

In accordance with ^{order} of Election given under the hand of Sepashelch Prince Chief, and great seal of the Muscogee Nation date of Aug 4-1897 addressed to Wiley Sipey King of the Coweta Town in election of additional members of the House of Warriors for said town was held at the voting precinct of the Coweta Town on date of Sept. 25th 1897 resulting as follows:

Candidates.	Votes
Wash Grayson	13
Limbo Carr	9
A. P. W. Kellaf	7
Billy Sipey	8

As the above shows that Hon. Wash Grayson received a plurality of the votes cast I hereby pronounce him elected as additional member of the House of Warriors to serve during the remainder of the term of the present administration

Wiley ^{his} Sipey
 marks Town King
 (over)

At the next annual council Oct. 5. 1897. Wiley
Sukey, town King - stated that he had intended to
have the foregoing certificate of election drawn off in
ink and make any corrections that might have
been made necessary by the hurry that attended
the election on the evening of Sept. 20. 1897, but
failed to find Garrett whom he sought
two several times for that purpose. but failed
to find. He then directed that it be so changed
as to fix the term of the office for which the
member was elected, at four years, as allowed
by the constitution, instead of "during the
remainder of the present administration".
The paper was so prepared and presented to
the council on Oct. 5. 1897. when Morris
Stephens a negro member, remarked that
the certificate was defective in that it claimed
for the elected, a term of four years when it
should have stated only for the ~~same~~ remain-
der of the present administration, and moved
that it be so corrected before being
accepted. This suggestion elicited much
debate, when Wiley Sukey was called in
to testify whether he meant to inform the
council in the certificate, that the member
had been elected for four years or not. He
stated that as the election was not held to
fill a vacancy caused by the death,
resignation or removal from office of any
officer, but to fill de novo, an office
found to be in existence and vacant by
reason of the operation of the constitution, it
was intended by the town that the elected
should hold his office for the full term
of four years as provided by the said
constitution. Upon this statement, the
discussion ceased and it was recorded
in the Journal of the House, that the
member was elected for the term of four years.

G. W. Grayson