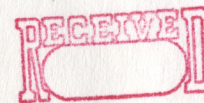


Tahlequah, Oklahoma
January 12, 1993



Honorable Wilma Mankiller
Chief of the Cherokee Nation
P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465

Dear Chief Mankiller:

My Great-Aunt, Ida Myrtle Still, will reach her 100th birthday on February 10, 1993. Our family is planning a celebration in her honor on Saturday, February 6, 1993. We would like to invite you to attend the celebration. However, if you are unable to attend, we would appreciate your sending her a personal letter honoring her.

Aunt Myrtle is a member of the Cherokee Nation and we believe she is the oldest surviving Original Enrollee of the Cherokee Nation. She is the closest living relative, Great-Granddaughter, of John Ross who was Chief of the Cherokees at the time of the Trail of Tears in the 1830's and thereafter through the US Civil War.

She was born at Park Hill, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, on February 10, 1893 and has lived in the Cherokee Nation her entire life. She currently lives in her own home in Claremore, Oklahoma and remains an independent, active, alert woman. Her parents were Andrew Ross Nave, Jr., Grandson of Chief John Ross, and Julia Eagle. She had five sisters and three brothers. Her sister Joanna, my Grandmother, died in 1987 at the age of 99. Her sister Ella died in 1982 at the age of nearly 103. There are no other surviving brothers or sisters.

Aunt Myrtle married Ned Still and they had eight children. Ned worked as a fishing guide on the Illinois River and Myrtle took care of the children and the home. Her son, Sammie, lives next door to her in Claremore.

We think Aunt Myrtle is a remarkable woman and worthy of special recognition on this special birthday. She and our entire family would be pleased if you would honor her by attending the celebration or sending a letter. The celebration will be held at the V.F.W. Building, Room #3, 1717 W. Dupont, Claremore, Oklahoma. It will begin about 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 6, 1993.

Please send correspondence to me at the address below. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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