-36 and 1846? If so, please state what the evidence is, and send us the names and correct addresses of any witnesses who will testify to that effect.

Kindly notify us in regard to this matter as soon as possible.

Very respectfully,

Special Commissioner.

CHB/ALS

State of Missouri

SS

County of Jasper

In the Matter of the Eastern Cherokee Enrollment, App.No. I

On this 29th day of June, 1909, before me personally appeared

Isom D. White aged 68 years, a resident of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri, who being duly sworn, makes oath and says that to the best of affiants knowledge and belief that applicants as follows are unjustly omitted from the enrollment by the special commissioner Guion Miller; that the persons omitted are:-

Isom Durham White, Joplin, Jasper County Mo., 68

Ella M. Carrington, aged 40 years residing in Joplin, Mo.

Mattie Clazer, aged 36, Cartersville, Mo.

George White, aged 32, Cartersville Mo.

Mamie Swartz, aged 30 years, Cartersville Mo.

That the ancestor through whom all of said parties claim is Sarah Waters and she married Tommy Conaway; Henry Durham married Sarah Conaway they were living in Allen County, Kentucky in 1835 to 1851; at that time the senior parties were dead. That the Indian names of these parties are unknown to ~~this~~ affiant.

Further ~~the~~ affiant sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to this 29th day of June 1909 .

Notary Public.

My term expires July 15, 1912.

No. 2

Action: Admitted.

Name John Hilderbrand, and X children. Residence: Barlesville, Okla.

Reasons: Applicant and his father & mother, David ^{by Deem} and Elizabeth Hilderbrand were enrolled in 1851 in group 136, Tahlequah.

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1857 Publ. D. Gr. 136

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grouped in with

are no ~~2123~~ 3736

6041

O. K.

John Hildebrand

Lahl ^{#2} 136

Donna Maria Hildebrand

Lah 136

grouped here,

1037, 1035, ~~2123~~ 7705

6619, 6744, 13286

No. 2

EASTERN CHEROKEES.

APPLICATION

OF

John Hildebrand

For share of money appropriated for the Eastern Cherokee Indians by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decrees of the Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906.

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INDIAN OFFICE
EASTERN CHEROKEES.

Rec AUG 30 1906

No.

Attorneys:

Swartz and Street
Chelsea,
Ind. Terry

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby make application for such share as may be due me of the fund appropriated by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decrees of the Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906, in favor of the Eastern Cherokees. The evidence of identity is herewith subjoined.

1. State full name—

English name:

Indian name:

2. Residence:

3. Town and post office:

4. County:

5. State:

6. Date and place of birth:

7. By what right do you claim to share?

in 1851, set forth each claim separately:

Thru my father David Skildebrand and my mother, Elizabeth Skildebrand who were both living in 1851 and were Emigrant Cherokees

and thru Mary Hambright nee Skildebrand my father's sister, who died before the war, she being

8. Are you married?

9. Name and age of wife or husband:

Ellen Skildebrand nee Pettit, age about 62 or 63 years.

10. Give names of your father and mother, and your mother's name before marriage.

Father—English name:

Indian name:

Mother—English name:

Indian name:

Maiden name:

11. Where were they born?

Father:

Mother:

12. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time?

Father:

Mother:

13. Date of death of your father and mother—

Father:

Mother:

Emigrant Cherokee and I her sister Mary Hambright are surviving

14. Were they ever enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and

where: Enrolled at Tahlequah, I.T. on roll
of 1851

15. Name all your brothers and sisters, giving ages, and if not living, the date of death:

	NAME.	BORN.	DIED.
(1)	Maria Skildebrand	about 1838	about 1896
(2)	Mary "	" 1840	" 1898
(3)	Aria Adna "	" 1843	" 1900
(4)	Ann Eliza	" 1839	" 1853
(5)			
(6)			

16. State English and Indian names of your grandparents on both father's and mother's side, if possible:

FATHER'S SIDE
John Skildebrand
grand father

MOTHER'S SIDE
John L. Mc Carty
grand father

Grand mothers
name unknown

Grand mothers
name unknown

17. Where were they born? My grand father John Skildebrand,
born in Germany; Grand father John L. Mc Carty in Ireland.

18. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time? were not
living then

19. Give names of all their children, and residence, if living; if not living, give dates of deaths:

John Skildebrand, son of John Skildebrand & his first wife, died in 1861
(1) English name: Mike Skildebrand

Indian name: (son of John Skildebrand with first wife, a white)
Residence: died in Cherokee Nation during Civil War

(2) English name: Peter Skildebrand
Indian name: (son of John Skildebrand with first wife, a white)
Residence: died in Cherokee Nation just prior to Civil War

(3) English name: George Skildebrand
Indian name: (son of John Skildebrand with first wife, a white)
Residence: died in Cherokee Nation during Civil War

(4) English name: Sallie Skildebrand afterwards wife
Indian name: (daughter of John Skildebrand with first wife, a white)
Residence: died at Tahlequah before Civil War

(5) English name: David Skildebrand (applicant's father), Mary
Skildebrand, Nancy Skildebrand and Fizzie Skildebrand
son & daughters of John Skildebrand with his
second wife (applicant's grand mother)
Three last named children died before the war

20. Have you ever been enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and

where: Cherokee enrollment at Chelsea
I.T. about 1871

(3) Ann Olga " 1839 " 1853

(4) Ann Olga " 1839 " 1853

(5) Ann Olga " 1839 " 1853

(6)

FATHER'S SIDE

MOTHER'S SIDE

John Mc Carthy
grandfather

John Mc Carthy
grandmother

John Mc Carthy
grandmother

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16. State English and Indian names of your grandparents on both father's and mother's side, if possible:

17. Where were they born?
My grandfather John Mc Carthy was born in Germany; grandfather John Mc Carthy in Ireland; here not

18. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time?
Living then

19. Give names of all their children, and residence if living; if not living, give dates of death:
John Mc Carthy and wife Mary Mc Carthy had four children: Peter, George, John and Mary. Peter was born in 1839 and died in 1899. George was born in 1841 and died in 1901. John was born in 1843 and died in 1903. Mary was born in 1845 and died in 1905.

(1) English name: Peter Mc Carthy
Residence: Peter Mc Carthy was born in 1839 and died in 1899. He was a farmer and lived on a farm in Ireland.

(2) English name: George Mc Carthy
Residence: George Mc Carthy was born in 1841 and died in 1901. He was a farmer and lived on a farm in Ireland.

(3) English name: John Mc Carthy
Residence: John Mc Carthy was born in 1843 and died in 1903. He was a farmer and lived on a farm in Ireland.

(4) English name: Mary Mc Carthy
Residence: Mary Mc Carthy was born in 1845 and died in 1905. She was a housewife and lived in Ireland.

20. Have you ever been enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and where:
I have been enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits in 1901 at Chelsea.

21. To expedite identification, claimants should give the full English and Indian names, if possible, of their paternal and maternal ancestors back to 1835:

Gregory
list of children of John Hildebrand & his
first and second wife and John
& Mc Carthy & his wife embraces
all ancestors back beyond 1835.

REMARKS.

(Under this head the applicant may give any additional information that he believes will assist in proving his claims.)

NOTE.—Answers should be brief but explicit; the words "Yes," "No," "Unknown," etc., may be used in cases where applicable. Read the questions carefully.

I solemnly swear that the foregoing statements made by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature) *John Hildebrand*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27th* day of *August*, 1906.

My commission expires

Nov. 1st, 1908.

John P. Gizzard,
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT.

(The following affidavit must be sworn to by two or more witnesses who are well acquainted with the applicant.)

Personally appeared before me *Henry H. Byrd*, and
Marion W. Couch, who, being duly sworn, on oath depose and
say that they are well acquainted with *John Hildebrand*, who makes the
foregoing application and statements, and have known him for *20* years and *30* years,
respectively, and know him to be the identical person he represents himself to be, and
that the statements made by him are true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and
they have no interest whatever in his claim.

Witnesses to make:

Signature of witnesses.

Henry H. Byrd,
Marion W. Couch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27th* day of *August*, 1906.

My commission expires

November 1st, 1908.

John P. Gizzard,
Notary Public.

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J. W. SWARTS

A. L. H. STREET

LAW OFFICES
OF
SWARTS & STREET
CHELSEA, IND. TER.

Aug. 27, 1906.

Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Inclosed herewith please find application of John Hildebrand for enrollment as an
Eastern Cherokee.

Yours truly,

Swarts & Street

B. A. L. -- 2.

Were her grand parents living in 1851, and if so, where?
These questions should all be answered fully.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

GM/JBH

Okesa, Okla. Sept. 15, 1909.

Special Commissioner of Indian Affairs:

Washington, D.C.

Kind Sir:- I am in possession of your letter dated
11, Inst. in which you state that you have no record of
my being enrolled on the "Eastern Cherokee Emigration fund"

I beg to state that there is some thing the matter as
I made application, and was assigned No. 2 on the rolls
of January 19, 190..., as to the No 3081 must relate to another
matter as I have a card also giving my application that
No., 3081 also.

I am enclosing to you the card sent out by your depart-
ment granting my application No. 2.

Trusting that this will be a sufficient light upon
this matter that you will send me the necessary papers
to execute that I may get my pay. I am,

Truly Yours.

John H. Hildebrand
P. is gone.

No. 3.

Action:

Rejected

Name

Nancy Bradford

and

X children.

Residence:

Kansas City, Mo.

Reasons:

Applicant was born in Kentucky in 1805. Her mother was a slave, and she was a slave and was not enrolled as an Eastern Cherokee in 1835 or 1837. That applicant was a slave is stated by her attorney G. G. Wright in letter dated Nov. 19, 1907.

No.

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Name

Nancy Bradford

With No.

Remarks:

Rec'd July

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~~See Chapman Roll~~
~~No. 57.~~

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Tom Sanders

Make inquiry
with relation
Nancy Bradford
all 21st Reg

Nancy Bradford

No. 3

EASTERN CHEROKEES.

APPLICATION

OF

Nancy Bradford

For share of money appropriated for the Eastern
Cherokee Indians by the Act of Congress approved
June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decrees of the
Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906.

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INDIAN OFFICE
EASTERN CHEROKEES.
Rec AUG 30 1906
No.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby make application for such share as may be due me of the fund appropriated by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decrees of the Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906, in favor of the Eastern Cherokees. The evidence of identity is herewith subjoined.

1. State full name—

English name:

Nancy Bradford.

Indian name:

Nancy Sanders

2. Residence:

of 904 Wright Heist Bldg.

3. Town and post office:

Kansas City, Missouri

4. County:

Jackson

5. State:

Missouri

6. Date and place of birth:

Liberty, Woodford Co. Kentucky June 22, 1835

7. By what right do you claim to share? If you claim through more than one relative living

in 1851, set forth each claim separately:

Tom Sanders
was applicants father.

8. Are you married?

No. - husband deceased.

9. Name and age of wife or husband:

10. Give names of your father and mother, and your mother's name before marriage.

Father—English name:

Indian name:

Tom Sanders.

Mother—English name:

Indian name:

Maiden name:

Mary Sanders.

Mary Samuels.

11. Where were they born?

Father:

Do not know.

Mother:

Kentucky

12. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time?

Father:

do not know, but thinks in Kentucky

Mother:

was then dead

13. Date of death of your father and mother—

Father:

unknown

Mother:

about 1851

14. Were they ever enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and where: not to applicants knowledge

15. Name all your brothers and sisters, giving ages, and if not living, the date of death:

	NAME	BORN	DIED
(1)	<u>Lucy Malone</u>	<u>unknown</u>	<u>unknown</u>
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

16. State English and Indian names of your grandparents on both father's and mother's side, if possible:

FATHER'S SIDE	MOTHER'S SIDE
<u>unknown</u>	<u>unknown</u>

17. Where were they born? unknown

18. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time? unknown

19. Give names of all their children, and residence, if living; if not living, give dates of death:

(1) English name:	<u>unknown</u>
Indian name:	
Residence:	
(2) English name:	
Indian name:	
Residence:	
(3) English name:	
Indian name:	
Residence:	
(4) English name:	
Indian name:	
Residence:	
(5) English name:	
Indian name:	
Residence:	

20. Have you ever been enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and where: No

21. To expedite identification, claimants should give the full English and Indian names, if possible, of their paternal and maternal ancestors back to 1835:

Nothing additional.

REMARKS.

(Under this head the applicant may give any additional information that he believes will assist in proving his claims.)

Applicant is very old, and has to trust memory principally for facts. Has not seen her father for more than fifty years.

NOTE.—Answers should be brief but explicit; the words "Yes," "No," "Unknown," etc., may be used in cases where applicable. Read the questions carefully.

I solemnly swear that the foregoing statements made by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witness to her mark

Pink Patterson
G. G. Wright

(Signature.)

Nancy Bradford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27th* day of *Aug*, 1906.

My commission expires

March 4th 1907

Geo. G. Wright
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT.

(The following affidavit must be sworn to by two or more witnesses who are well acquainted with the applicant.)

Personally appeared before me *Pink Patterson* and *Allie Martin*, who, being duly sworn, on oath depose and say that they are well acquainted with *Nancy Bradford*, who makes the foregoing application and statements, and have known *her* for *14* years and *18* years, respectively, and know *her* to be the identical person *she* represents *herself* to be, and that the statements made by *her* are true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and they have no interest whatever in *her* claim.

Witnesses to mark.

Signatures of witnesses.

Pink Patterson
Allie Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27th* day of *August*, 1906.

My commission expires

March 4th 1907

Geo. G. Wright
Notary Public.

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EASTERN CHEROKEES.

Appln. No. 3.

September 1, 1906.

Nancy Bradford,

Care G. G. Wright,

Heist Building, Kansas City, Mo.

Madam:-

In the matter of your application for participation in the fund arising from the judgment of the Court of Claims in favor of the Eastern Cherokees, please state the full name of your husband, giving his English name and his Indian name, if known.

When did he die and was he an Indian, and if so, to which tribe of Indians did he belong?

Where were you living in 1851 and by what name were you then known?

In what year did you move west from Kentucky, and to what point did you first move?

With whom did you so remove?

You should state fully any further information you may have which will serve to connect you with the Eastern Cherokees.

An immediate reply is requested.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

GM/JRH

State of Missouri
County of Jackson } S.S.

Nancy Bradford of Lawful age
being duly sworn upon her oath states
that she is the Nancy Bradford named in
Application Numbered three (3) Eastern Cherokees,
Affiant states that her husband was
named Albert Bradford and that he
was not an Indian; that he died
about 1865 A.D.; that she came
to Kearney, Clay County, Missouri about
1844 A.D., with the family of Fielding
Samuels, direct from Kentucky, and
that she lived there in 1851 A.D. under
the name of Nancy Bradford.

Affiant makes this oath upon
her best memory and belief

Nancy ^{her} Bradford
mark

Subscribed and sworn to
this 8th day of September A.D. 1906.
(witnesses to her mark)

Albert Bradford
Fred Sims

Geo. M. Wright
Notary Public
my term expires
March 4th 1907.

Eastern Cherokees - appl. No 3.

Law Office
G. G. Wright,
Hest Building,
724 Main St.

Notary in Office.
Phone 1332 Main.

Kansas City, Mo., **May 15, 1907.**

Mr. Guyon Miller,
S. C. of C. C. ,
601 Ouray Bldg.,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Yours in re Nancy Bradford claim is at hand and responsive to the same this lady died about two weeks ago and she has, I think, eight living children, who desire you to further prosecute this claim. Kindly advise me at your earliest convenience what further steps are necessary in this behalf, and send me such blanks as may be required and I shall be glad to furnish you with such evidence etc. as may be required so far as we may be able to obtain.

Very truly yours,

G. G. Wright

App. #3.

June 100, 1907.

G. G. Wright,
724 Main Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Sir:-

Your letter of May 15, 1907, relative to the claim of Nancy Bradford for participation in the Eastern Cherokee fund, is at hand.

In reply you are advised that the guardian, or person having the care and custody of the minor children, should file a supplemental application in their behalf, and the children who are of age should file separate applications.

A supplemental application blank and two original application blanks are inclosed. If more are required they will be furnished on request.

Very respectfully,

Special Commissioner.

NLC.

3 inclosures.

Law Office
G. G. Wright,
Heist Building,
724 Main St.

Natney in Office.
Phone 1332 Main.

#3.
Kansas City, Mo., June 22, 1907.

Guion Miller,
601 Ouray Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter relative to the Nancy Bradford claim in re Eastern Cherokee fund was by me duly received and the contents noted. In response to the same will say there are eight children all of whom are past twenty-one years of age, and there are no minors, to participate in this fund, Nancy Bradford having died a few months ago.

Kindly send me application blanks, such as may be necessary for each of these parties, and I will fill out the same and send them to you at an early date.

Very truly yours,
(Signature)

Appl. #3.

November 16, 1907.

Nancy Bradford,
Care G. G. Wright,
Heist Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Madam:—

Relative to your application for participation in the fund arising from the judgment of the Court of Claims in favor of the Eastern Cherokees, please state where your father was born and where you were born. Also state where your father lived during your childhood. Were your father and mother slaves? Were you a slave? Was your father a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in 1835? If so, state where he lived at that time.

Very respectfully,

Special Commissioner.

CHB/ALS

Law Office
G. Goodson Wright,
842 N. Y. Life Building

Notary in Office
Phone 195 Mo

Mr. Guion Miller.

Kansas City, Mo. Nov. 19th 1907.

Special Commissioner,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:--

Your communication addressed to Nancy Bradford, in care of my office, is at hand and responsive to the same, I will call to your mind that Nancy Bradford is dead, and that her children are prosecuting the claim started by her for apportionment of the allotment to the Eastern Cherokee Indians.

I think this information was sent to your office before after we had received a special communication asking for it, but I give the same to you as I have it.

Nancy Bradford was born near Louisville, Kentucky.

Do not know where her Father was born.

Her Father lived near Louisville, Kentucky, for several years of her childhood. Her Father was not a slave. Her Mother was, and Nancy Bradford was also a slave.

Tom Sanders, father of Nancy Bradford was a Cherokee Indian in 1835 and lived near Louisville, Kentucky about that time.

Very truly yours,
Attorney for claimants.

Law Office

*G. Goodson Wright,
842 N. W. Life Building*

Notary in Office

Phones 195 Main

Kansas City, Mo. June 26, 1908.

Mr. Guion Miller,
Special commissioner,
601 Ouray Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly inform me what has been done with the claim
of Nancy Bradford, an Eastern Cherokee Claimant, application
No. 43958, and oblige.

Yours truly,
G. Goodson Wright

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App. No. 3 & 43958.

June 29, 1908.

C. C. Wright,

842 N. Y. Life Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 26, 1908, relative to the applications of Nancy Bradford and children for participation in the Eastern Cherokee Fund, you are advised that these applications have been given a preliminary examination but they have not been finally acted upon.

More than 44,000 applications have been filed and in many instances testimony will have to be taken locally in order to obtain the necessary information to pass upon the claims. Some of this testimony has already been taken and several parties are now engaged upon this work, but it will necessarily take considerable time to complete the taking of testimony and the final adjudication of the claims.

If we are unable to reach a conclusion as to these cases the claimants will be notified to appear before one of my assistants at some convenient point to furnish the additional testimony required.

Very respectfully,

Special Commissioner.

NLC

By

Chief Clerk.

No. 4,

Action: *Reject*

Name *Wm. J. K. Lawson* and *6* children. Residence: *Bigfall, Tenn.*

Reasons:

*Nephew of G. B. and Claims through the
same source.*

#4

Wm. born in 1842 in
Hancock Co. Tenn.
Residence of parents
& grand-parents
in Hancock Co.,
Tenn. in territory
that was ceded by the
Cherokees as early as
1775 - & fully 75 -
miles from Cherokee
domain & in 1835.

See answer to letter

No. 4

EASTERN CHEROKEES.

APPLICATION

OF

Wm J. K. Lawson.

For share of money appropriated for the Eastern
Cherokee Indians by the Act of Congress approved
June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decrees of the
Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906.

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INDIAN OFFICE
EASTERN CHEROKEES.

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No.

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby make application for such share as may be due me of the fund appropriated by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decrees of the Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906, in favor of the Eastern Cherokees. The evidence of identity is herewith subjoined.

1. State full name—
English name: William J. K. Lawson
Indian name: Benge
2. Residence: Big Fall
3. Town and post office: Big Fall
4. County: Hancock
5. State: Tennessee
6. Date and place of birth: January 12 - 1842 Big Fall Tenn.
7. By what right do you claim to share? If you claim through more than one relative living in 1851, set forth each claim separately: my great grand father
Drewry Lawson and my great grandmother
Hannah Lawson a half brother to chief
Cherokee and his wife and his wife's mother
a Cherokee Indian Woman
8. Are you married? Yes
9. Name and age of wife or husband: My age is 64 years; my
wife Elizabeth 51 years
10. Give names of your father and mother, and your mother's name before marriage.
Father—English name: Drewry Lawson
Indian name: Benge
Mother—English name: Aley B. Datson
Indian name: None
Maiden name: given since above
11. Where were they born?
Father: July 13. 1813 ? in Hancock County Tenn.
Mother: - 1815) Do Do
12. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time?
Father: Big Fall Hancock County Tenn
Mother: " " " Do
13. Date of death of your father and mother—
Father: Aug. 16. 1897 Mother: January 6 1856.

14. Were they ever enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and where: unknown

15. Name all your brothers and sisters, giving ages, and if not living, the date of death:

NAME	BORN	DIED
(1) <u>Thos. Lanson</u>	<u>born March 19 1846</u>	<u>dead</u>
(2) <u>Isom Lanson</u>	<u>born July 12 - 1848</u>	<u>dead</u>
(3) <u>Elisha Lanson</u>	<u>born March 22 1850</u>	<u>dead</u>
(4) <u>Elizabeth Lanson</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>died Sept. 4 1848 dead</u>
(5) <u>Lea Jesse Lanson</u>	<u>"Don't Know"</u>	<u>died January 1856 dead</u>
(6) <u>Mary Virginia Sutton</u>	<u>half sister born Oct. 7 - 1862</u>	<u>living</u>
<u>Mary V. Hatfield</u>	<u>was born Dec. 2 1874</u>	<u>living</u>

16. State English and Indian names of your grandparents on both father's and mother's side, if possible:

FATHER'S SIDE	MOTHER'S SIDE
<u>Nathaniel Lanson</u>	<u>Don't Know on</u>
<u>Benge on Father's</u>	<u>mother's side</u>
<u>Side</u>	
<u>Lanson Sr.</u>	

Sr. & father - Drew

17. Where were they born?

in grand parents in Hainish
County Tenn near Bigfall Tenn

18. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time?

They were not both
living Grandfather dead Grandmother
living near Bigfall Tenn

19. Give names of all their children, and residence, if living; if not living, give dates of deaths:

my grand father's children
Lanson

(1) English name:	<u>Benge</u>
Indian name:	
Residence:	<u>all gone West but one</u>
(2) English name:	<u>Robin Lanson</u>
Indian name:	<u>Benge</u>
Residence:	<u>Big fall Tenn</u>

(3) English name:	
Indian name:	
Residence:	

(4) English name:	
Indian name:	
Residence:	

(5) English name:	
Indian name:	
Residence:	

20. Have you ever been enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and where.

May 20 1893 or 1894 here at this place
myself and children were enrolled here if my Aft. did
it.

21. To expedite identification, claimants should give the full English and Indian names, if possible, of their paternal and maternal ancestors back to 1835:

I have done so in the foregoing the best I could -

REMARKS.

(Under this head the applicant may give any additional information that he believes will assist in proving his claims.)

My Uncle Robin Lawson went to his Grand father Benje 64 years ago on Big Sandy river Ky and stayed with them all winter with his connection there and they persuaded him and his wife and 3 children to not come back to the whites people

NOTE.—Answers should be brief but explicit; the words "Yes," "No," "Unknown," etc., may be used in cases where applicable. Read the questions carefully.

I solemnly swear that the foregoing statements made by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature.) *William J. K. Lawson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27* day of *Aug.*, 1906.

My commission expires

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J. M. Campbell

Notary Public.

*Sneeceville
Kennessee*

AFFIDAVIT.

(The following affidavit must be sworn to by two or more witnesses who are well acquainted with the applicant.)

Personally appeared before me *William J. K. Lawson* and
who, being duly sworn, on oath depose and
say that they are well acquainted with *William J. K. Lawson*, who makes the
foregoing application and statements, and have known *him* for *25* years and _____ years,
respectively, and know *him* to be the identical person *he* represents _____ to be, and
that the statements made by *him* are true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and
they have no interest whatever in *This* claim.

Witnesses to oath.

Signatures of witnesses.

*Wm. Campbell
J. H. Harrison*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *27th* day of *August*, 1906.

My commission expires

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J. M. Campbell

Notary Public.

*Sneeceville
Kennessee*

NOTE.—Affidavits should be made, whenever practicable, before a notary public, clerk of the court, or before a person having a seal. If sworn to before an Indian agent or disbursing agent of the Indian service, it need not be executed before a notary, etc.

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

Notary Public.

My commission expires April 17, 1910.

NOTE.—Affidavits should be made, whenever practicable, before a notary public or clerk of the court. If sworn to before an Indian agent or disbursing agent of the Indian service, it need not be executed before a notary, etc.

No. 4

EASTERN CHEROKEES.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

OF

William F. Luman
FOR MINOR CHILDREN

For share of money appropriated for the Eastern Cherokee Indians by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decrees of the Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906.

Supplemental Application for Minor Children

Special Commissioner of the Court of Claims,
601 O'neal Building, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby make application for such share as may be due my minor children of the fund appropriated by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decree of the Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906, in favor of the Eastern Cherokees, and I ask that this be made part of my original application No. 4

1. State your full name: William H. Lawson
2. Residence and post office: Bigfall
3. County: Hancock
4. State: Vermont
5. Date and place of birth: born in 1842 near Bigfall
6. Are you married? yes
7. Name and age of wife or husband: Elizabeth B. Lawson born near Bigfall
8. To what tribe of Indians, if any, does he or she belong? none
9. Names of all your children who were living on May 28, 1906:

	NAME.	AGE.	BORN.
(1)	Charley B. Lawson	20 years	1887
(2)	Barrett V. Lawson	18	1889
(3)	Era G. Lawson	15	1892
(4)	Thomas Lawson	12	1894
(5)	James W. Lawson	10	1897
(6)	Dylan L. Lawson	6	1900

10. Were they ever enrolled for money, annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and where, and with what tribe of Indians: They were all enrolled as Cherokee

REMARKS

(Under this head the applicant may give any additional facts which will assist in proving his claim.)

my Great Grandfather Drury Lawson a half brother to Chief Cherokee Indian Ben and his wife Hannah Lawson said to be a Cherokee Indian woman

I solemnly swear that the foregoing statements made by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature) William H. Lawson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of

1907.

My Commission expires

Notary Public.

April 7, 1907

Indians that was found in May 1892 to 1893. my record was to
 I paid Mr. C. B. Johnson \$200 to find out - Bigfall, Vermont

AFFIDAVIT

(The following affidavit must be sworn to by two or more witnesses who are well acquainted with the applicant.)

Personally appeared before me Robert Hensley and

Harry L. Green who, being duly sworn, on oath depose

and say that they are well acquainted with William J. Lawson who makes the

foregoing application and statement, and have known him for 15 years and 40 years,

respectively, and know him to be the identical person he represents himself to be, and that

on May 28, 1906, he had the children living as above set forth, and that the statements made by

him are true, and they have no interest whatever in this claim.

Witnesses to Mark.

Signatures of Witnesses.

Robert Hensley

Harry L. Green

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

B. F. Campbell

Notary Public.

My commission expires April 17, 1908.

NOTE.—Affidavits should be made, whenever practicable, before a notary public or clerk of the court. If sworn to before an Indian agent or disbursing agent of the Indian service, it need not be executed before a notary, etc.

No. 4

EASTERN CHEROKEES.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

OF

FOR MINOR CHILDREN

William J. Lawson

For share of money appropriated for the Eastern Cherokee Indians by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decrees of the Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906.

Eastern Cherokee

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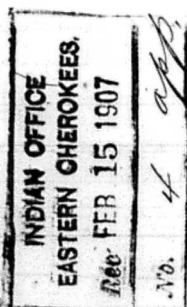
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs
at Washington D.C.
Should there be any more proof
needed in my case I would be
glad to be allowed to make it.

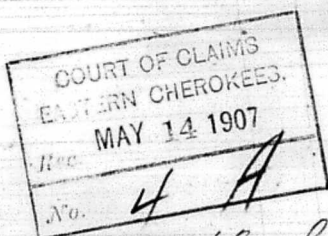
Some 16 years ago I met with an
Indian Doctor at Knoxville Tenn. he lived
near Clinton Tenn. he took me by the
hand took me to one side of the by crowd
and asked me if I knewed that I was part
Indian. I told him that my Great Grand-
father was a half brother to Chief Cherokee
Indian Benge. my Great Grandmother was
said to be a Cherokee Indian woman.

he said he knewed that I was part
Indian by my cheek bones and by
my features. Some of my connection
from my Great Grandfather down to
my own family shows the Indian
Blood. one of my boys looks to be one
fourth Indian. one of my girls looks to
be one eighth Indian. Each in color and
features. Remember my case is on the
Rolls - no-4: } Gross Vermy Truly
Wm H. Lawson

Here is my name in full William H. Lawson
our Enemies has thrown up Indian to us but
since I can be proved untill to day Wm H. Lawson

Chief Cherokee Indian Benge was
killed about 35 Miles from Bigfall
in the Gorge of the Cumberland
Mountain by a Man by the name
of Hobbs or Cobb. the Governor of Virginia
made him a present of a Gun that
cost one Hundred Dollars for killing Benge
William A. T. Lawren





May 10 - 07
W. J. R. Lawsons
Big fall,
Tenn

Exp. Ref. 7.00

File

Beckall Garrison Nov 10-1891
Horn- & Co. Boston, Mass.
Do any of the following
Please write me back
to the same address

Please answer these questions
and give me a list of the
books you have sent to me
I am getting old and childless
and I am very lonely

Eastern Chiroptera?
clame no 4-3

Bigfall Tenn. Aug-5 (1907)
U.S. court of claims -
office of Special Commissioner
- One Building Washington D.C.

sirs: as I am liable not to live
many days with you beyond
enough to get a claim - if there
is more proof needed in my case.

please let me know as soon
as you can return these claims
will be paid off - enclosed find
stamp for return - I am

Yours truly
J. H. [unclear]

App. # 4.

August 10, 1907.

W. J. R. Lawson,
Bigfall,
Tennessee.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of August 5, 1907, you are advised that the applications for participation in the Eastern Cherokee fund have not been taken up for final consideration, as the Court of Claims in its order of April 29, 1907, has extended the time for the filing of applications to August 31, 1907, and until the applications have all been filed it will be impossible to give final consideration to any of them, or to state how much each successful claimant will receive.

As there are already over 32,000 applications on file and the claimants are widely scattered through the United States, it will necessarily take considerable time to have all of these cases adjudicated, and until they are so determined no money can be distributed.

If there is any further information required in connection with your application you will be advised.

Very respectfully,

NLC.

Special Commissioner.

CBA/B
Appl. #4

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS,
EASTERN CHEROKEE ENROLLMENT,
601 OURAY BUILDING,
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

November 16, 1907.

Wm. J. K. Lawson,
Big Falls, Tenn.

Sir:

Relative to your application for participation in the fund arising from the judgment of the Court of Claims in favor of the Eastern Cherokees, please state full Indian and English names of Nathaniel Lawson, Drewry Lawson and "Chief Cherokee Indian Senge". Please state full English and Indian names of your grandfather on your father's side. Was your father a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in 1835? Did he live with the tribe at that time?

Very respectfully,

Grani Miller,
Special Commissioner.

*N-B-
I have answered the above
inquiries just as I would under
oath provided I was going to judgment
CBH/ALS To My Very Respect —
W. J. K. Lawson*

Appl. #4

November 16, 1906.

Wm. J. K. Lawson,
Big Falls, Tenn.

Sir:

Relative to your application for participation in the fund arising from the judgment of the Court of Claims in favor of the Eastern Cherokees, please state full Indian and English names of Nathaniel Lawson, Drewry Lawson and "Chief Cherokee Indian Benge". Please state full English and Indian names of your grandfather on your father's side. Was your father a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in 1835? Did he live with the tribe at that time?

Very respectfully,

Special Commissioner.

CBH/ALS

special corner of the coast of clams
in reply to Washington D.C.
goers dated 15-3-1882

Native of Lawrence, my grandfather
He was said to be a like the Indian
Norman his English name was Little
Lion. His father was John. His
His Indian name was Big Bear.

This same Nathaniel is
my Father Dr. J. J. White.

During Lord's life Matt Lane was
Born in 1860. He was a member
of the Abenaki Tribe in 1935.
on the Lake Umbagog Reservation
after his death he was buried
in The Grange of our Mother Church
Lands in 1935.

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Cherokee crossed the Cherokee
Mountain during Lausson's
grandfather Nathaniel Lausson
failed to go with them -
He & his wife & children

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and was quite good. I shot
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APP. #4.

February 25, 1908.

William J. K. Lawson,
Big Four, Tenn.

Sir:-

Relative to your application for participation in the fund arising from the judgment of the Court of Claims in favor of the Eastern Cherokees, can you furnish us with the names and correct addresses of witnesses who will testify to the fact that your father was a recognized member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in 1835-6, and was a party to the treaty of that date? Also, if possible, state any evidence you may have or may be able to secure, tending to establish the above mentioned facts.

Very respectfully,

Special Agent in Charge.

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SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS,

EASTERN CHEROKEE ENROLLMENT,

601 OURAY BUILDING,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 25, 1908.

contd.
App. #4

William J. K. Lawson,

Bigfall ~~Bigfall~~, Tenn.

Sir:-

Relative to your application for participation in the fund arising from the judgment of the Court of Claims in favor of the Eastern Cherokees, can you furnish us with the names and correct addresses of witnesses who will testify to the fact that your father was a recognized member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians in 1835-6, and was a party to the treaty of that date? Also, if possible, state any evidence you may have or may be able to secure, tending to establish the above mentioned facts.

Very respectfully,

Guion Miller

Special Commissioner.

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Eastern Church Enrollment

601 only Building

Washington D.C. 8-10

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Bigall Tenn - April 8th 1908

spirit house of the coast of Alaska Washington D.C.

in answer to yours dated Feb. 25th 1908 herewith

Ever since I heard Ralph Hatfield call my father

Nathaniel Lanyon & Daniel Indare on my Father's

Death Bird ^{Wyller's} ~~Wyller's~~ ^{Lansons} ~~Lansons~~ ^{Long} ~~Long ^{Sidney} ~~Sidney ^{Hopkins} ~~Hopkins~~ -
About the year 1855, I was very small.~~~~

Don't know exactly when my feather came to

Bigall but I suppose he came from 1835 to 1836.

My first education is my father & Mother

and my brother-in-law, the Duke of Albuquer

consider North Carolina, and my granddaughters

Drum Larkin was a tall, thin fellow.

Storing Lenses in Glass or Plastic Containers - A warning
about storing lenses in glass or plastic containers.

that is true. This is a Wasp. I b:

that as soon as there is a Washington Liaison Committee, I will be glad to meet with you.

[Faint handwritten notes at the bottom of the page]

Shrook's Island on the 1st of Sept. 1890
1st of Sept. 1890

be a little enclosed for you and your
family. I hope you will like it.

Indian Rd. to Green Springs, Tenn. 1891

Being taken in the 14th Sept. 1891

[illegible]

most of the ...

Indian Territory, July 17, 1890.

Bellevue, N. Y. 1890

Carex acutifolia - *Carex flacca*

at the same time, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* has published a similar article, and the *British Medical Journal* has also published a similar article.

Sept 1901 by Mr. [illegible]

Chief Cherokee Indian Berger
was killed in the Gap of the
Cumberland Mountains about 25 to
35 Miles of Bigfall and he and
my Grandfather visited one
another until Berger was killed
Killing 9.

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perhaps you think strange of men
giving you the names of other witnesses
all the same in men of our descendants
is dead or gone must expect that
Robert my self & myself - our Grand
Fathers & my Father having been from
Cherokee County North Carolina we
suppose they were all present to the
treaty of 1835-1836 we understand
the Cherokee people & personally were
from Virginia Chief Cherokee Indian
Bryce was killed in the fall of 1836
by the Cherokee people
50 miles of the Cherokee people
Bryce was killed in the fall of 1836
by the Cherokee people

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W. H. Lannon
Big Falls
Eastern Cherokees
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#4. J. P.

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Big Falls Tenn. April 24 1888
W. H. Lannon of Claiborne Washington D.C.
Res. Mr. Lannon Myself and C. H. Lannon
Dorsey Lannon of Claiborne Tenn. Lannon
Tenn. are as East. were, that
Dorsey Lannon is (greatly) the
was Chief Brother to Chief Lannon
Lannon was a white man who
was a father. They are best judges
that Dorsey Lannon was a white
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The undersigned affiant
has taken the oath and will be
true to the same. I am a white man
and I am a white man. I am a
white man. I am a white man.
I am a white man. I am a white
man. I am a white man. I am a
white man. I am a white man.

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W. B. Lawson
Eastern Cherokee
Bigfall Tenn
Claim # - 4 -

U. S. Court of Claims
Over Building Washington D. C.
I have ben down with ciastick
Rhenmatisam nearly 4 years
just getting up again. my mind
is weak as well as boddy. I have
no edia what you require of me
Last, if not too late I would love
to correct my applycation. when
I made my applycation I was
told by older persons than myself
Capt. P. M. Harris of Sneedville Tenn
that my Grandpamane all come from
Virginia. but after enquiring closely
I learn that my Great Grandfather
Gideon Lawson Sr. and my Grand
father Nathan Lawson both come
from Cherokee county North Carolina
the remainder of my Grandpamane
on my Mother side did come
from Virginia. I also hear that
my Great Grand Mother Sarah
Potts Lawson was a Cherokee
Indian woman. please be kind
enough to advise ^{me} what to do
by Return Mail about this Matter
I am yours very Respt. W. B. Lawson

Chief Charles T. Bengt ^{1/2 hrs.} Drewy Lawson Sr.

Drewy Lawson (Bengt)

Natal Lawson (Bengt)

✓ John Sutton

Drewy Lawson (1813)

✓ Robbin Lawson

Wth J. K. Lawson (1842)

✓ Eliza R. Lawson

John T. "

Drewy "

Alvin T. "

Geo. W. "

Wth Sutton

Mary Lawson

No. 5

Action: Rejected

Name William Waters, deceased and X children. Residence: Madison, Ga.

Reasons:

Maria Waters wife,

Claimant died Nov. 6 '06. He was a colored man but it is said was not a slave. He was born in 1826. He was not enrolled in 1851, & cannot name his parents or grand-parents - There is nothing in the case to justify his enrollment.

Tenn. Madison Co.

No. 5

Name William Waters

With No (has died since
filing application)

Remarks:

Wife Moriah

Applicant born in 1826 but
does not appear on roll.
^{or was} evidently a negro but
it is denied that he was a
slave.

Boyer & Boyer of Madison
Ga. are the attorneys.

Filed

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See letter from Atty

No. 5

EASTERN CHEROKEES.

APPLICATION

OF

William Waters

For share of money appropriated for the Eastern Cherokee Indians by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decrees of the Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906.

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INDIAN OFFICE
EASTERN CHEROKEES.

Rec AUG 31 1906

No.

Chas. P. Co. City
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Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby make application for such share as may be due me of the fund appropriated by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with the decrees of the Court of Claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906, in favor of the Eastern Cherokees. The evidence of identity is herewith subjoined.

1. State full name—
English name: *William Waters* (dead)
Indian name: *Unknown*
2. Residence: *Madison*
3. Town and post office: *Madison*
4. County: *Morgan*
5. State: *Georgia*
6. Date and place of birth: *Forsyth County, Ga. Date 1826*
7. By what right do you claim to share? If you claim through more than one relative living in 1851, set forth each claim separately:
By my own right
8. Are you married? *No*
9. Name and age of wife or husband: *Maria Waters age 85*
10. Give names of your father and mother, and your mother's name before marriage.
Father—English name: *Unknown*
Indian name: *Unknown*
Mother—English name: *Unknown*
Indian name: *Unknown*
Maiden name: *Unknown*
11. Where were they born?
Father: *Unknown*
Mother: *Unknown*
12. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time?
Father: *Unknown*
Mother: *Unknown*
13. Date of death of your father and mother—
Father: *Unknown* Mother: *Unknown*

14. Were they ever enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and where: Unknown

15. Name all your brothers and sisters, giving ages, and if not living, the date of death:

	NAME.	BORN.	DIED.
(1)	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
(2)	<u>Taniquie</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
(3)	<u>Betty</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

16. State English and Indian names of your grandparents on both father's and mother's side, if possible:

FATHER'S SIDE.	MOTHER'S SIDE.
<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>

17. Where were they born? Unknown

18. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time? Unknown

19. Give names of all their children, and residence, if living; if not living, give dates of deaths:

(1)	English name: <u>Unknown</u>
	Indian name: <u>"</u>
	Residence: <u>"</u>
(2)	English name: <u>"</u>
	Indian name: <u>"</u>
	Residence: <u>"</u>
(3)	English name: <u>"</u>
	Indian name: <u>"</u>
	Residence: <u>"</u>
(4)	English name: <u>"</u>
	Indian name: <u>"</u>
	Residence: <u>"</u>
(5)	English name: <u>"</u>
	Indian name: <u>"</u>
	Residence: <u>"</u>

20. Have you ever been enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and where. No

21. To expedite identification, claimants should give the full English and Indian names, if possible, of their paternal and maternal ancestors back to 1835:

Unknown

REMARKS.

(Under this head the applicant may give any additional information that he believes will assist in proving his claims.)

I was born in Georgia in 1836 and my parents left me when quite a small boy therefore I am unable to give but little information as to my relatives I was too small to remember names and dates

NOTE.—Answers should be brief but explicit; the words "Yes," "No," "Unknown," etc., may be used in cases where applicable. Read the questions carefully.

I solemnly swear that the foregoing statements made by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature)

William K. Stater

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *29* day of *August*, 1906.

My commission expires

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AFFIDAVIT.

(The following affidavit must be sworn to by two or more witnesses who are well acquainted with the applicant.)

Personally appeared before me *Jasper M. Griggs* and

....., who, being duly sworn, on oath depose and

say that they are well acquainted with *William K. Stater*, who makes the foregoing application and statements, and have known him for *30* years and *45* years, respectively, and know him to be the identical person he represents himself to be, and that the statements made by him are true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and they have no interest whatever in his claim.

Witnesses to mark.

Jasper M. Griggs
Josiah Cohen

Signatures of witnesses.

Jasper M. Griggs
R. L. Lacroix

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *29* day of *August*, 1906.

My commission expires

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NOTE.—Affidavits should be made, whenever practicable, before a notary public, clerk of the court, or before a person having a seal. If sworn to before an Indian agent or disbursing agent of the Indian service, it need not be executed before a notary, etc.

INDIAN OFFICE
EASTERN CHEROKEES
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No. 5 app

FOSTER & FOSTER

Attorneys at Law

MADISON, - GEORGIA

January 28th 1907.

In re: application of W^m Waters for participation in fund arising from judgment of Court of Claims in favor of Eastern Cherokees.
Application # 5.

Hon. W^m M. Howard M.C.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Howard -

Some several months ago W^m Waters, - a Cherokee Indian resident in this County - filed his application for participation in fund arising from judgment of Court of Claims in favor of Eastern Cherokees. Waters died on November 6th 1906 and his widow - Maria Waters - has employed me to look after this claim for her. She has, with an acknowledgment - addressed to W^m Waters - from the Office of Indian Affairs Dept of the Interior - of the receipt of his application, and the information that it had been made

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Albert G. Foster

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Attorneys at Law

MADISON, - GEORGIA

"Application #5" and would be considered
in its order. Will you kindly take
up this application with the office of
Indian Affairs and write me what is
its present status and what is the amount
due Waters up to Nov. 6-1906? also if
his wife could draw any pension after his
death. I have told her it was my opinion
that she could not but it seems that
some one has told her she could.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest
convenience I am

Truly Yours,
W. H. Foster

Enclosed I send you receipt of application

EASTERN CHEROKEES.

App. No. 5.

January 31, 1907.

Hon. Wm. M. Howard,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In response to your personal inquiry of today, relative to the letter of Mr. A. G. Foster of Madison, Georgia, bearing date of January 28, 1907, and addressed to you, in which he asks for information relative to the Eastern Cherokee application of William Waters, I have the honor to state that said application was duly filed in this Office on August 31, 1906, and the letter of Mr. Foster's will be filed with the same for reference.

Mr. Foster calls attention to the fact that the said William Waters died in November last, and wishes to know whether or not his widow will be entitled to a portion of the share that the said William Waters would have been entitled to.

The claim of the said William Waters has not yet been adjudicated but if it is found to be good his share would go to his legal representatives under the terms of the decree of the Court of Claims, and therefore, his widow would be entitled to her portion under the law. At this

#2--Hon. Wm. M. Howard:

time it would not be necessary for her to take out letters of Administration, but it would be well for her to file a letter setting forth the date of the death of her husband, and the names and post office addresses of his children, if he had any. This letter would be filed with his application and she will be notified if any further proofs are required.

For your further information an Eastern Cherokee poster is, herewith, inclosed.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

GM:NEC.

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EASTERN CHEROKEES.

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Albert G. Foster

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MADISON, - GEORGIA

February 19th 1907.

Department of the Interior,

Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C.

Mr. C. F. Larrabee, Acting Commissioner,

Dear Sir:-

In re: Application of William Waters for participation in fund arising from judgment of Court of Claims in favor of Eastern Cherokees Application #5.

On Jan. 28th last I wrote Hon. Wm. M. Howard, representative of this the 8th Ga. Congressional Dist., in regard to the status of the above stated application. In his reply under date of Feby. 2nd. he enclosed yours of Jan. 31st addressed to him in which you advise that it would be well for Mariah Waters, the widow of William Waters, to file a letter setting forth the death of her husband, and the names and post office addresses of his children, if any, with the further statement that this letter would be filed with the application of William Waters and that she would be notified if any further proofs were required.

Mariah Waters has employed me to look after this claim for her. She is now in my office and informs me that William Waters died on Nov. 6th 1906 and that William Waters left no children. The author has information that William Waters had an illegitimate daughter, now dead, but he never recognized her legally. He married Mariah Waters in slavery time and recognized and lived with her as his wife to the day of his death and from this alliance no child was ever born.

Will you kindly advise me when this application will be adjudicated and if approved what amount will his estate be entitled to? Mariah Waters

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Albert G. Foster

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Attorneys at Law

MADISON, - GEORGIA

is in distressed financial circumstances and if this application of her deceased husband is just and right, is there anything I can do to hasten its adjudication?.

Hoping for a reply at your earliest convenience, I am,

Respectfully Yours,

A. G. Foster.

EASTERN CHEROKEES.

App. No. 5.

February 25, 1907.

Mr. A. G. Foster,
Madison,
Georgia.

Sir:-

Your letter of February 19, 1907, relative to the Eastern Cherokee Application of Mariah Waters, on behalf of her husband, William Waters, is at hand.

It is only possible to advise that it is impossible for this Office to tell at this time when these claims will be finally adjudicated, or just what each share will amount to, if approved.

A number of legal questions have been referred to the Court of Claims for further adjudication and until that court has disposed of these questions nothing definite can be stated.

Very respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

GM:NIG.

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November 16, 1907.

William Waters,
Madison, Ga.

Sir:

Relative to your application for participation in the fund arising from the judgment of the Court of Claims in favor of the Eastern Cherokees, we beg to inform you that your name does not appear upon either the roll of 1835 or the rolls of 1851. Please state the names of your parents. Were they living in 1851? If so, where did they reside? Do you claim through your father's or mother's side. Was your father or mother a slave? Were you a slave?

Can you furnish us with evidence tending to establish the fact that your parents or grandparents were recognized members of the Eastern Cherokee tribe of Indians at the date of the Treaty of 1835-6 or 1846, or were descendants of such persons, and were not affiliated with any other tribe of Indians other than the Eastern Cherokees or the Cherokee Nation. If so, please state what the evidence is, and send us the names and correct addresses of any witnesses who will testify to that effect.

Very respectfully,

Special Commissioner.

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Returned to Writer.

William Waters,

Madison, Ga.

App. #5

February 25, 1908.

Messrs. Foster & Foster,
Madison, Ga.

Sirs:-

Relative to the application filed by William Waters, who you state in your letter of February 19, 1907 died on November 6, 1906, please state whether the said Waters was a slave of white people or of the Cherokees. Who was he owned by in 1851? Please state whether William Waters' wife is living at the present time, and whether she is the only one entitled to share in his estate.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

Special Commissioner.

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Rec.	MAR. 10 1908
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*James
Huskins*

Dea. Sir:-
 4001 City
 Union Hill, N.C.

My dear Sir:-
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. in relation to the claim of the Eastern Cherokee Indians for the land they occupied in the State of North Carolina. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the investigation. I am sure that the Government will do all in its power to satisfy your claim. I am sure that the Government will do all in its power to satisfy your claim. I am sure that the Government will do all in its power to satisfy your claim.

Frederick C. Foster

Albert G. Foster

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MADISON, - GEORGIA

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March 7th 1908.

App. #5.

Mr. Guion Miller, Special Commissioner,
#601 Ouray Bldg., Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Our circuit court has been in session for the past week and engagements in it has delayed an earlier reply to your esteemed favor of the 26th of Feby., in re: application William Waters.

Replying to your several inquiries I beg to inform you that Mariah Waters, the widow of William Waters, tells me, and her information is correct so far as I am able to learn, that William Waters was neither a slave of white people or of the Cherokee Indians. Mariah Waters, the legal and lawful wife of William Waters, is living in this County and is the only person entitled to share in his estate. She is aged and very feeble and if she is justly entitled to any money in accordance with the decision by the Court of Awards, we, as her representatives in this matter, will appreciate any effort you may deem proper to make to put her into possession of it at an ^{early} ~~earlier~~ date as possible. This old woman has nothing that we know of, and we are informed by a reliable and trustworthy negro, of this County, that he affords her small sums of money from time to time to feed and maintain her.

Any further information that we can afford you in the premises please call upon us, and thanking you in advance, we are,

Very Respectfully,

Foster & Foster
Per F. C. Foster

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON

March 21, 1908.

Hon. Guion Miller,
601 Ouray Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I inclose herewith a letter from Mr. Alber G. Foster of
Madison, Georgia, on the subject of the present status of claim #5 of
William Waters, deceased, and represented by his widow, Mariah Waters.

I shall be greatly obliged for such reply as you care to make
to the inquiry.

Respectfully,

Wm. A. Howard

(Dictated.)
(Inclosure.)

M. C., Eighth District of Georgia.

App. No. 5.

March 25, 1908.

Honorable Wm. M. Howard,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter of March 21, 1908, inclosing a letter from Mr. A. G. Foster, of Madison, Georgia, relative to the application of William Waters, deceased, is at hand.

You are advised that from the evidence we have been able to gather, by correspondence, we are unable to connect William Waters, deceased, with the Eastern Cherokees. From information received we are inclined to believe that this party was a negro and not a Cherokee Indian, but his widow, Mariah Waters, states that he was never a slave.

This case has been marked for the field and will be given further consideration when our field party reaches Georgia.

Before this application can be approved it will be necessary for evidence to be furnished tending to establish the fact that the parents or grandparents of William Waters were recognized members of the Eastern Cherokee Tribe of Indians at the date of the Treaty of 1835-6 and 1846, or, are descendants of such persons.

When this application is reached for final examination

#2--W.M.H.

in the field Mariah Walters, or her attorney, will be notified.

Mr. Foster's letter is returned to you, herewith.

Very respectfully,

Special Commissioner.

By

Chief Clerk.

NLC.

1 inclosure.

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EASTERN CHEROKEES.
Rec. JUN 21 1909
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FREDERICK C. FOSTER, SR.

ALBERT G. FOSTER

FOSTER & FOSTER
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

MADISON, GA. June 19th 1909.

Mr. Guion Miller,
Special Commissioner,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In re:- Application #5 William Waters.

In this afternoon's Atlanta Journal is an article which says that some thirty odd thousand applicants claims for participation in the Eastern Cherokee fund had been approved and that quite a number of these applicants lived in this State. I write to inquire concerning the claim of William Waters #5.

I have your letter under date of March 23-1908 before me. This letter is addressed to Congressman Wm.M.Howard and forwarded by him to me. In this letter you say:- "From information received we are inclined to believe that this party was a negro and not a Cherokee Indian, but his widow, Mariah Waters, states that he was never a slave. This case has been marked for the field and will be given further consideration when our field party reaches Georgia. ~~When this application is reached for final~~ examination in the field Mariah Waters, or her attorney, will be notified."

I have never heard anything of this claim since your letter above referred to and quoted from. I am told by the oldest citizens of this County, where William Waters lived all his life, that he was a full blooded Cherokee Indian. I knew him myself and he certainly looked like an Indian and bore the reputation of

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ALBERT G. FOSTER

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MADISON. GA..

being one. His widow- Mariah Waters- is almost reduced to penury and is cared for by relatives and friends. If there is any flaw upon the title of Waters to participate in this fund I feel assured that it can be removed upon investigation. I devoutly believe that his claim of being a Cherokee Indian is grounded in truth and fact. If the claim has not been approved if you will kindly write me what is necessary for it to pass muster I will do my level best to obtain it.

I could myself make affidavit that Waters was not a negro. Whether or not he was a full blooded Cherokee I do not personally know as I am entirely too young. My father who is 63 years of age says that he has known or did know Waters all his life and he was never a slave and that he always regarded him as a full blooded Cherokee Indian.

Will you kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

A. G. Foster