



Before the Honorables, Henry L. Shivers, Frank G. Armstrong, A. S. McKenna, T. B. Cobles, and  
A. B. Montgomery, Commissioners.

In the matter of application of

*James M. Haggis et al*

Nation's No.

Commission's No.

for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

Your respondent, S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, comes now and demurs the said application, and for the grounds thereof says:

1st. That this Commission has no jurisdiction over the parties or subject matter of this controversy, and no legal right, therefore, to hear and determine the same.

2d. That the application does not state facts sufficient, if true, to show that the applicant is *fully*  
entitled to citizenship.

Respondent ~~not~~ *waiving* his ~~alleged demurrer~~, but *insisting upon the same* for answer to said applica-  
tion, says that *Wm. Lewis*

through whom the petitioner *claim* to derive *their* right  
to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, is not now, and has not been a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, since  
the removal of said Nation, west to the Indian Territory as at present located and defined; that his name  
does not appear on any of the authenticated rolls of said Nation; that neither he nor any of his ancestors now  
reside, or ever have resided in the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory, as citizens thereof.

Having fully answered, your respondent asks to be hence dismissed.

S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

By *Hutchings Hastings & Bondurant* Attorneys.

John L. Adair, Executive Secretary, Cherokee Nation, having been first duly sworn, states that the  
matters contained in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of

Oct.

1886.

*John L. Adair*  
*S. J. Dole*

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Territory of Oklahoma  
Oklahoma County

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 15 day of August 1899

Personally appeared before me, Parley Skaggs who is a reliable and creditable citizen of the County of Cleveland State of Oklahoma and

after being duly sworn according to law, deposed and says: That she is a resident of the County of Cleveland Territory of Oklahoma that her age is 64 years; occupation that of Housekeeping that Post Office is Norman; that she is personally and well acquainted with James M. Skaggs who is a son of Parley Skaggs and Grand Son of James Lewis a North Carolina and Great Grand Son

Affiant makes this her sworn statement from her own personal knowledge and acquaintance with the family.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Probate Judge this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1899

Witness  
J. H. Skaggs

Parley M. Skaggs  
J. Williams Probate Judge  
and ex officio clerk of the Probate Court