

Asper

to report myself to Wm. Little Rock  
conferred at Little Rock, on 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1859

My dear Sir: & Bro. my dear friends & sisters  
I remain in Arkansas &  
leave here for Chicago, to attend the meeting of  
the Gen. Conv. and Gr. Encampment. I hoped I would  
see you there, and still can not help thinking I may  
see you; but, to be certain, I write to you before I  
leave.

I was in error in wishing to be adopted as  
a citizen of your Nation. I do not wish to manage  
any thing, to control any thing, to have influence  
here; but only to be able to lead a quiet life, and  
do my work, and to serve and defend your people  
wherever and whenever it should be in my power.

I am weary of life in this State - weary  
of the ignominious controversies that here make up  
men's lives. If your people will adopt me and  
my children, I will devote to their use the fac-  
ulties that God has given me, and which I have  
tried to use for the benefit of Arkansas, - for which  
She and hers have rewarded me with abuse and  
ingratitude.



An act to adopt and naturalize Albert  
Rise and his family.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the  
Choctaw Nation:

That in consideration of important  
and valuable services rendered by Albert Rise, of the  
State of Arkansas, to this Nation, and of his un-  
tiring efforts to secure to it and other friendly Indian  
Nations and Tribes their political and civil rights;  
and for the purpose of securing to this Nation his  
services, advice and influence hereafter, he, with  
his wife and five children shall be, and they are  
hereby adopted and naturalized, as citizens and  
members of the Choctaw Nation, to all intents and  
purposes, as fully and to the same extent, as if  
they had been born in the same Nation, of Choctaw  
parents, and were wholly Choctaws in blood; and  
this act shall take effect and be in force from and  
after its passage.