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Cherokee Nation,  
Tahlequah District.

Personally appeared before me Watt Christie, exmember of the Council well and personally known to me to be of good character and creditable before any of the courts of the Cherokee Nation or before the United States Court of the Indian Territory, first after having been sworn said his age is seventy-nine years, a resident of Spangnak District. Post Office address Wah-il-la, I.T.

I was well acquainted with William Jones back in the state of Tennessee long before the Treaty of 1835. He taken a reservation under the Treaty of 1817, and was known as old settler Cherokee. He was a Half blood Cherokee; he did not remain in the Nation on account of some trouble; he left and went to the state and for the last ten years the descendants of William Jones has been coming in and the court and council have been readmitting them to citizenship. There have also been some of the Drury Jones Children readmitted and they now live on the Grand river in Delaware District, Cherokee Nation. John Smith of North Carolina was a well known Cherokee Citizen.

Since meeting the applicants Mr. James L. Skaggs, and Mrs. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ & other name Luke H. Skaggs, and his sisters Sarah J. Evans (Nee) Skaggs) Rachel E. Richmond (nee Skaggs) are lineal descendants of William Jones, whose name should appear on the reservation roll made under the Treaty of July 6th 1817 they are also blood relatives of John Smith whose name will be found on the

Roll of 1835.

There is no question whatever in my mind but what they are the parties they represent themselves to be in their application for citizenship, and I verily believe under my solemn oath that they are Choctaws by blood and should be allowed to come among us as they are our own people.

Watt ( His Mark) Christie.

Witness Wm F. Rasmus, U. S. Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Tahlequah Ind. Ter. This 22nd Day of December A. D. 1892

Wm F. Rasmus,

Seal.

United States Commissioner.

United States of America,

Western District of Arkansas ss.

I, William F. Rasmus, a Commissioner of the United States District Court, within and for the District aforesaid, do hereby certify that the herewith annexed and foregoing two pages of an affidavit, is a true and literal copy of the original as presented to me at Tahlequah Ind. Ter. This the 22nd Day of December A. D. 1892.

( Signed) Wm F. Rasmus,  
United States Commissioner.