

No. 6.

Action: Admitted.

Name Wiley Taylor

and: X children.

Residence:

*Marion, W. C.*  
~~Fryor Creek, Ohio.~~

Reasons:

Son of David Taylor and Mary "Polly" Taylor, nee Bigbee.

Applicant enrolled in Flint, #662, also Hester #1458.

David Taylor, applicant's father, enrolled on 1858 roll, page 23-  
and by Chapman, #1251.

Mother, Mary or Polly Taylor enrolled by Chapman, #1243.

Applicant was in the West in '51.

(See letter herein marked "Exhibit A").

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Name Wiley Taylor

With No.

28379

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No. 6

# EASTERN CHEROKEES.

APPLICATION

OF

*Wiley Taylor*

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

where: yes Roll 1835 & 1851 New Echota old Cherokee Nat J

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

	NAME.	BORN.	DIED.
	Thomas	William M	dead
dead	Elizabeth	Martha Ann	dead
	James M	John M	
	Catherine	Campbell H	
near	Andrew	Francis M	dead
dead	David	Mary Ann	

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.
Thomas Taylor	Catherine Big
James Bigby	and known
Yonah Woodskoo	

17. Where were they born? old Cherokee Nat Tenn

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

James Bigby Flint Dist Cherokee Nat J

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

(1) English name: Malinda Bigby

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

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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:

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? If you claim through more than one relative living

in 1851, set forth each claim separately: By being on the rolls of 1867

Mary Ann Taylor (mother) William M. Taylor  
+ Francis M. Taylor (brothers)

8. Are you married?

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:

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—

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Mother:



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

James Bigby & Catharine Bigby Grand Parents  
David & Mary Taylor

#### 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.)

Wiley Taylor

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

My commission expires

3/27, 1909

J M Watts

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 J Holt

and

L C Harrison

, who, being duly sworn, on oath depose and say that they are well acquainted with Wiley Taylor, who makes the foregoing application and statements, and have known him for 10 years and 10 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.

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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.



COURT OF CLAIMS  
EASTERN CHEROKEES.

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A F F I D A V I T

A true copy of David Taylor and Family, as made in 1876, in the State of Carolina, at Murphy, Cherokee County.

Claremore, I.T. September, 3rd 1906.

Names and ages of David Taylor's family.

David Taylor was born December, 16th 1791, died at Murphy, N.C. in September, 1877, Mary Taylor wife of David Taylor, was born August, 9th 1802, and died in the year of 1883, near Sweetwater, Tennessee.

David Taylor and his wife Mary Taylor, who was a half blood Cherokee Indian were married September, 11, 1817, near Morgantown, Tenn.,

1.....Thomas J. Taylor the olders son, was born June 14th 1818.

2.....Elizabeth Taylor, was born October 18th 1820.

3.....Catherina Taylor, was born March 2nd 1823.

4.....James Taylor was born October, 25th 1821.

5.....Andrew Taylor, was born October, 12th 1824.

6.....David Taylor, Jr. was born March 13th 1826.

7.....Wyle P. Taylor, was born October, 1st 1827.

8.....Mary J. Taylor, was born February 4th 1829.

9.....William M. Taylor, was born November, 30th 1833.

10.....Martha A. Taylor was born April 2nd 1835.

11.....John M. Taylor was born December, 26th 1836.

12.....Campbell H. Taylor, was born March 1st 1838.

13.....Francis M. Taylor, was born March 4th 1841.

The above is a correct ages of David Taylor's family who were of Eastern Cherokees Immigrants by blood.

*Grandson* John M. Taylor, Jr.,

A *son* of David now deceased.

Filed for Record September, 3rd 1906 at 10 A.M.

Recorded in Book, 17 Page 170. Claremore, I.T.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. )

Indian Territory, ) ss.

Northern District. )

\*\*\*\*\* I, M.W. Clift Deputy Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder for the Fourth Recording District of the Northern District of the Indian Territory do hereby certify that the above and foregoing copy of AFFIDAVIT is truly taken and correctly copied from the records and files of this office at Claremore, Indian Territory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Claremore, Indian Territory, this the 15th day of November, A.D. 1907.

*M.W. Clift*  
D.C. & Ex-O Rec. 4th Dist. I.T.



The  
New State Grocery  
Staple and Fancy Groceries

J. C. Whitaker, Proprietor  
Dryor Creek, Oklahoma

9/30-07

Mr Guion Miller

Washington D.C.,

Sir:-

I am one of the Eastern  
Cherokees, and I am 80 years old,  
and I am anxious to get what  
is due me from this money so I  
can get the benefit of it in my  
old age, so will you please in-  
form me about when I may  
look for it, also state the amount  
I will get, if you know.

Yours Truly  
Wiley Taylor

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State of North Carolina,  
Cherokee County.

I, Martha Ann Meroney, being first duly sworn, depose and say: I am 73 years of age according to the best of my knowledge, and I reside at Murphy, in said County of Cherokee. I am the widow of the late Bailey Barton Meroney, and Baily Barton Meroney M. D. is my son. He lives at Murphy, N. C.

I am the daughter of John Welch a half blood Cherokee Indian and his wife Elizabeth Blythe a white woman. My mother the said Elizabeth Blythe was a daughter of Jonathan Blythe, a white man, and Annie or as she was sometimes called, Nannie Barnes, a white woman. I was three years old when my grandmother, the said Annie Barnes Blythe died.

My grandfather the said Jonathan Blythe lived several years after the decease of my grandmother, and I remember that my son above mentioned, was twelve or fifteen years old at the time of Jonathan Blythe's death.

My mother had one brother named James Blythe who married an Indian woman named Sally Downing. My mother had five sisters, Rebecca married a Walls; Stacey married a Dorman; Sally married a McDaniels; Ona married a Barker; and Mary Ann who married a Hampton. These five aunts and one uncle were all of full white blood.

I had seven brothers and four sisters, as follows: David Welch, Edward Welch, John C. Welch, Jonathan Welch, James Welch, Richard Welch and Lloyd R. Welch, Polly Welch (Powell), Niecey Welch (Daws), Stacey Welch (Taylor) and Rebecca who died single, at the age of 19 years. My sister Stacey's husband was Campbell Taylor, all of my brothers and sisters are now dead.

My uncle James Blythe and his wife Sally Downing the Indian, had two daughters name Stacey and Mary Ann.

Stacey married a Beck, and Mary Ann married a Sneed. I know these cousins as well as I know my own children, they had Cherokee Indian blood.

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The Cherokee Indians adopted my grandfather, Jonathan Blythe, but we always understood that he never received any money from the Indians.

My brother Lloyd R. Welch was Chief of the North Carolina Cherokee Indians for several years. It was never claimed by any member of my family that Annie Barnes was and Indian, so far as I know.



My Indian blood and ~~that~~ of my brothers and sisters comes from my father John Welch, and through no other line of kinship, and further the deponent saith not.

(Signed) Martha Ann Meroney.

Witness:

SeWitt S. Harris  
B. B. Meroney.

Sworn and subscribed before me at Murphy, in the county and state, first above written, this 13th, day of December, 1907.

Frank C. Churchill,  
U. S. Indian Inspector.

# 6.

In Re

Descendants of  
David Taylor  
and  
Mary Taylor,  
nee Polly Bigby.

also

In Re

Annie Blythe Carr

affirmed.



(COPY)

I, John Alvin Powell, of Cherokee County, North Carolina, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

I am 56 years of age and live about four miles from Andrews, N. C., in said County where I have had my home for nearly all my life. My home has always been within one mile of the farm of David Taylor, whose wife was Polly Bigby, the adopted daughter of Jack Bigby a Cherokee Indian. Mrs. Taylor was of light complexion, and had sandy or red hair. I have been in her house hundreds of times, and knew her well as a neighbor. She told me that she was a red mouthed Irish woman and that her husband was a Scotchman. It was the common understanding that she had no Indian blood, and I verily believe this to be the fact, and this was the belief of my parents and grandparents as often expressed in my hearing.

I knew David Taylor's son, James Taylor and attended school at Robbinsville, N. C. with some of his children. It is my understanding and belief from observation and common report that none of the Taylor's above mentioned, had any Cherokee Indian blood.

None of these Taylors showed Indian blood. My grandfather was John Welch a Cherokee Indian.

(Signed) John Alvin Powell.

Subscribed and sworn this  
2nd day of January 1908.

Before me

Frank C. Churchill,  
U. S. Indian Inspector.

Statement with  
Reference to the Fami-  
lies of James and  
John Mearns, Eliza  
Beth Hardin, <sup>James</sup>  
N. Smith, Peter  
Hornbuckle.



See Statement

Blanche Case

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MELBA A. LOCKWOOD  
Attorney and Solicitor  
610 F STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C.



January 15, 1908.

Mr. Frank E. Churchill,

Special Indian Enrolling Agent for Eastern Cherokees at  
Cherokee, N. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have sent to you the Claims of several families, whom I think should be enrolled for their share of the money for the sale of the 35000 acres of Timber Land on Qualla Boundary, two instalments of which are now due.

1. I also enclose a copy, as an Exhibit, of a letter of a former commissioner of Indian Affairs, Hon. Hiram Price, who took great interest in the North Carolina Cherokees, showing how these lands were obtained, and to whom they belong.

2. I also enclose a list of the children of David and Polly or Mary Taylor, who paid about \$2000 into the Qualla Boundary, and on account of which the heirs of James Taylor, deceased in 1906, now living in Indian Territory, and who, until a few years since, lived on Qualla Boundary, claim their pro rata. The original of this paper is filed with Guion Miller, Special Commissioner of Cherokee enrollment for the \$5000,000 fund.

3. I enclose a statement and compilation, made from records in his possession, and from others to which he had access, and from memory, of James Taylor deceased, with reference to the Cherokee blood, and the descendants of Elizabeth Hardin and others. The original is filed with the commissioner.

4. The names of Elizabeth Hardin and her children are not found on the Hester Roll, for the reason, I suppose, as follows: I was at Cherokee, N. C., when that Roll was made, and Hester said to me "I will not put them on the Roll, (referring to the Hardins), to please James Taylor, for they are illegitimate." I did not understand enough

Mr. Frank E. Churchill,---2.

about the matter at this time to protest. You will see by Taylor's statement, herewith filed, that they were married according to Cherokee law; but had they not been married at all, the children were still entitled to be enrolled as a part of the Cherokee Tribe, which they were, for under the common law, an illegitimate can inherit from his mother and from his father, if the father recognizes and supports him, as in this case. The Hardins have been living on Qualla Boundary for the last twenty-five and thirty years, and are entitled to their holdings as Cherokees, both from their father and their mother.

5. I send, still further to elucidate the case, the statement of Charles H. Hardin who with Lewis H. Smith occupy with their families two tracts of land on Qualla, showing the amounts paid in by his ancestor, James Taylor, of \$2000.

The Families of James and John Maney, Descendents of David Vann and Kizar Vann whose names will be found on page 168 of the Roll of 1835, a portion of their descendents on the Malay Roll, and the following names on the duly authenticated Roll of William H. Thomas, made of the North Carolina Cherokees in 1852, and on the Hester Roll in 1881. The following names appear on the William H. Thomas Roll, page

18: James Maney  
Barbara Maney, his wife  
John C. Maney, his son  
Fanny Maney, his daughter  
Rebecca Maney, his daughter  
James M. Maney, his son.

John Maney  
Mary Maney, his wife  
Madison Maney, his son  
George W. Maney  
Leander M. Maney, his son.

M. B. Maney  
John J. Maney  
Nancy Maney  
William Maney

The following Maney are on the Malay Roll:

Lucinda Maney, No. 1318,  
William Maney, " 1319,  
Barnett Maney, " 1320,  
James Maney, " 1300,

(See next page.)



Mr. Frank E. Churchill, ---3.

(Malay Roll, cont.)

Baunfary Maney, No. 1301,

Nancy Anderson, née Maney, No. 1133.

I have not the Hester Roll before me but was present when the Maneys were put on that Roll.

These families are as follows:

*Union Miller Roll*

- 1 The family of James Taylor, deceased, son of David and No. 116,  
*(deceased)*  
Polly Taylor (all on Roll of the Cherokee Nation), viz:

In  
Indian  
Territory.

John M. Taylor, Jr., with 6 minors,	—	<i>No. 26</i>
James L. Taylor,	" 4 "	
William T. Taylor, and family,	—	<i>14493</i>
Ada Matthews and family, daughter,	—	<i>30</i>
Madora Rucker and family, daughter,	—	<i>25</i>
<i>Secret Leoma O. Keef, dau. of Andrew Taylor</i>	—	<i>3928</i>
Elizabeth Hardin, daughter of James Taylor and Betsy	—	<i>41358</i>

- 2 Ann Parker, first wife of Taylor, who was also a Cherokee,  
and descendant of Leoma and Jonathan Parker, a daughter  
of Annie Blythe. *Ida Creasman, d. Belle Parker No. 4260.*

Living  
on  
Qualla  
Boundary.

Elizabeth Hardin, mother,	—	<i>No. 2680</i>
Charles H. Hardin, son of Elizabeth, 6 children,	2	<i>2660</i>
Ruthie Whitaker, daughter of Elizabeth,	4	<i>2664</i>
William J. Hardin, son of	"	<i>2665</i>
Campbell Hardin, <i>of Carl</i>	3	<i>2666</i>
James Frank Hardin,	4	<i>2667</i>
Dolphus Hardin, <i>or D. L.</i>	5	<i>3964</i>
Dock Hardin,	"	<i>1 child, 3965</i>
Matthew Hardin,	"	<i>2 children, 3903</i>
Lloyd Hardin,	"	<i>2 " 3972</i>
<i>Belle Hardin</i>	"	<i>3902</i>

- 3 Family of Lewis H. Smith, son of Henry Smith and

*No. 405*

Charlotte Smith, on Roll of 1851; names as follows:

Living  
on  
Qualla.

Lewis H. Smith, father,  
Dockey Jackson, daughter,  
Nancy Smith, "  
Martha Faquette, "  
H. Hawkins Smith, son,  
Eliza Conot, daughter,  
Fox Squirrel Jackson, grandson,  
Jacob Jackson, "

- 4 The family of Catharine McDonald, sister of James Taylor

Living  
on  
Qualla  
Boundary  
at  
Grape  
Creek.

and daughter of David and Mary Taylor, born March 2, 1823,  
and still living with her granddaughter, Mary Payne at *see list*,  
Grape Creek, Cherokee Co., N. C., aged 85 years. She married  
for her first husband Felix Panther, whose name you  
will find, together with that of Mary Payne, daughter, on  
page 15, of the William H. Thomas Roll of August 2, 1852,  
and who, later, married Jonathan McDonald, deceased.

Martha Panther who married Payne raised a large family of  
children, and so has Mary Payne. The parties for whom I

Respectfully submitted,  
Belva Lockwood,  
Solicitor.



Appl. #6

April 6, 1908.

Wiley Taylor,  
Pryor Creek, Okla.

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 where you resided in 1861, and why you were not enrolled with your mother, brothers and sisters in the East at that time, if they were so enrolled. If you have ever been enrolled with the Cherokees, state when and under what name. Where were you residing in 1862? Were you married, and with whom were you living at that time?

Very respectfully,

Special Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Cherokee, N. C. April 10, 1908.

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

Sir.

Answering your letter of April 8, 1908 (No. 257.) you are informed that I have several copies of an alleged statement by James Taylor, two or more of which were sent to me by Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood of Washington, D. C., but I have never seen the original.

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U. S. Indian Inspector.



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Hon. Guion Miller,  
Washington, D.C.

Pryor Creek, Okla. 4/9/08.

My Dear Sir:-

In answer to yours of recent date will say, I was living in Flint District Cherokee Nation in 1851, therefore was not in the East in 1851; I was enrolled here in Flint District in 1851, and I was enrolled by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes under the name of Wiley Taylor; I was residing in Cherokee Co. North Carolina in 1882, I married in North Carolina in 1880, and lived in that State until in 1883, at which time I came West to the Cherokee Nation and I have lived here continually every since, therefore was living at home and boarding at the same place.

I am now 80 years old, and I would be very glad that you get what is due me out of this Eastern Cherokee money as early as possible so that I can get one square meal out of it while I am living.

Yours truly,

Wiley Taylor

P. H. B

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EXHIBIT  
CHEROKEE ENROLLMENT.

Affidavit of  
Martha Ann Meroney  
Murphy N.C.

COURT OF CLAIMS EASTERN CHEROKEES.
Rec. APR 16 1908
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(Signed) Martha Ann Meroney

Witness:

DeWitt S. Harris  
B. B. Meroney

Sworn and subscribed before me at Murphy, in the county and state, first above written, this 13th, day of December 1907.

Frank C. Churchill,  
U. S. Indian Inspector.

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(signed) John Alvin Powell.

Subscribed and sworn this  
2d, day of January 1908.

Before me

Frank C. Churchill,  
U. S. Indian Inspector.



EXHIBIT  
CHEROKEE ENROLLMENT

*Affidavit of  
John Alvin Powell  
(Known as Ose Powell)*

*Taylor Family*

COURT OF CLAIMS EASTERN CHEROKEES
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August 3 1908

Grape Creek Mo

Hon. Union Miller Sir

I got a notice to go before J. B. Tylor  
at Murphy July 15

The letter went to O. Greathouse

and I never got it till July the 20

so you see it was to late then

I could not af get to Murphy no

how for I am down sick and

cant set up none and hav bin

for some time

I said in the quality bondary

\$300 hundred dollars and the indur

from the government to try

Dear Sir what do you

think you will do with my

Claim You please let me hear from

You

Yours truly Catharine McDonald

Please do let me hear from

You

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON.

Gainesville, Ga.

Aug. 21, 1908.

Hon. Guion Miller,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Miller:-

Relative to application No. 20,099 for participation in Eastern Cherokee appropriation, will say in reply to yours of 17th inst. that my parents were never lawfully married, but lived together in North Carolina, where I was born. My mother brought me to Georgia at the age of one year. My father James Taylor continued to live in North Carolina. I was known as Mary A. Cessley before marriage, but my father never denied me and supplied money for my support also came to see me several times. My father and mother lived together for about two years, one year since I was born.

My daughter's address is Eliza Gearing, Commerce, Georgia.  
P.F.D-14. The following is the name of each child and its age:  
Mary--19, John--16, Joseph--14, Frank--12, Maggie--10, James--8,  
Louis--6, Fannie--4, Freddie--2.

Trusting this will be plain to you as I understand it.

Yours truly,

Attest.

Mary A. McElreath



August 21, 1908.

Catherine McDonald,

Grape Creek,

North Carolina.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 8, 1908, you are advised that your application for participation in the Eastern Cherokee fund has been given preliminary examination but it has not yet been finally acted upon.

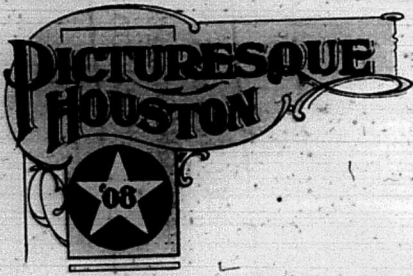
We note that you say in regard to not being able to appear before my assistants at Murphy, N. C., and if any further information is required of you, you will be notified by mail.

Very respectfully,

Special Commissioner.

M.C.

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HAHL & CROWE

Houston, Texas, 9/20<sup>th</sup>/1908

Mr. Guion Miller

Special Commissioner.

did you get my application in regard to  
the eastern cherokee fund? and was it  
OK if not please let me know and  
I will go to Pryor creek among my  
relatives and make out my application  
and send to you please ans.

Mrs Lizzie Miller

1416 Mc Kinney Ave



Dear Sir

Providence R.I.

1-11-09

Dear Mr. Miller

I am Sir  
This is to inform you  
that I have changed  
my address from

Peter Creek, Ohio to  
Providence R.I. So when  
the Enquirer and Paymaster  
is made send mine to  
Providence R.I. My M.S. #6.

Respectfully

Wm. Taylor

No. 7.

Action: Reject

Name Richard Burgess and 4 children. Residence: Andrews, N. C.

Reasons:

It does not appear that any ancestor was a party to the treaties of 1835-36 or 1846 - nor does it appear that any ancestor was ever enrolled. Shows no real connection with the Eastern Cherokees.

Misc. Test. 1555.