

Choctaw Nation, I. T.

County of Blue. SS.

John Thompson Skaggs after being duly sworn, says that his age is fifty-nine years and resident of the Choctaw Nation, Post Office address, Durant, I. T.

Says that he was born and raised in Green County, Kentucky and was acquainted with a great many of the Skaggs Families and was also related to the Jones and Thompsons. I know that the Thompsons and Skaggs families were always called Indians and Betsey Thompson was my gr and mother and they always told me that she was a half blood Cherokee Indian. I also know that the Skaggs family were related to William Jones, who lived on the Tennessee river, in the State of Tennessee. I was well acquainted with my uncle, the Rev. Thomas Skaggs, who always claimed to have Cherokee Indian blood in his veins and he looked like a Indian and dressed like an Indian; and would wear his Indian Hunting Shirt while preaching. All of the older ones of the Skaggs family always claimed that they were Cherokee Indians and the people would throw it up to us when they got mad, that we were related to the Thompson Indians. My Grand mother Betsey Thompson always wanted one of her grand Sons named for her Father and I was named John Thompson Skaggs. For my great grand father John Thompson, who was enrolled in 1817 as a Cherokee Indian. About seventeen years ago I was living in the Cherokee Nation and the Indians recognized us as Indians and told me if I would go with them to the Chief we could get our citizenship established, but my family were s.ek

at the time and they wanted to go to Texas thinking they would have better health. There is no question in my mind but that all of the Skaggs have Indian Blood in their veins and that they derive the same in part from the Thompson family and a great many of the Skaggs descendants look like Indians and some of my children and one of grand children looks like Indians.

Further deponent sayeth not:

John Thompson (Mis'mark) Skaggs

WITNESS THEO. DAVIS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 27th day of July  
A. D. 1893.

H. J. Robinson,

Notary Public

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Indian Territory,

Second Judicial Division J. H. Robinson a Notary Public in and  
for said Indian Territory Second Judicial Division; Do hereby  
certify that John Thompson Skaggs, the person who signed the above  
instrument, to be a reliable, a creditable person of good character  
and well known to me.

H. J. Robinson,

Notary Public

( Seal Here. )