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See no 125

Mary I. Jennings, et al,

v. s.

b. + b. Nations.

N<sup>o</sup> 77

Central Dist. Court.

N<sup>o</sup>

Dawes Commission

Original claimants were

Sarah E. Kizer, et al.

Sarah E. Kizer case has also been  
transferred.

CORNISH:

Where does your client live.

Foster:

Coalgate. I am not putting it on the ground of residence.

"Reads motion"

I do not put it on the ground of residence, only that I do not see any necessity for two trials in the case, and in fact my client writes me that she knows nothing about the citizenship case; that she is dependent upon her mother and her knowledge of the family. One set of evidence will settle the whole matter. This motion is not verified by affidavit because I have not seen her at all.

This woman writes me that she is sick and she has not a dollar, but I appeal to the record.

Adams:

Motion is to have the case transferred and consolidated.

Cornish:

Our position is the only position that would be reasonable; that the setting of these cases and where they shall be tried and when is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Court, and our idea is to conform to that without a murmur of course, but from the statement of opposing counsel we do not see that there is any reason which would justify this action. The Jennings case is just as important as the Kizer case and the Kizer case is just as important as the Jennings case. Now the Kizer case has been transferred to Tishomingo, upon the showing of the plaintiffs that the persons resided nearer Tishomingo, and the case could be tried there better than elsewhere. Why should this case be sent to Tishomingo for the reason that its companion case has gone to Tishomingo, any more than it should be tried here. Now ~~is~~ the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have no objections to the transfer of this case except that it would suit its convenience to try this case here better than it would elsewhere. I do not see that there is any proper reason that this case

should go there. I do not see that the showing is sufficient to justify the action.

FOSTER:

One trial will settle them both in that way, by the transfer and consolidation. It simply brings together the two parts of the cases as they were before.

CORNISH:

That is all very reasonable and if we should agree that one case is more important than the other, and some good reason, but this case is here and is just as important as that case which has been transferred.

ADAMS:

Where does your witnesses live?

Foster:

I do not know sir, I have never been able to see them. I do not know where they live, I do not know where they are. She writes that she does not know where they are, and that she has not a dollar to come and see me with. That is the reason that the motion is not sworn to, and I appeal to the record. The record shows these facts, and of course the Court takes judicial notice of its record. I believe the distance from her resident to Tishomingo is less than to South McAlester. I am not putting it on that ground however, but upon economy.

JUDGE ADAMS:

Wasn't you expecting to try this case to-day.

Foster:

I was not. There is also, I will say this, there is a motion drawn by the husband of this woman, executed by her, and he writes me and says on that ground, on the ground that he is unable to attend to the case.

ADAMS:

becau BTBecause he was sick?

JUDGE FOSTER:

Let me read it.

"Reads Motion"

She simply writes me that she knows nothing about the case, but reference here will show that the cases were together, and all the evidence before both the Dawes Commission and the Court is here.

JUDGE FOOTE:

So far as I know, hope you know, that is all the evidence there will be.

JUDGE FOSTER:

I am not responsible for the drawing of that motion, sir.

JUDGE ADAMS:

We will transfer this case for you and will then take up the question of consolidation. I may say that the reason that we are going along here in this way is that we do not intend to finally decide anything or issue any final orders in any proceeding until the Joins case is determined by the Supreme Court. Simply want to take evidence in the cases. Mark the case transferred. This case has been set here for two months now and there has been no evidence introduced.

Foster:

It is unjust to myself that has only been two or three days since I found that Mrs. Jennings knew nothing about her case.

In The Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court  
At South McAlester

*Mary L Jennings et al*

Vs

The Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations

The Petitioners ~~Mary L Jennings~~ Effie K Jennings Elizabeth F Jennings Frances J Jennings Respectfully show to the Court that they are Citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation but that their Citizenship is disputed by said Nation.

That they have heretofore by Decree of The United States Court for The Central District of the Indian Territory and South McAlester been Adjudged to be Citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation and That said Decree was by said Court Rendered in the Cause styled upon the Docket of said Court Sarah E Kizer Et Als , Vs. The Choctaw Nation No. 77.

That said Decree has been by Decree of this Court on the 17th day of December 1902 Annulled and set aside and Vacated.

Petitioners therefore Pray that said Cause may as to these Petitioners only be transferred to this Court for further Proceedings According to Law

*T N Foster Atty*

F.P. Jennings being sworn says that he is Husband of Mary L Jennings ; that the matters and things in the above Petition are within his personal knowledge and that the same are true as therein alleged

*H P Jennings*

Subscribed and Sworn to Before me this 2nd day of February 1903

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Clerk Choctaw and Chickasaw  
Citizenship Court

T.N. Foster being duly sworn upon his oath says that he Personally served the foregoing Petition by delivering a true Copy thereof to McMurray Mansfield and Cornish Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations on the 2nd day of March 1903

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 2nd day of March 1903

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Clerk

Motion For Continuance

In Citizenship Court

~~Sarah E. Kiser~~ Et .al  
*Mary L Jennings*  
VS  
Sept. Term

So Mc Allister CHOCTAW Nation  
IND. TER.

Choctaw=Chicasaw Nations.

Now comes the defendents in the above cause and prays the court for a continuance herein for the following reasons to wit

Plaintiff herein respectfully shows to the court Her husband F.P. Jennings is and has been for several months sick and physically disabled from attending to her business connected with this case and securing the attendance of her witnesses herein: that said F. P. Jennings is her true and lawful attorney in fact and that she verily believes that by the 1st day of Oct. plaintiff here in will be ready for trial in this cause.

That owing to the illness of her husband as aforesaid plaintiff could not secure the attendance of her witnesses herein and that she has reasonable ground to believe she will be able to secure the attendance of her witnesses at said October term.

That this application is not made for delay and that it will not work any hardship on the defendents herein.

That plaintiff has used all reasonable diligence within her power to get ready for trial at this term: and that the ends or justice will be served by a continuance for this short time

*Mary L Jennings*  
per *F.P. Jennings* atty in fact  
for Plaintiff

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority F.p Jennis who being by me duly sworn deposes and says that the facts set forth in the above application are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this day of Sept. 1 (903

.....*L. L. Strange*.....

Notary Public CENTRAL Dist IND. TER.

Mary /L. Jennings Et Al

VS

CHOCTAW )-CHICKISAW NATIONS

In CITIZENSHIP COURT

So. Allister Choctaw Nation

Ind. Ter.

Copy of Motion



Attorneys for Plaintiffs

*Mary L. Jennings*

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IN THE CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW CITIZENSHIP COURT SITTING AT  
SOUTH McALESTER, INDIAN TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER  
TERM, 1903.

Mary L. Jennings, et al-----Plaintiffs,

vs.

The Choctaw Nation and  
the Chickasaw Nation-----Defendants.

MOTION TO MAKE MORE DEFINITE AND CERTAIN.

Come now the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, by Mansfield McMurray & Cornish, their attorneys, and move this Honorable Court to require the plaintiffs, Mary L. Jennings et al, to make their "application for admittance and enrollment" filed before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes under the act of Congress approved June 10, 1896, more definite and certain in this; that they be required to state:

First: Whether they or any, or all, of their alleged ancestors through whom they claim the right to be admitted and enrolled as citizens of the Choctaw Nation complied with the requirements of article fourteen of the treaty of 1830 between the United States and the Choctaw Nation; and if any, or all, so complied, by whom such compliance was made, and how; and

Second: Whether they or any, or all of their alleged ancestors emigrated to the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, with the Choctaw Indians residing in the old Choctaw Nation in the State of Mississippi when the treaty of 1830 was entered into, under article 3 of said treaty; and if so the name or names of the person or persons who thus emigrated.

The CHOCTAW NATION,  
THE CHICKASAW NATION,

By Mansfield McMurray Cornish  
Their Attorneys.



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THE CHOCTAW NATION,  
THE CHICKASAW NATION,

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Their Attorneys.

*Mary Jennings et al*  
*vs*  
*Choctaw Nations*  
*Mot. to Make More Definite*  
*Certain*

IN THE CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW CITIZENSHIP  
COURT, SITTING AT SOUTH McALESTER, SEP-  
TEMBER TERM, 1903.

Mary L. Jennings, et al, ..... Plaintiffs.

vs.

The Choctaw Nation and the  
Chickasaw Nation, ..... Defendants.

DE M U R R E R.

Come now the Choctaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation and demur to the application of plaintiffs, for citizenship, and for cause state that it does not state facts which if true, would warrant this Honorable Court in admitting them as citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

THE CHOCTAW NATION

THE CHICKASAW NATION

BY \_\_\_\_\_

ATTORNEYS.

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THE CHICKASAW NATION  
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DEFEATERS

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Mary L. Jennings, et al; ..... Plaintiffs.

THIRTY EIGHTH, 1903.  
COURT, SITTING AT SOUTH WESTERN, TERRITORY,  
IN THE CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW CITIZENSHIP

Mary L. Jennings,

--VS--

Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

No. 19.

*# 2*  
*Mary L. Jennings*  
*vs.*  
*Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations*

Comes now Mary L. Jennings, the above named plaintiff and shows to the Court that she is a daughter of Sarah E. Kizer, whose citizenship case has been transferred to Tishomingo for trial, by the Court; that both cases were one on the Docket of the Court below. That the same evidence will be applicable in both cases and both will be settled by one trial. That the above facts appear fully in the record in this case

Plaintiff therefore prays that this cause be transferred to Tishomingo for trial and consolidation with the cause of Sarah E. Kizer vs. The Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

*T. V. Foster*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

#19

Mary Jennings

vs  
Owens & Chickasaw

Nations

Motion to transfer  
to & Consolidate

Mary J. Jennings,

Chickasaw Nations,

vs.

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Mary J. Jennings, the above named Plaintiff

Attorney for Plaintiff.

In the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court, sitting at  
Tishomingo, in the Southern District of the Indian Territory.

Mary L. Jennings, et al.,

vs.

No. 126.

Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

DECREE OF COURT.

On this            day of            , 1904, this cause coming  
on for final decision, the same having heretofore been submitted  
upon the law and the evidence, and the Court being well and  
sufficiently advised in the premises, doth find that no judgment  
in this cause was rendered by the United States Court for the  
Central District of the Indian Territory, under the Act of  
Congress approved June 10, 1896, as to the plaintiffs herein,  
to wit, Mary L. Jennings, Effie K. Jennings, Elizabeth F.  
Jennings, and Frances J. Jennings, and that this Court has no  
jurisdiction to determine the rights of the said plaintiffs.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the  
petition of the plaintiffs, Mary L. Jennings, Effie K. Jennings,  
Elizabeth F. Jennings, and Frances J. Jennings, be dismissed, for  
want of jurisdiction.

.....  
Chief Judge.

.....  
Associate Judge.

.....  
Associate Judge.

Mary L. Jennings et al No 126

Mary L. Jennings  
Effie H. Jennings  
Elizabeth F. Jennings  
Frances J. Jennings

Choctaw - No Jurisdiction - Order  
dismissing)

SUMMONS.

*Duplicate*

United States of America,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court.

SS:

The President of the United States of America,

To the United States Marshal for the Indian Territory, *North* District,

GREETING:

YOU ARE COMMANDED TO SUMMONS *Green McCurtain, Principal*

Chief of the Choctaw Nation,

on behalf of said Nation,  
to answer in twenty days after the service of this summons upon *him*

as Principal Chief of said Nation,

a complaint in Equity filed against *The Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,*

in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court, in the Indian Territory, *South*

by *Mary L. Jennings et al* as said Principal Chief  
and warn *him* that upon *his* failure, to answer, ~~the~~

on behalf of said Nation the  
complaint will be taken for confessed, and you will make return of the summons ~~on the~~

~~first day of next~~ *instant* Term of said Court.

and you are further commanded to notify said *Green McCurtain, Principal*  
Chief ~~aforsaid~~, that the files, papers and proceedings, in case of  
*Mary L. Jennings et al* file No. *77* in the District Court for  
the *Central* District of the Indian Territory have been trans-  
ferred to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court, and that the  
certificate of the Clerk of said Court for said *Central*  
District, Indian Territory, has been attached thereto.

WITNESS the Honorable SPENCER B. ADAMS, Chief Judge, WALTER L.

WEAVER and HENRY S. FOOTE, Associate Judges, and the Seal

thereof, at *South Mc Alester, I.T.*, aforesaid,

this *25* day of *March*, A. D. 190*3*

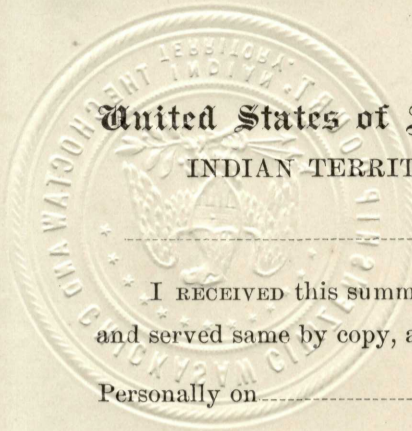
*James B. Cassada*  
Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy.





MARSHAL'S RETURN.



United States of America,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 ss:  
 DISTRICT.

I RECEIVED this summons this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 190\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ m.  
 and served same by copy, as follows:

Personally on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ m.  
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With a member of defendant's family over 15 years of age there residing.  
 And the other persons named in this Summons are "not found in this District."

U. S. Marshal.

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

No. <i>19 m-</i>	SUMMONS IN EQUITY.	<i>Mary L. Jennings, et al</i> vs. <i>Chaahin of Chickama nations</i>	Summons issued the <i>25-</i> day of <i>March</i> , 190 <i>3</i>	Returnable <i>in Indian Ter.</i> 190____.	Returned and filed _____, 190____.	Clerk. By _____, Deputy.	MARSHAL'S FEES. Services, - - - \$ Miles, - - - \$ Expense, - - - \$ TOTAL, - - - \$	<i>J. W. Foster</i> Attorney for Plaintiff. <i>S. M. C. ...</i>
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*Duplicate*

SUMMONS.

United States of America, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY, ) SS:  
Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court.

The President of the United States of America,

To the United States Marshal for the Indian Territory, Southern District,

GREETING:

YOU ARE COMMANDED TO SUMMONS P. S. Moseley

~~Governor of the Chickasaw nation~~

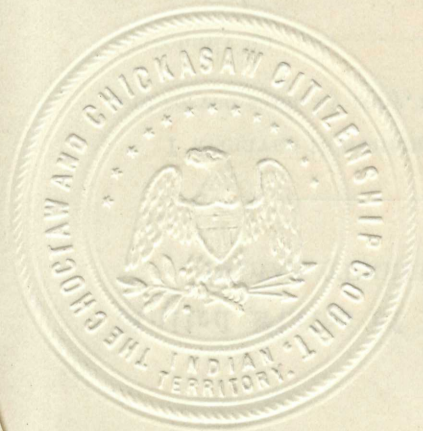
~~on behalf of said nation~~  
to answer in twenty days after the service of this summons upon him

~~as Governor of said nation~~  
a complaint in Equity filed against the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations

in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court, in the Indian Territory, South McAlester  
by Mary S. Jennings et al as said Governor  
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~~on behalf of said nation the~~  
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~~first day of next~~ instanter ~~Term of said Court.~~

and you are further commanded to notify said P.S. Moseley, Governor  
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transferred to the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court, and that  
the certificate of ~~said~~ Clerk of said Court for said Curtis  
District, Indian Territory, has been attached thereto.

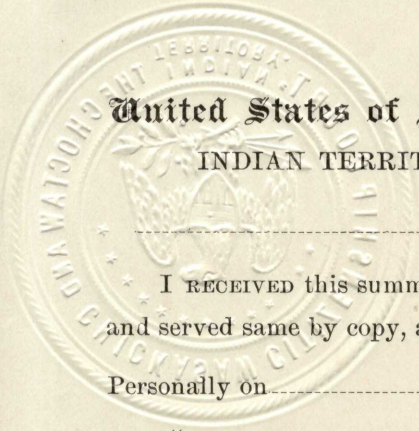
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thereof, at South McAlester, I. T., aforesaid,  
this 25 day of March, A. D. 1903



James B. Cassada  
Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy.

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DUPLICATE

No. 19 M-

SUMMONS  
IN EQUITY.

Mary L. Jennings et al  
vs.  
Charles F. Chisholm  
Nation

Summons issued the 25- day  
of March, 1903

Returnable in Indian Territory, 1903

Returned and filed \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy  
Clerk.

MARSHAL'S FEES.

Services, - - - - \$  
Miles, - - - - \$  
Expense, - - - - \$  
TOTAL, - - - - \$

L. N. Frazier  
Attorney for Plaintiff.  
S. M. Allen