

No.

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Action:

Reject

Name

Wm J. K. Lawson and 6 children.

Residence:

Bigfall, Tenn.

Reasons:

Nephew of 66 and claims through the
same source.

#4

Appl. 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. H. 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. 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:

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:

my great grand father
Drewry Lawson and my great grandmother
~~Hannah Lawson~~ a half brother to chief
Cherokee Inland and great grand mother
a Cherokee Indian Woman

8. Are you married?

9. Name and age of wife or husband:

Yes
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:

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:

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 was born Dec. 2 1874 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>Benge on Father's side</u>	<u>Don't Know on Mother's side</u>
<u>Lanson Sr.</u>	

17. Where were they born?

County Tenn near Big Fall Tenn

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

They were not both living Grandfather dead Grandmother living near Big Fall Tenn

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

my grand father's children

(1) English name: Lanson

Indian name: Benge

Residence: all gone West but one

(2) English name: Robin Lanson

Indian name: Benge

Residence: Big Fall Tenn

(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

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.)

He is red skin

My uncle Robin Lawson went to his Grand father Blenge 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 pro

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.

Greenville
Tennessee

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. Dawson and who, being duly sworn, on oath depose and say that they are well acquainted with William J. K. Dawson, 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 mark.

Signatures of witnesses.

Wm C. Phell
J. H. Harrison

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

My commission expires

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J. M. Campbell

Greenville

Notary Public.

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.

No. 4

EASTERN CHEROKEES.

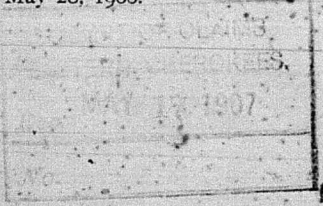
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

OF

William J. K. Lawson

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.



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

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.

Supplemental Application for Minor Children

Special Commissioner of the Court of Claims,
601 Ouray 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: Elizab. M. B. Lawson born near Bigfall in 1855
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)	<u>Charley B. Lawson</u>	<u>20 years</u>	<u>1887</u>
(2)	<u>Karrel V. Lawson</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1889</u>
(3)	<u>Eva G. Lawson</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1892</u>
(4)	<u>Thomas Lawson</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1894</u>
(5)	<u>James W. Lawson</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1897</u>
(6)	<u>Dylis L. Lawson</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1900</u>

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 was 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 Henry Lawson a half brother to Chief Cherokee Indian George 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.

William H. Lawson
(Signature)

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

My Commission expires

Notary Public.

April 17 1907

1906
I paid Mr. O. B. Johnson \$2000 to enroll me - Bigfall

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 20 years,
 respectively, and know him to be the identical person by 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.

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

Notary Public.

My commission expires April 17, 1908.

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OF

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.

INDIAN OFFICE
EASTERN CHEROKEES.
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William H. Lawrence

Eastern Cherokee

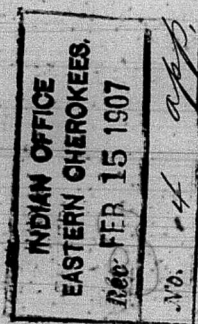
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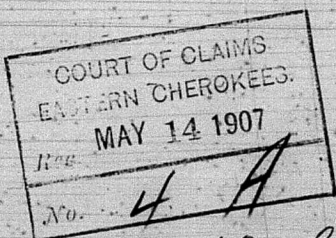
The Commissioner of Indian affairs
at Washington D C
Should there be any more proof
needed in my case I would be
glad to be allowed to make it -

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 - 3 Years Very Truly
Wm 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 deny Wm 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. L. Lawton





May 10 - 07

W. J. R. Lawson
Big Falls,
Tenn

Exp Ref 7.0

File

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Beckett House Nov 10 - 1898

Dear Mr. Beckett

I am very glad to hear from you

and hope you are well

and happy

Please answer these questions

and give me a list of the

books you have read

and the books you are

getting now

Yours truly

John Beckett

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COURT OF CLAIMS EASTERN CHEROKEES.	
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Eastern Choked? }
claim no-4-3 }

Bigfall Tenn. Aug-5 1907
U.S. court of claims -
office of Special Commissioner
Ogby Bldg Washington D.C.

sirs as I am liable not to limit
making claims will go ahead
arrange to get money if there
is more proof needed in your case
please get me money as soon
as you can when these claims
will be paid off - Enclosed find
stamp for claims as of

Yours truly
Bigfall Tenn.

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.

COURT OF CLAIMS
EASTERN CHEROKEES.

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CBAB
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 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,

Gran Miller,

Special Commissioner.

N-B-
I have answered the above
questions just as I would under
oath provided I was going to judgment
to day by Request —
CBH/ALS
W. J. K. Lawson

Appl. #4

November 16, 1907.

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Big Falls, Tenn.

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Very respectfully,

Special Commissioner.

CBH/ALS

COURT OF CLAIMS EASTERN CHEROKEES.
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*Examine
this before*

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W. B. Lawson
Big Fall Tenn.
Cherokee
April - H. 4 -

special comm. of the court of claims
in reply to Washington D. C.

goers dated 15 - instant -
Nathaniel Lawson my grandfather
was a son of Drury Lawson sr. who was
a half brother to chief Cherokee Indian Benge -
if Benge had any English friends I am

Nathaniel Lawson's my grandfather
He was said to be a Cherokee Indian
woman. His English name was Little
Lew Lawson.

His Indian name Benge.

This same Nathaniel Lawson is
my father Drury Lawson's father.

Drury Lawson Jr. my father's son was
born in 1813 or 1814. He was a member
of the Cherokee tribe in 1835.

on the lands ceded by them - all the lands
of his life I claim the Cherokee lands
on the lands of my father's son Drury
Lawson's son - born 1813 or 1814. I claim
lands ceded to the Cherokee tribe in 1835.

in the Cherokee tribe in 1835.

I guess this is the same land
Indian Benge's land. I claim
Benge's land. I claim

when the first Bloudy of the
Churches crossed the Cumberland
Mountain Drury Lamm sr. and
my grandfather Nathaniel Lamm
failed to go with them -

B. T. Thier, Richard Bine
came back and stayed all night
with my grand grandfather.

Drury Lamm sr. until a while
made shot Bloudy on the top
of the Cumberland Mountain.

Killed him the last time he was
in Vermont. The Indians

may be afraid of the Indians (Bloudy)
in his cut. They are afraid of the

as far as I know. I am not sure
if they are afraid of the Indians.

Thinking of the Indians. I am not sure
if they are afraid of the Indians.

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if they are afraid of the Indians.

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 Commissioner.

CHB/LJO

COURT OF CLAIMS
EASTERN CHEROKEES.
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SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS,

EASTERN CHEROKEE ENROLLMENT,

601 OURAY BUILDING,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 25, 1908.

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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.

CHE/LJC

This letter has been forwarded to him about 2 weeks ago - no reply

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COURT OF CLAIMS
EASTERN CHEROKEES.

Rec. APR 11 1908

No.

Eastern Cherokee Enrollment

601. my Building

Washington D.C.

Apr - 20 1886

66, 1886

Bigall Tenn - April 8 1886

Spent some of the coast of Adams Washington D.C.
in answer to yours dated Feb. 25 1886. I heard with
Enclined. I heard Ralph Hatfield call my father
Nathaniel Larrison a Daniel Indan on my father's
death bed. ^{My father's name was Larrison & I don't know his name -}
About the year 1835. I was very small
I don't know exactly when my father came to
Bigall but suppose he came from 1835 to 1836.
my first information is my father & mother
and my grandfather in Tennessee of Cherokee
county North Carolina, and my grandfather
Dennis Larrison was a half brother to King
John Indan King. I had as fine men to
that as seen there is a Washington D.C.
one of my sister I think to see a man
Cherokee Indian another of my sister I think to
be a half Indian. There is a Cherokee Indian
Indan John D. Indan to my father's name
boys who is the only Larrison living in
this county all the rest being dead or gone
most of my grandfather's name is said to be a Cherokee
Indian Indian. I don't know this when I was
my father's name will send it to father
Chas. D. Larrison and his boys who
will agree to the above facts. Very
respectfully
by W. L. Larrison

Chief Cherokee Jordan Binger
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 Binger was killed
Bedding Farm

COUNT OF CLAIMS EASTERN CHEROKEES Rec. APR. 11 1908 No.
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Edwin Thomas

4) H R

COURT OF CLAIMS
EASTERN CHEROKEES

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Biggell Tinn - April 8th 1908
Special Agent of the Court of Claims

in answer to your letter of the 1st inst.

as far back as I can remember I have heard my
Grand Grand Father, ^{Drury Lawson} called a half Cherokee.

and if I remember I believe I have reported to you
that my Grand Grand Father was a Cherokee
Indian. I didn't know that when I made my claim.

I had as I have known that my Grand
Grand Father, Drury Lawson or was a half
brother to my father.

There is a prob. that I have been some
I have heard of all this before. I have
that I have heard of all this before. I have
I have heard of all this before. I have

off 1/2 cent - #4
Eaton - 3 4 HB

COURT OF CLAIMS
EASTERN CHEROKEE
Rec. APR 11 1908
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Bigfall Tenn - April 6th 1908

Spiral Corner of the coat of arms ~~was~~
in answer to your letter enclosed
as far back as I can remember I have heard my
Greate Grand Father ^{Denny Lawson} called a half brother
to Chief Cherokee Indian Rags - I do not sign
that my Greate Grand Father was a Cherokee
Indian. I didn't know that when I made my claim

I had as sure sworn that my Greate
Grand father Denny Lawson Sr was a half
brother to Chief Cherokee Indian Rags - I do not
There is a Washington I do not know the proof
I have heard that all my life there was my
my Father's name - I asked to be Cherokee Indian
Two of his Brothers look to be half Indians
Two of my Brothers look to be half Indian
one of my Boys A. H. Lawson look to be ^{be} Cherokee Indian
one of his sons look to be Cherokee Indian
what I have heard and what I have seen
is not to my proof as I could have
I support my Father and Grand Father come
from Cherokee country North Carolina and
to Bigfall 1835 or 1836 if you do not believe
and off for me I do not believe and
my wife & children Denny Lawson A. H. Lawson
and my son A. H. Lawson Jr. I do not believe
I do not believe

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Then ever best friends

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Big Fall Tenn. April 2, 1888
 W. L. Hunt of Claiborne Washington D.C.
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W. K. Lawton
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just getting up again. my mind
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no idea what you require of me
last, if not too late I would love
to correct my application. when
I made my application I was
told by older persons than myself
Capt. P. M. Harris of Sneedville Tenn
that my Grandparents all come from
Virginia. but after enquiring closely
I learn that my Great Grandfather
Gideon Lawton Jr. and my Grand
father Nathan Lawton both come
from Cherokee county North Carolina
the remainder of my Grandparents
on my Mother's side did come
from Virginia. I also hear that
my Great Grand Mother Hannah
Potts Lawton was a Cherokee
Indian woman. please be kind
enough to advise ^{me} what to do
by the turn table about this matter
I am yours truly W. K. Lawton

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