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John Farmer, Tempie Farmer Bent Farmer Joe Farmer Jesse Farmer,
Polly Hill, Rhoda Gaut, Sallie Cox, Clarisa Hill and Angie Casey

TO Petition for Citizenship.

The Dawes Commission.

Now on this day came John Farmer, Tempie Farmer, widow of
Thomas Farmer decd. Bent Farmer, Joe Farmer, Jesse Farmer,
Polly Hill, Rhody Gaut, Sallie Cox, Clarise Hill and Angie Casey,
and represent that they are one fourth Choctaw Indians by blood
(except Tempie Farmers wife and widow of Thomas Farmer)
derived from their father Thomas Farmer who was a half blood
Choctaw derived his father Aquilla Farmer and his mother Polly
Farmer nee Nail each half blood Choctaw Indians.

That the said Thomas Farmer was born and raised in the old
Choctaw Nation in Miss. Came to the Indian Territory before the
Civil war, returned and came again after the war at which time
his relations the Nails Choctaw Indians recognized him as their
kin and a Choctaw Indian. That he moved to Texas where he died in
1875.

That they are the direct lineal descendants of Aquilla and Polly
Farmer who were half blood Choctaw Indians and half white.

That they have never been convicted of any felony. That they are
all bona fide residents of the Indian Ter. except Angie Casey and
Clarisa Hill

That petitioner John Farmer married a white woman Sallie Farmer nee
Blendell by whom he has the following living children John Farmer
a son 11 years old, Walter F. Farmer, a son 8 years old, Tempie
L. Farmer a daughter 5 years old Barney Farmer a son 2 years old.

That petitioner Bent Farmer married a white woman Katy Farmer
by which he has the following living children:

sallie Farmer a daughter 16 years old. Alma Farmer a daughter, 13 years old Clara Farmer a daughter 10 years old Mary Farmer a daughter 8 years old Edgar Farmer a son 6 years old Aquilla Farmer a son 2 years old.

That petitioner Jesse Farmer married Nannie Farmer a white woman by whom he has the following living children:

Nora Farmer a daughter 15 years old. George W. Farmer a son 13 years old; Wallace Farmer a son 10 years old, Tempie E. Farmer a daughter 9 years old; Mittie E. Farmer a daughter 2 years old.

That petitioner Polly Hill waslawfully married to Thos. J. Hill in Arkansas in 1870 and has the following living children:

Laura Trantman nee Hill a daughter 23 years of age Bell Brown nee Hill a daughter 21 years of age; Bettie Campbell nee Hill a daughter 19 years of age; Maurae Hill a son 17 17 years of age.

That petitioner Rhody Gaut lawfully married to Richard Gaut in Arkansas in 1862 by whom she has the following living children: Cintha Parker nee Gaut a daughter 33 years old, George Gaut a son 22 years old; John Gaut a son 21 years old; Ross Gaut a son 17 years of age.

That petitioner Sallie Cox waslawfully married in Texas in 1876 to Alexander Cox by whom she has the following living children : Ida Cox a daughter 17 years old, John Cox a son 16 years old; Lillie Cox a daughter 14 years old, Jesse Cox a son 12 years old, Alexander Cox a son 9 years old; Bettie Cox a daughter 3 years old; James & Bent Cox sons six months old.

That petitioner Clarissa Hill was lawfully married in 1865 to Jasper Hill in Arkansas a white man by whom she has the following living children: Jodie Hill a son 18 years old, Sarah Hill a daughter 16 years old.

That petitioner Angie Casey was lawfully married in 1860 to Uriah Casey a white man now deceased in State of Arkansas by whom she has the following children: John Turner Casey a son 18 years old Thomas Casey a son 15 years of age.

Premises considered your petitioners pray hat they be admitted to citizenship and that their names as also the names of their children named above and their husbands and wives respectively be enrolled and placed upon therecords as members of the Choctaw tribe of indians for w hich in duty bound they will ever pray etc.

John Farmer, Bent parmer, Thos. J. Hill, Richard Gaut and Alexander Cox say that the matters and things above stated are true and correct as they verily believe.

	J.R. Farmer
	his
attest J.H. Wilkins	Bent X Farmer
	mark
Attest	T.J. Hill
	his
J.H. Wilkins	Richard X Gaut
	mark
	Alexander Cox.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Aug. 22, 1896.

J.H. Wilkins

(SEAL)

Notary Public.

United States of America
Indian Territory
Central District

Temple Farmer being by me duly sworn according to law
says:--- My name is Temple Farmer formerly Temple Casey. My age is
74 years My postoffice is Durant Ind. Ter. I know John Farmer,
Jesse Farmer, Polly Hill, Rhody Gaut, Sallie Cox, Clarisa Hill,
and Angie Casey, they are all my children by Thomas Farmer.

Thomas Farmer deceased. was my husband. He was a Choctaw Indian
by blood, derived from his father Aquilla Farmer and Polly
Farmer nee Nail his mother with whom I was well acquainted and
who were each half blood Choctaw Indians, the other blood being
white.

Thomas Farmer was born and reared in the old Choctaw Nation
in Miss. We were married in 1840 when we left Miss. his father and
mother were still living. We came to the Indian Ter. before the
war but returned. We came again after the war Farmers relatives
the Nails who were Choctaws recognized him as Choctaw and tried
to get him to remain and improve a home but he moved to Texas
where he died in 1875. I came to the Indian Territory about 5
years ago where I have since resided.

his
Temple X Farmer
mark

attest:

J.H. Wilkins.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Aug. 22, 1896.

J.H. Wilkins,

Notary Public.

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United States of America
Indian Ter.
Central District.

Jacob Fulsom being first by me duly sworn
according to law says

My name is Jacob Fulsom My age is 40 years, My postoffice is
Caddo Ind. Ter.

I am a Choctaw Indian and am enrolled member of the tribe

I know personally John Farmer Polly Hill nee Farmer, Sallie Cox
nee Farmer, Joe Farmer, Jesse Farmer Clarissa Hill nee Farmer and
Angie Casey nee Farmer who are one fourth Choctaw Indians by blood
derived from their father Thomas Farmer whom I knew personally
during his life time and who was a half blood Choctaw Indian,
who as I always understood was a son of Aquilla Farmer and Polly
Farmer formerly Polly Nail each half blood Choctaw Indians.

Thomas Farmer married a white woman whom I know very well
I lived a neighbor to Thomas Farmer several years in Tex. where
he died.

His neighbors all recognized him as a Choctaw Indian.

I am not related to these parties and not interested in
their claim for citizenship.

his
Jacob X Fulsom
attest mark

J.H. Wilkins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Aug. 22, 1896.

J.H. Wilkins.

(SEAL)

Notary Public.

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United states of America
Indian Territory
Central District

Ben Nail being first by me duly sworn according
to law says.

My name is Ben Nail. My age is 51 years. My postoffice
is Gaddo, Indian. Ter. I know John Farmer Bent Farmer, Joe Farmer,
and their brother in law T.J. Hill I knew their father Thomas Farmer
in his life time. He was a half blood Choctaw Indian derived as I
have always understood from his father Aquilla Farmer and his
mother Polly Farmer, nee Nail each half blood Choctaw Indians.
Thomas Farmer came to this country from Miss. in an early day,
before the civil war did not remain permanently, went away and
returned again after the war closed I know the Nails Choctaw
Indians here claimed him as a kinsman by blood and recognized him
as a citizen and a half blood Choctaw. He did not remain long here
but went to Tex. where he died. He was half Choctaw and half white
Had a large family of boys and girls some of whom I did not know.
I am a Choctaw citizen and enjoy all the rights and privileges of
the tribe I have no interest in this matter of citizenship of the
descendants of Thomas Farmer.

his
Ben X Nail
attest J.H. Wilkins mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Aug. 22, 1896.

J.H. Wilkins

Notary public.

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United states of America
Indian Territory
central District

Sam Duckworth being first by me duly sworn according to law says. My name is Sam Duckworth. My age is 73 years My post office is Caddo Indian Ter.

I am a Cherokee Indian and an enrolled member of the tribe. I was personally acquainted with Thomas Farmer He was born and reared back east in the old Nation. I also knew personally his father Aquilla Farmer and his mother Polly Farmer formerly Polly Nail They were each one half Choctaw Indians by blood the other half white. Thomas Farmer their son came to the Indian Ter. before the late civil war I saw him when he was here. He did not remain long and returned.

I am also acquainted with Thomas Farmer children John Farmer, Ben Farmer, Joe Farmer, Jesse Farmer, Angie Casey nee Farmer, Polly Hill nee Farmer Rhody Gaut nee Farmer Sallie Cox nee Farmer and Clarisa Hibbensee Farmer I was well acquainted with the boys but did not know the girls quite so well.

I am not related to any of these parties and have no interest in this claim or citizenship

his
Sam X Duckworth
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Aug. 22, 1896.

J.H. Wilkins

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(SEAL)

Notary public.

United States of America

Indian Ter. Central District.

Dick Nail being by me first duly sworn according to law
says:--

My name is Dick Nail, my age is 52 years. My postoffice is
Caddo Indian Ter. I know John Farmer and his Bro-in-law T.J. Hill.
I knew John Farmers father, Thomas Farmer, during his life time.
He was a one half Choctaw Indian by blood derived from his father
Aquilla Farmer and his mother Polly Farmer nee Nail whom I have
understood were each half Choctaw Indian and half white.

I did not know them myself but I got acquainted with their son
Thomas Farmer about 35 years of age. His son John Farmer I know
well but I am not acquainted with the other members of his family
though I know he had a large family of children boys and girls.
Thomas Farmer was half Choctaw Indian and half white.

I am a Choctaw citizen, enjoy all the rights and privileges of
such was born and reared in this country I know the Choctaws here
recognized Thomas Farmer as a Choctaw during his life time.

his
Dick X Nail
mark

attest J.H. Wilkins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Aug. 22, 1896.

J.H. Wilkins

(SEAL)

Notary public.

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United States of America
Indian Ter.
Central District.

Samuel Perry being first duly sworn according to
law says:

My name is Sam Perry. I am 84 years of age. My postoffice is Wiley Indian Territory. I am acquainted with John Farmer, Bent Farmer, Joe Farmer, and Mrs. Polly Hill their sister. I was also well and intimately acquainted with their grandfather Aquilla Farmer who was a half blood Choctaw Indian and I also knew their grandmother Polly Farmer formerly Polly Nail who was also a half blood Choctaw Indian.

Aquilla Farmer and Polly ~~Farmer~~ his wife were born and reared in the old Choctaw Nation in Miss. In understand they had a son Thomas Farmer who was father of John Farmer, Bent Farmer, Joe Farmer and Mrs. Polly Hill but I was not personally acquainted with him (Thomas Farmer) I was born in the Indian settlement in North Carolina, and when quite small was carried into Miss. where I got acquainted with the said Aquilla Farmer and Polly Nail before they were married. I came to the Indian Ter many years ago with the Choctaw Indian and for years I knew most of the old Indians in this country and remember many of their descendants now living as also many who are dead.

I understood that Thomas Farmer son of Aquilla Farmer as aforesaid had several other children besides those I knew and have mentioned above but I am only acquainted with those I have mentioned

9 I am a Choctaw Freedman and enjoy all the rights and privileges of citizenship and have testified before the Choctaw Council in citizenship claims. I am not related to any of these parties and not intended in their claims.

The aforesaid Aquilla Farmer and his wife Polly Farmer nee Nail were half Choctaws and half white and were living in the old Choctaw Nation in Miss. when I came west with the Indians in 1832

or 1833 if I remember correctly.

attest J.H. Wilkins his
 sam X Perry
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Aug. 22, 1896 and I certify
that the affiant is represented to me to be an intelligent and
honest man active in mind and body.

J.H. Wilkins

(SEAL)

Notary Public.

W. H. Wilkins
W. H. Wilkins

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J.H. WILKINS
.H.T.

honest man active in mind and body.

that the witness is represented to me to be an intelligent man

subscribed and sworn to before me this AUG. 22, 1888 and I certify

attest J.H. WILKINS

MARY
JAN X BERRY
his

OL 1888 If I remember correctly.

South McAlester, Ind. T., July, 20th. 1897.

Charles W. Dunston, Esq.

Atoka, I.T.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I hand you the papers in the case of Polly Hill vs the Choctaw Nation; W.E. Hailey of this place has the papers in the case of Epsia Underwood vs. The Choctaw Nation and Ralls Bros. have papers in the Sarah Scaley case. In regard to the other case asked for, Roda Gaut, will state that the name does not appear on the records of the court. Will send papers in the two cases as soon as I can get them back.

yoursvery truly,

E.J. Fannin,

Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
Commission to the Five civilized Tribes.

Fort Smith Arkansas Dec. 7 1896.

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John Farmer et al.

V.

Choctaw Nation
application denied.

Filed set. 4, 1896 answer filed.

Dunston & Wilkins
Atoka I.T.

I, H.M. Jacoway, Jr., Secretary, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Choctaw Record C. page 392, of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Given under my hand and official signature this the 8 day of Feby. 1897.

Henry Stroup
act. Secretary.

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In the United States Court for the Central Judicial District of
the Indian Territory.

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Polly Hill and Rhoda Gaut,-----Appellants

vs

Choctaw Nation,-----Appellee.

Now on this day come appellants, Polly Hill and Rhoda Gaut
and say:

I.

What they are one fourth Choctaw Indians by blood, derived from
their father Thomas Farmer, whose father, Aquilla Farmer and
mother, Polly Farmer nee Nail were each half blood Choctaw Indians.

II.

That appellants are bona fide residents of the Choctaw Nation,
and under the laws of the United States and of the Choctaw
Government are entitled to be enrolled as members of the Choctaw
Tribe of Indians.

III.

That under Act of Congress of June 10th, 1896, appellants applied
the Dawes Indian Commission and asked to be admitted as citizens,
submitted their proof in support of same, and on the third day of
December, 1896, said Commission, contrary to law and the evidence
denied appellants petition.

IV.

13 That said Dawes Commission erred in refusing to admit appellant

FIRST,- because the evidence made a prima facie case in favor
of appellants.

SECOND. There being no answer filed by the Choctaw Nation,
appellants were entitled to be enrolled as by default.

THIRD. In considering defendants answer, in the Choctaw
Nation answered at all, which was not verified, as the law and

the rules of the Commission required nor was same filed within the time required by law.

FOURTH. That the decision of the ^{Indian} Dawes Commission was contrary to the law and the evidence.

Wherefore appellants pray that they be granted an appeal, that after hearing all the testimony in this case, a decree be rendered by this court admitting appellants to citizenship as per original petition filed in this case.

Polly Hill

Rhoda Gaut.

BY their attorneys.

Dunston & Wilkins.

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE
INDIAN TERRITORY, AT SOUTH McALESTER.

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Polly Hill and Rosa Gaut, Plaintiffs.

vs

A N S W E R.

The Choctaw Nation, Defendant.
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Comes now the Choctaw Nation by its attorney, and for answer to the petition for appeal filed by the plaintiffs herein says,

That it is not true that these plaintiffs are one fourth Choctaw Indians by blood, and said plaintiffs have no Choctaw Indian blood, That if said plaintiffs have any Choctaw Indian blood, it is not one eighth, the amount of blood required by the laws of the Choctaw Nation for admission to citizenship in said tribe.

Further answering, the Choctaw Nation says that it has heretofore filed its answer to the application of this plaintiff before the Dawes Commission, which said answer is hereby referred to and made part hereof, and having full answered, appellee prays that the judgment of the Dawes Commission herein be in all things affirmed.

Wm. M. Cravens

Stuart Gordon & Hailey.

Attorneys for the Choctaw Nation.

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CAPTION.

The depositions of Dick Nail, Ben Nail, Sam Duckworth, Samuel Perry and Jacob Fulsom taken on the 23rd. day of July 1897, between the hours of 8 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock P.M. at the office of J.L. Rappolee, Caddo, in the Central District of the I.T. to be read as evidence in an action between Polly Hill and Rhoda Gaut, plaintiff and The Choctaw Nation, defendant, pending in the United States court for the Central District of the Indian Territory, at South McAlester.

Evidence in the case of Polly Hill and Rhoda Gaut vs The Choctaw Nation. Dick Nail was introduced on the part of the appellants and after being duly sworn according to law says: My name is Dick Nail, I am a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, recognized and enjoying the rights as such, I am about 53 years old and my post office is Caddo I.T. I was born and raised in the Choctaw Nation. I knew Thomas Farmer during his life time, he lived at Ft. Washita I.T. I always understood that he was a son of Quilla Farmer, who was a half blood Choctaw Indian, Quilla Farmer married a woman by the name of Presilla Nail she was also a half blood Choctaw Indian. When I first knew Thomas Farmer he was living with his family in the Choctaw Nation, his wife was called Tempie, she was a white woman, and is now living in the Choctaw Nation. I dont know what her name was before she was married. Rhoda Gaut ~~was~~ one of the appellants herein is a daughter of Thomas and Tempie Farmer; she married a man by the name of Gaut, who was not an Indian but was a white man; he is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Gaut is living in the Choctaw Nation, and has three children, I dont know their names I always understood from the Nails, who are Choctaws that Thomas Farmer came from Mississippi to this country some time before the war. Farmer was always regarded as a Choctaw Indian ~~when I~~ ~~to~~ knew him, he was a relative of the Nail ~~people~~ as I have said, who are Indians. Thomas

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his
Dick x Nail
mark

Ben Nail was next introduced on the part of the appellants and after being duly sworn according to law testifies as follows; My name is Ben Nail, I am a recognized citizen of the Choctaw Nation, enjoying all the rights as such, am about 51 years old and my post office is Caddo I.T. I was born and raised in the Choctaw Nation, where I have lived all my life. I knew Thomas Farmer during his life time, he was a half blood Choctaw Indian. I did not know Quilla Farmer and Polly Farmer personally, but I always understood that they were half blood Choctaw Indians. They were the parents of Thomas Farmer. Polly Farmer was before her marriage, Polly Nail. Thomas Farmer was always recognized by the Nails as their kinsman, I dont know when Thomas Farmer was married his wife was called Tempie, she is now living. Polly Hill and Rhoda Gaut are children of Thomas and Tempie Farmer. Polly was married to a man by the name of Hill several years ago, he is now living. They have several children. Rhoda also married a white man, with whom she is now living, and by whom she has several children. I have no interest whatever in this application.

Ben his
x Nail
mark.

Sam Duckworth was next introduced on the part of the appellants and after being duly sworn according to law testified as follows: My name is Sam Duckworth, I am an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation, am

73 years old and my post office is Caddo I. T. I was personally acquainted with Thomas Farmer during his life time, he was born and reared in Mississippi in the old Indian Nation. I also knew Quilla Farmer and Polly Farmer nee Nail; they were the parents of Thomas Farmer, and were each one half Choctaws and one half white. Thomas Farmer came to the Indian Territory some time before the civil war, I saw him when he was here. Rhoda Gaut is a daughter of Thomas and Tempie Farmer. Thomas and Tempie Farmer were married in Mississippi, Tempie was a white woman. Rhoda, I think was born in the Indian Territory, she has lived here all her life; some years ago she married a white man by the name of Richard Gaut, with whom she is now living in the Choctaw Nation, and by whom she has several children. Polly is also a daughter of Thomas and Tempie Farmer, she is younger than Rhoda Gaut. Polly was married to a white man by the name of Thomas Hill, by whom she has four or five children. When I knew Thomas Farmer, both here and back in Mississippi, he was at all times recognized as a Choctaw Indian. I always thought that all of his children were on the rolls of the Nation until I found out about their application to be made citizens. I am no relation to any of these parties and have no interest whatever in this claim for citizenship. I know that they are Choctaws and if my testimony will do them any good, I want them to have the benefit of it.

Witness. Jo. T. Cosby. his
Sam x Duckworth.
mark.

Samuel Parry was next introduced on the part of the appellants and after being duly sworn according to law testified as follows: My name is Samuel Parry, I am a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by both blood and adoption, am about 85 years of age, and my post office is Wylie I.T. I have lived among the Indians all my life, was born in N.C. and when quite a small boy went to Miss. and came to this country with the sec-

and immigration of the Choctaws. I knew Quilla Farmer Presilla or Polly Nail. They were married when I knew them, they were both Choctaw Indians, certainly half blood, possibly more. They were the parents of Thomas Farmer, who married a white woman they called Tempie. They had a large family every member of whom I knew well. Rhoda Gaut is their daughter, she was born in Miss. came to this country and ~~xx~~ married a man by the name of Richard Gaut, who is now living. they have children, I don't know how many or what their names are. Polly Hill is also a daughter of Thomas and Tempie Farmer, several years ago she married a white man by the name of Tom Hill; they also have several children, but I do not know their names. Polly was younger than Rhoda, though she was not the youngest one of the family.

I was a slave of the Nails, and I know that these applicants are the direct descendants of Precilla or Polly Nail, who was a half blood Choctaw Indian, and who married Quilla Farmer, and that Thomas Farmer was their child, and that these applicants are children of Thomas Farmer and the grandchildren of Quilla Farmer and Pollyx or Precilla Farmer nee Nail. I have no interest in this application, what I have testified to, I know of my own personal knowledge. The Nails were always kind to me and if my testimony will help any of their descendants to their right to citizenship I am glad of it. My interest goes no further than this in the case.

Witness. Jos.T.Cosby.

Samuel Perry. X his mark.

Jacob Fulsem was next introduced on the part of the appellant and after being duly sworn according to law testified as follows:

My name is Jacob Fulsem, I am an enrolled citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and a recognized member of the Tribe, I am 40 years of age, and my post office is Caddo I.T. I was born and raised in the Choctaw Nation, where I have lived all my life. I knew Thomas Farmer he was a half blood Choctaw Indian, he was always regarded as a relative of the Nails, who are Choctaws. Tempie Farmer, who is now living was the wife of Thomas Farmer; Rhoda Gaut and Polly Hill the

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applicants herein are the daughters of Thomas and Tempie Farmer. Rhoda married was married to Richard Gaut, a white man by whom she has four children; George, Syntha, John and Ross, all of whom are now living with their parents in the Choctaw Nation. Polly married a man by the name of T.J.Hill who is also a white man, by whom she has four children, I do not know them personally, but have heard their names; Laura ,Bell, Bettie and Monroe. I am not related to any of the parties and have no interest in this application for citi en-ship.

Witness. Jos.T.Cosby.

Jacob Fulson.

X His mark.

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE INDIAN TERRITORY. AT SOUTH MCALESTER I.T.

Polly Hill and Rhoda Gaut, Appellant.

vs

Notice to take deposition.

The Choctaw Nation. Appe lles

To Mess. Stuart Gord on and Hailey, Attorneys of record for the Choctaw Nation.

You are hereby notified that depositions of witnesses to be read as ev idence in the above entitled cause on the part of the ap-ellant will be taken at the office of J.L.Rappolee in the town of Caddo. within the Central District of the Indian Territory, on the 23rd. day of July, 1897, between the hours of 8 o'clock in the fore-noon and 6 o'clock in the afterneen, and that the taking of said depositions is not completed on said day will be continued from day to day at the same place and between the same hours until completed.

Dunston and Wilkins.

Attorneys for appallants.

Received the within notice this 20th. day of July 1897, and served the same personally by copy on the within named W.E.Hailey at South McAlester Ind.Ter. this 20th. day of July 1897.

John Riden our. Constable.

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United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

I James T. Cosby a duly appointed and qualified Notary Public, within and for the Central District of the I.T. do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of Dick Nail, Ben Nail, Sam Duckworth and Jacob Fulsem were taken before me, and were read to and subscribed by them in my presence at the time and place, and in the action mentioned in the caption, the said parties having been first sworn by me that the evidence they should give in the action should be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and that their statements were reduced to writing by me in their presence. and also in the presence of Chas. W. Dunston one of the attorneys for above plaintiffs, neither of the plaintiffs being present in person. The Choctaw Nation was not present by its attorneys nor otherwise represented at the examination.

Given under my hand and seal at Atoka within the Central District of the I.T. this 23rd. day of July 1897.

Seal. James T. Cosby. Notary Public.

Cado I.T. July 23rd. 1897.

Polly Hill and Rhoda Gaut.

To James T. Cosby, Notary Public. Dr.

To deposition, one day 5.00.

29 miles Lehigh to Caddo. 2.90.

Received payment of Plaintiff.

James T. Cosby

Polly Hill et al.

Plaintiffs.

No. 31. vs

precedent for judgment.

Choctaw Nation

Defendant.

On this 24 day of August 1897, the same being one of the days of the regular April 1897 term of this court, this cause came on ready for trial and plaintiffs and defendant appear and announce ready for trial and thereupon this cause is submitted by agreement of the parties to the Court for decision. And the Court having heard the evidence and the argument of counsel and being well and fully advised in the premises, doth find that of the plaintiffs, R. Gaut and T.J. Hill are not entitled to be admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. It is therefore by the court considered, adjudged and decreed that said plaintiffs take nothing by their suit; that the judgment of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes as to said plaintiffs be and the same is hereby affirmed; that the names of the said plaintiffs R. Gaut and T.J. Hill be withheld from the roll of Choctaw citizens prepared or to be prepared by said Commission and that defendant have and recover of said plaintiffs all its costs in this action laid out and expended. It is further ordered that the Clerk of this Court transmit to the said Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes a certified copy of the judgment herein.

Polly Hill and Rhoda Gaut

No. 31 vs

Precedent.

Choctaw Nation.

On this the 24th day of August 1897, the same being one of the regular judicial days of the April 1897 term of Court, this cause came on to be heard, whereupon the plaintiffs and defendant announced ready for trial, and the court having heard the testimony and argument of counsel and being well and sufficiently advised in the premises, doth find that the plaintiffs, Polly Hill, Laura Troutman Bell Brown Bettie Campbell Monroe Hill- Rhoda Gaut- George Gaut Syntha Parker- John Gaut and Ross Gaut are descendants of a member of the Choctaw Nation by blood and are entitled to be placed upon the roll as members by blood of the Choctaw tribe of Indians.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the plaintiffs Polly Hill Laura Troutman Bell Brown Bettie Campbell Monroe Hill Rhoda Gaut George Gaut- Syntha Parker- John Gaut and Ross Gaut have and recover of and from the Choctaw Nation, and that they, and each of them be granted all the rights, privileges, immunities and benefits as enjoyed by members by blood of the Choctaw Nation, and that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes upon the Rolls of the Choctaw Nation as members thereof by blood. and that the Clerk of this court furnish the said Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes with a certified copy of the judgment, and that the plaintiffs have and recover of the defendant all the costs herein expended, for all which let execution issue.

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Gordon.

Gordon.

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which let execution issue.

recover of the defendant all the costs herein expended, for all certified copy of the judgment, and that the plaintiffs have and furnish the said Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes with a as members thereof by blood, and that the Clerk of this court the Five Civilized Tribes upon the Rolls of the Choctaw Nation bers by blood of the Choctaw Nation, and that the Commission to rights, privileges, immunities and benefits as enjoyed by members of the Nation, and that they, and each of them be granted all the ^{John Gant} ~~John Gant~~ and Ross Gant have and recover of and from the Choctaw ^{Campbell} ~~Campbell~~ Monroe Hill Rhoda Gant George Gant- Cynthia Parker.

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On this the 24th day of August 1887, the same being one of
Choctaw Nation.

No. 31 as precedent.
Polly Hill and Rhoda Gant

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Choctaw Nation.

On this 24th day of August, 1897, the same being one of the regular judicial days of the April, 1897 term of court, this cause came on to be heard, whereupon the plaintiff and defendant announced ready for trial, and the court having heard the testimony and argument of counsel and being well and sufficiently advised in the ~~premise~~ premises, doth find that the plaintiffs Polly Hill, ~~et al~~ Laura Troutman, Beel Brown, Bettie Campbell, Monroe Hill, Rhoda Grant, George Gaut, Cynthia Parker, John Gaut, and Ross Gaut are descendant of a member of the Choctaw Nation by blood, and are entitled to be placed upon the roll as members by blood of the Choctaw Tribe of Indians.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decree by the Court that the plaintiffs Polly Hill, Laura Troutman, Beel Brown, Bettie Campbell, Monroe Hill, Rhoda ~~Gaut~~ Gaut, George Gaut, Cynthia Parker John Gaut, and Ross Gaut have and recover of and from the Choctaw Nation, and that they and each of them be granted all their rights, privileges, immunities and benefits as enjoyed by members by blood of the Choctaw Nation, and that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes place the names of said plaintiffs upon the rolls of the Choctaw Nation as members thereof by blood, and that the clerk of this Court furnish the said Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes a certified copy of this judgment, and that the plaintiffs have and recover of the defendant all their costs herein expended, for all of which let execution issue.

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Choctaw Nation.

On this 24th day of August, 1897, the same being one of the days of the regular April, 1897 term of this court, this cause came on ~~xxxx~~ for trial and plaintiffs and defendant appear and announce ready for trial and thereupon this cause is submitted by agreement of the parties to the court for decision. And the court having heard the evidence and the argument of counsel and being ~~well~~ and fully advised in the premises, doth find that of the plaintiffs/ Richard Gaut and T. J. Hill are not entitled to be admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation. It is therefore by the Court considered, adjudged and decreed that the said plaintiffs take nothing by their suit; and that the judgment of the said Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes as to said plaintiffs be and the same is affirmed; and that the names of the said plaintiffs, Richard Gaut and T. J. Hill be withheld from the rolls of Choctaw citizens prepared or to be prepared by said Commission and that defendant have and recover of said plaintiffs all its costs in this action laid out and expended.

It is further ordered that the clerk of this court transmit to the said Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes a certified copy of the judgment herein.

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