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Cherokee Nation,
Tahlequah District.

Personally appears before me William Tasket personally known to me to be of good character and creditable before any of the courts of the Indian Territory or the U. S. Court first after being duly sworn say that his age is seventy-five years Post office address Tahlequah He says that he was personally acquainted with John Smith back in the state of North Carolina long before the Treaty of Red Stick in the State of Georgia He was a part Cherokee and spoke the Cherokee language just about the same as he spoke the English and lived with the Cherokee Indians and always had them around him Since meeting with the applicant James Skaggs and talking over the relationship I am most positive that he is a lineal descendant of the before mentioned John Smith as he has all the outlines of a Cherokee in manners and otherwise.

Wm Tasket.

The within subscribed and sworn to before me at Tahlequah Ind. Terr'y this the 9th day of December A. D. 1893.

Wm F. Rasmus,

(Seal)

United States Commissioner.

United States of America,
Western District of Arkansas