

To the Law Commission
I make the following statement of the
Facts in Support of our several and
Joint Claims for Citizenship in
the Cherokee Nation
first that the affidavits herewith
Filed are literal copies of the
Original that I Filed with the
Cherokee Nation, and that it has
been out of my Power so far to secure
the Originals

1st
copy of
John T. Hays

in Support of the Claims attached I
offer the affidavit of John Thompson
Hays who resided at Durant
in the Choctaw Nation. The affiant
is a first Cousin of myself and
my Brother and Sister whose
Claims are attached to the within
attached affidavits

in further Support of the attached
Claims we offer as evidence the
affidavit of Mary Hays

The name, Hays referred to in
her affidavit was my Father
you will see from her evidence that
Betsy Thompson referred to in my
Petition was my Great Grand
Mother

2d
affidavit
of Mary Hays

(over)

3d
Affidavit
William Foster

In Further Support of my claim
I offer the affidavit of Wm Foster -
you will see that said affidavit identifies
me as a Cherokee Indian &c

4th
Affidavit of
Walt Christy

In Further Support of my claim I offer
the affidavit of Walt Christy who is
a Citizen of the Cherokee Nation you will
see from his affidavit that he identifies
William Jones and John Smith as
Recognized Cherokee Indians by Blood
and Enrollment, and he further
identifies me with my brother and
I sisters as ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~relatives~~ ^{relatives} of
William Jones and John Smith

5th
Affidavit of
Wm Hagg

In Further Support of my claim
I offer the affidavit of Wm Hagg of
Denton Texas you will see from the affidavit that
he connects us directly with the
Betsey Thompson and William
Jones referred to in my Petition

6th
Affidavit of
Thomas Hagg

In Further Support of my claim I
offer the affidavit of Thomas Hagg
of Denton Texas you will see from
his affidavit that we descend from the
Betsey Thompson mentioned in our
Petitions he also connects us with the
William Jones mentioned in Petitions

7th
J. Z. Jones
Affidavit

in further support of my claim I offer
the affidavit of J. Z. Jones

8th
J. R. Bourd
Affidavit

in further support of my claim I
offer the affidavit of John R. Bourd
who was at the time of making the
affidavit a member of the National
Council of the Cherokee Nation
you will see from his affidavit that he
knew William Jones and John Smith
to be Cherokee Indians and that he
was fully satisfied that we were Decedes
of William Jones mentioned in our
Petition and Blood Relation of John
Smith mentioned in his affidavit.

9th
Joint Affidavit
of John Ross
& John R. Bourd

in further support of our claim
I offer the joint affidavit of John
R. Bourd and John Ross
you will see from these affidavits that
they were personally acquainted with
Betsy Thompson referred to in our
Petitions. They further identify us
as Blood Relations of Betsy Thompson
referred to in our Petitions

and to show further that we have us. It
diligence to have our claims passed
upon by the National Council of the
Cherokee Nation I file with you a copy
of a Petition Presented to the Principal

Chief of the Cherokee nation et- subsequent
in Dec 1890.

Respectfully Submitted
James L. Skaggs