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Tahlequah, Indian Territory

April 16, 1903.

Green McCurtain.

Principal Chief.

Tuskohoma, I. T.

Sir:

The New York American and Journal has selected me as its special representative in Indian Territory to collect data and statistics for the 1904Almanac, Year Book, Cyclopedia and Atlas. This Cyclopedia contains a brief sketch of the states and territories, together with pictures of the governors, and I address you to request that you forward me a photograph of yourself at your earliest convenience, so that Indian Territory may be shown up in as good light as the states.

Thanking you in advance for the favor. I beg to remain

Respectfully.

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any business man in Pahlegrah.

Sans Bois, I.T., April 16,1903.

Honorable Tans Bixby, Chairman,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

I understand, from reliable sources, that many Choctaws from the southeast portion of the Nation will appear before your Commission next Monday, the 20th inst, for the purpose of alloting the pine lands in their section of the Country. These poor deluded people have entered into contracts to sell their timber on each allotment at a price from \$10.00 to \$40.00. They have been told by the se timber men that the lands on which this timber is situated will be appraised at twenty-five cents per acre, without regard to the timber on the same. These adventurers who attempt to take this advantage of the Indians ought to be frustrated somehow. I hope to see you Monday and go on the refer with you.

P.L(W)

Principal Chief C.W.

Sans Bois, I.T., April 17,1903.

Judge P.N. Ishcomer,

Lukfata, I.T.

Dear sir:

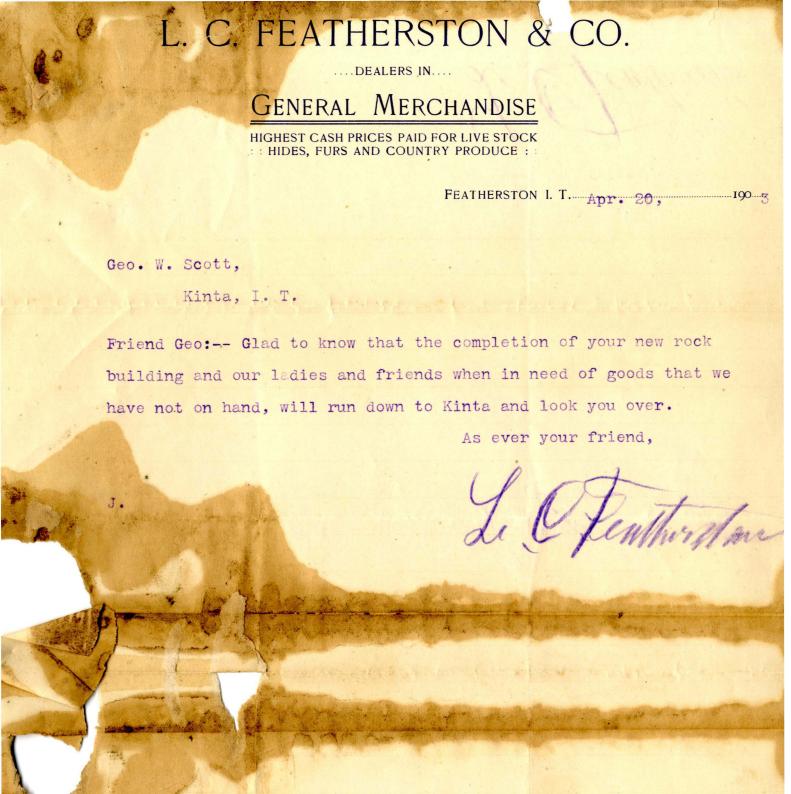
I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date wherein you ask that form of petition be sent you for letters of Administration and Guardianship, and also copyof form of letters of Administration and Guardianship. I herewith enclose blank covering all these petitions and letters. In the petition you will see that this petition is for both letters of administration and guardianship. When it is desired to petition for letters of guardianship only, then you can crace that part of the petition which refers to administration, and the same petition will do.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Encl.

Principal Chief C.N.



Sans Bois, I.T., April 20,1903.

Honorable Tams Bix by, Chairman,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

This office is daily besieged by questions with reference to the allotment of the lands and the division of the land, or rather the setting out of the homestead.

Section 11 of the Suplementary Agreement says:

"For the purpose of making allotments and designating homesteads hereunder, the forty acre quarter subdivision established by the Government survey raybe dealt with as if further subdivided into four equal parts, in the usual manner, thus making the smallest legal subdivision ten acres....."

Section 12, of the same Treaty says:

"Rach member of said tribes shall, at the time of the selection of his allotment, designate, as a homestead out of said allotment, land equal in value to one hundred and sixty acres of the average allotable land of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, as nearly as may be, "

In many instances the people are finding it very hard to divide their land so as to get one half of their allotment set out as a homestead, without making smaller divisions of the land than is provided for in the treaty. The question is then will these people be permitted to set aside more or less than one half of their allotment as a homestead—for instance if a person can divide his allotment so as to set aside land equal in value to \$520.00 or \$510.00, but can not divide it so as to set aside \$520.00, will he be permitted to set aside as his homestead either \$510.00 or \$530.00 as he may choose?

Another question, can a person take land, as a horest

which does not join---for instance will one person be permitted to take ten acres of land in one section, and twenty acres in another section a mile or two from the first, or must all his homestead be together?

You will greatly oblige this office by answering the above inquiries, and if there are any other rules or regulations of the Commission which will touch these or similar points with reference to the description and separation of allotments, would be pleased to have full information.

Very respectfully,

GMcC(W)

Principal Chief C.N.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN INSPECTOR

FOR

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INDIAN TERRITORY,

Muskogee, Ind. T., Apr. 20, 1903.

Honorable Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,

Kintah, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

In accordance with the provisions of section 29 of the act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), as modified by the act of May 31, 1900 (31 Stat., 221), I have to respectfully transmit to you this date one muslin mounted blueprint of the approved plat of the townsite of OAK LODGE, Choctaw Nation.

Oak Lodge is one of the small townsites, the surveying and platting of which was authorized by the act of Congress approved May 27, 1902, and the supplemental agreement with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians as finally ratified September 25, 1902.

Please acknowledge receipt of the plat.

Very respectfully,

Acting U.S. Indian Inspector for Indian Territory.

D. H.K. (C)

SansBois, I.T., April 21,1903.

Mr Peter J. Hudson, Auditor,

Tushkahoma, I.T.

Dear sir:

In the matter of the estate of Eastman Williams, orphan, deceased; I have investigated and examined the papers in the matter of the Administration of the estate of said Eastman Williams, by his brother, Joseph B. Williams, and find same to be regular and all right and you are therefore instructed to issue warrant to Joseph B. W. Williams, Administrator of the Estate of Eastman Williams, Deceased, for the sum of \$103.00, with interest at the rate of 4% from June 6th, 1893, to this date.

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N

Hon Grun M'Gurtain, Principal Chief C. H. Kintah Ind. Ty. Dear sir + friend: I write for an information, Last session of the law to appoint "alloting agents". Did the President approve This daw, or not? Will we have any such agents in the field? These people needs

al-ang. May bet this appointing of agents belongs to the Commis. sion, I don't know. Please lex me hear from your, Mour friend, a. J. Willins

McCortani I.J. April 22.1908. Gov. McConteni. look after my Citizen ship Jume, I vill give you me. The Bev R. & Ream pile he at Julle Son Bois Chuch 18 Sonday in May The con tell your all In Millimen more Bro learn for me not to Come to where the was. I tollowed him to Mc Culin. I flere I've been since lost July I was sent by The Officials at Washington to When it the nathin, Harght three years at

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COMMISSIONERS; TAMS BIXBY, THOMAS B. NEEDLES, C. R. BRECKINRIDGE, W. E. STANLEY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH, SECRETARY

ADDRESS ONLY THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 22, 1903.

Honorable Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,

Sans Bois, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 20, asking information relative to the designation of homesteads by citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. You state that some citizens are finding it very hard to divide their land so as to get one half of their allotment for homestead, without making smaller divisions of the land than is provided for in the treaty. You further inquire if citizens will be permitted to designate tracts of land which do not adjoin as homesteads or if the homestead selection must be in one tract.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it is not necessary that the land designated for homesteads should be in contiguous tracts, but the land designated as a homestead must be equal in value to one hundred and sixty acres of the average allottable land of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations as nearly as may be, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress of July 1, 1902.

Your attention is invited to the following rule governing the selection of allotments in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and the designation of homesteads by the citizens of said nations:

"In the determination of a homestead selection, the appraised value thereof shall be as near as practicable to \$520.64, computed from the appraised value of the nearest quarter-quarter-quarter subdivision."

If you will advise me when you expect to be in Atoka, I will endeavor to meet you there.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Sans Bois, I.T., April 23,1903.

Honorable J.W.Zevely,

Acting U.S. Indian Inspector,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

I herewith acknowledge reseipt of blueprint of the approved plat of the townsite of Oak Lodge, Choctaw Nation.

Word truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

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Sans Beis, I.T., April 24,1903.

Mr Joshua McCurtain,

Allison, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in rescipt of your letter of resent date with reference to Cook's citizenship case. I have written him in todays mail to the effect that if he would advise me as to whether or not he married in accordance with the laws of the Choctaw Mation, t that I would do what I could in his behalf. These regularities must be proven in court, and it would be uterly useless for me to try to assist him unless he proved his title clear to enrollment as an intermarried citizen.

PSL(W)

Yours truly.

Principal Chief C.M.

Sans Beis, I.T., April 24,1903.

Talequah Arrow,

Talequah, I.T.

Dear sir:

Complying withyour request of recent date, I send you under separate cover, today, photo of Governor Green McCurtain, for use in an article now being preparred for the N.Y. American Journal, showing statisticks in the Indian Territory. Please acknowledge receipt and oblige,

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Sans Bois, I.T., April 24,1903.

Mr George H.Cook,
Allison, I.T.

I am just in receipt of a letter enclosing a letter received by you from Wn Costigan, in which he suggests that you request me to have judgment confessed in your behalf. I am not fairilliar with the exact status of your case; while I know that you married the sister of Sampson McCurtain at I do not know whether you complied with the laws of the Choctaw Nation or not relative to marriages. If you will furnish me this detailed information, and there is anything I can do for you I will be glad to do it.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Beis, I.T., April 25,1903.

Linebaugh Bros.,

Atoka, I.T.

Gentlemen:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst, in which you seek to ascertain the custodian of the rells of the internarried citizens of the Choctaw Nation. My impression is that the Dawes Commission has the majority of all rells which have been taken of the internarried citizens. You might however communicate with Henry Ansley, of McAlester, I.T., who is custodian, and exofficion member of the Choctaw Citizenship Commission. He may have some in-complete rells that may give you the information you seek.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Sans Bois, I.T., April 25,1903.

Mrs Birtha McKinney,

McCurtain, I.T.

Dear Madam:

I am just in receipt of your letter and not e its contents

I am sorry that I am so situated that I can not aid you in this

matter. The time has about elapsed to secure an enrollment. If

I could give you any advice in the matter I would willingly do se.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., April 25,1903.

Mr Joshua McCurtain,

Allison, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date and note what you say with reference to ther efusal of the Dawes Commission to allow you to allot the land of a Court Citizen. The Dawes Commission can not very well help this, as there instructions are such thay can not avoid it. My advise to you is to stay there the time designated by the Commission, and it will giveyou the advantage that you would not otherwise have, and you can allot at that time. If you have possession of the place, you can certainly afford to wait.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief V.N.

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ALLOTMENT SURVEYING AND LOCATING

REAL ESTATE

Der down to Ca Caddo, Ind. Ter., 190 would be glad to Seed you of Knew when your travel be then I loqued locue up to see you. Took hearth I am your friend Inuly

Sans Bois, I.T., April 25,1903.

Honorable Tans Bixby, Chairman,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

I ar just in receipt of your letter of the 22nd, and note what you say with reference to the land designated as homestead, etc. I desire to the late you upon the position you have taken with reference to the allotment of pins land, to the Indians in the southeastern portion of the Nation. I believe this step will have a tendency to discourage those people who are trying to secure these pine lands for a song. I expect to be in Atoka on the 30th inst, at which time I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Grando Sol Japans Grand Sans Boir of He hound Mear the Central Chairman Jul in afterter Judge bris back? I from your letting your ark fulling Easing near lands for one near Chillasha and will more to trak when the Choclair Form ment is no more I think I shall be the last to all of for my suf

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Sans Bois I T April 27th 1903

Miss Myrtle Palmer.

Stigler I T.

Little Friend;

I am just in receipt of your letter and in reply will say that Mr Watts spoke to me about getting up the papers to present to court when it meets the first Monday in May. You can select your own gaurdian as can also your brother. Mr Watts said *x* that you wished your sister Mrs Watts to act. If this is agreeable to both of you I shall draw up the papers to that effect.

Yours truly

Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nat

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH, SECRETARY.

ADDRESS ONLY THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 27, 1903.

Charley Jacob,

Cushtusa, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered April 11, 1903, identifying yourself, your wife, Louisa Jacob, and minor child, Ebbie Jacob, as Mississippi Choctaw Indians under the provisions of article 41 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902. (32 Stats., 641).

If you remove to the Choctaw-Chickasaw country, Indian Territory, before October 11, 1903, you will have six months from that date, or until April 11, 1904, within which to make proof of such removal and settlement at the office of the Commission at Atoka, Choctaw Nation, or Tishomingo, Chickasaw Nation,

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Registered.

Enc. 2649.

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COMMISSIONERS:
TAMS BIXBY,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN	REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING
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ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH, SECRETARY.

ADDRESS ONLY THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 28, 1903.

Robert Cooper,

Kintah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 21st inst., enclosing your affidavit and that of Nancy E. Mason relative to the birth of Henry E. Cooper, infant son of Robert and Sarah A. Cooper, April 19, 1900.

It appears from our records that on March 4, 1901, you addressed a letter to this Commission requesting that your wife, a white woman, and your infant child be listed for enrollment as citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. You did not at that time state the name of your wife or that of the child.

It further appears from our records that on December 27, 1902, there was received at this office your affidavit and that of Nancy E. Mason relative to the birth of Henry E. Cooper, infant child of Robert and Sarah Cooper, April 19, 1900.

It was stated in your affidavit that the name of the child was Etta Henry Cooper, a female; while the affidavit of Nancy

E. Mason, the attending midwife, stated that the child was a male, and that its name was Henry E. Cooper, and a new blank for the purpose of making application, in which the sex of the child should be correctly stated in each affidavit, was enclosed you.

The application now being complete and in proper form has been duly filed with our records, and the child listed for enrollment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

EUGENE EASTON.

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS SOLICITED.

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anthers, D. F., 4/29/190?

Gov Green McCurtin.

Sanbois.

Dear Sir.

Henry Sanguin the Royalty Collector of this District has been consulting me about the Royalties due the Nation by the Merchants of his District and I have looked into the matter to some extent and I find that all of the Merchants have made agreements to fight this tax , and will not pay until compelled to do so, I am looking for Sanguin up on to-days train, but know he will meet with a refusal from all. In regard to the Saw Mill business I am informed that sevral Mills below Ft-Towson are still sawing and selling Lumber just as fast as possible, I understand that none of the Mills in this part of the Country are runing except the one here in town . and they claim that they are only cutting for Citizens who are clear ing thier lands ,and using the lumber for building purposes, and are receiving money for the swing not taking any part of the timber or Lumber, I do not know that the above is the fact ,but that is what they claim. Pardon me for sugesting a means and the only means by which the Lumber selling can be stopped in the lower Country is the taking of all of the lumber into the actual possession by the proper Authorities , and placing it in the hands of a Custodian, or under guard, my idea would be to replevin it , as the property of the Tribe taken without the conset of the Tribe or its authorized Agents or Officers, and I beleive the Courts would sustain the contention of the Nation in its claim of ownership for the use and benefit of the whole Tribe. The above is merely a suggestion of mine, and you might say was unsolicited advice , but I will chance it , and if there is any good in it you can make use of it, if not no harm will be done Your friends down here " Latham & Co still claim that Hunter is Gov. but we fail to see any evidence of it . With best wishes I am Yours truly &c

Engene Carton

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W. E. STANLEY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Choc by blood Roll No 6912

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH, SECRETARY

ADDRESS ONLY THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Indian Territory, April 29, 1903.

Warner & Buckley,

Attorneys at Law.

Poteau, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 20, 1903, in which you state that your client, Charles T. Perry, has written you to the effect that he understands that one J. J. McMurtry will undertake to allot the following described tracts of land, which your client claims to be in possession of and own:

The E 1/2 and the E 1/2 of N W 1/4 of Sec 1, Township 4 N, Range 24 E; the E 1/2 of S E 1/4 of Sec 35, S 1/2 of S W 1/4 of Sec 36, S W 1/4 of S E 1/4 of Sec 36, Township 5 N, Range 24 E; and the N W 1/4 of N W 1/4 of Sec 6, Township 4 N, Range 25 E.

Replying thereto you are advised that the S 1/2 of N E 1/4, N 1/2 of S E 1/4, and S E 1/4 of N W 1/4 of Sec 1, Township 4 N, Range 24 E, is covered with valuable pine timber, and has been temporarily reserved from allotment.

You are further advised that as the name of your client, Charles T. Perry, appears upon the approved schedule of Choctaws by blood, No. 6912, your letter has been filed, and you will be notified should any other citizen select in allotment the N 1/2 of

Warner & Buckley----2

N E 1/4, S 1/2 of S E 1/4, and N E 1/4 of N W 1/4 of Sec 1, Township 4 N, Range 24 E; E 1/2 of S E 1/4 of Sec 35, S 1/2 of S W 1/4, and S W 1/4 of S E 1/4 of Sec 36, Township 5 N, Range 24 E; and the N W 1/4 of N W 1/4 of Sec 6, Township 4 N, Range 25 E, or any portion thereof, so that you may institute contest against same as provided by law.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Gran Mariania Kinta St. Dot Sir; Lisame information, I have a surveying outlet vand vam Frody and Campetent to do all kinds of work of that. Kind. now there are a great hunde of chactors that would the kind of work done bushwho are not able to you for it and I am not able To evail on theme - Ipsome proven could be made to that I could get my fray for this work, I loosed like to do it, while it to hard work, I like that hand gwork. Ifyou can help me to get work of the kind I would appreadly Theal Jull-bloods are going to have

to home some one to loca accommendo for them and I might