

Cherokee Nation.

Tahlequah District.

Personally appears before me John R. Gourd at present a Member of the Council Branch of the national Council well and personally known to me to be a man of good character and creditable before any of the Courts of the Indian Territory or of the United States courts of the I. T. first after being sworn says his age is seventy-four years and a resident citizen by blood of Tahlequah District, Cherokee Nation. Post office Address Tahlequah, C. N. He says that he was well acquainted with John Smith back in the State of North Carolina and William Jones who take a reservation under the Treaty of July 8th 1819 and that they were both Cherokees by Blood. Smith remained in North Carolina, William Jones came west as an old settler and on account of the trouble between the two political parties then left and settled in Missouri; for the last ten years.

Some of the Jones Connection have returned to the nation and been re-admitted to Citizenship and since meeting James L. Skaggs I am fully satisfied that he and his Brothers and sisters to wit: Luke H. ~~Skaggs~~ Skaggs, Sarah Elyans, Nee Skaggs; and Rachel Richman, Nee Skaggs; lineal descendants of William Jones whose name should be on the Old Settler Roll and a Blood relation of John Smith of North Carolina, who are fully entitled to be re-admitted to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, the deponent

Further sayeth not.

John R. (His mark) Gourd.

Witness to mark: William F. Rasmus, U. S. Com.

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 afore-
named, do hereby certify that the hereunto annexed and foregoing
two pages of an affidavit is a true and literal copy of the
original presented to me at Tahlequah Ind. Ter. th is the 22nd
day of December A. D. 1892.

Wm F. Rasmus.

United States Commissioner.

*J. J. C. Starr, Stenographer
& the Smith, do hereby certify that
the above one page and the foregoing
13 pages hereunto attached are
true copies of the originals
all present 1 to 8 copied by me
on typewriter at Tahlequah, Ind. Ter.
24th day of Nov. 1892. J. J. C. Starr.*