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OLD RECEIPT COPIED FROM ORIGINAL MADE IN 1845
MRS. D. W. BUSHEYHEAD, OWNER.

The following legal paper was written more than a century ago, by the brother of Mrs. Busheyhead's mother, Frances Taylor Butler. It was used in the courts of the Cherokees, before the great Removal of the Cherokees West to what is now Northeastern Oklahoma:

Thomas F. Taylor's statement in favor of Jackson Rattling Gourd or Conrod's Claim states that in the year 1832, the witness was doing business for a white man, a citizen of the United States by the name of Elijah C. Rice, as clerk in the store of Rice, which store was kept at the house of Richard Taylor, witness' father, on Chickmoggee Creek, Cherokee Nation, East, and that during the time that the store was kept at Richard Taylor's, Jackson Conrod traded on a credit with the said Rice to the amount of \$62.00 and that witness was present when Jackson Conrod settled the amount, which he was indebted to the said Elijah C. Rice by account that Conrod let Rice have a horse at \$50.00 and \$12.00 in hogs. It appears from The Books of Valuations that the Board of Commissioners who sat for the adjudication of claims-law has allowed the said Rice the amount of \$62.00 out of the valuation of Jackson Conrod, and to witness' knowledge, Jackson never traded any more with Rice as the said Rice shortly afterwards got into a difficulty (in consequence of slicking a man by the name of Thomas Bryant) and left the country and removed the remnant of goods that still remained on hands to the limits of Ter me see, a distance of thirty or forty miles from the residence of Jackson Conrod.

3rd March 1845
Before me James M. Payne.

Tho. Fox Taylor

Frank J. Still
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OLD DOCUMENTS, LETTERS & PICTURES

Mrs. D. W. Busheyhead of Tahlequah, Oklahoma has a copy of a Document of the calling of the town people together to appoint a committee to pass resolutions in regard to the death of Governor Lusheyhead, dated February 5, 1889; W. P. Boudinot, Sec.

A picture of Bell Foreman's house at Fort Gibson, built in 1818, still standing. A picture of Chief Louis Downings' last wife, Mary Ayres.

A picture of William Butler, Mrs. Busheyhead's uncle, who was Indian Agent and Governor of S. C. A picture of William Butler's home in S. C. when he was Governor of S. C.

A picture of Chief D. W. Busheyhead's old home at Fort Gibson.

A picture of the ruins of the old Jeff Davis Headquarters, Fort Gibson.

A picture of the old Barrack building established, May, 1818.

A picture of the old May party grounds, also a group of people there on the Illinois river.

Contributed by Mrs. D. W. Busheyhead, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

RESOLVED, By the citizens of the town of Tahlequah and vicinity that in the death of our fellow citizen and townsman, the Honorable D. W. Busheyhead, this community has lost one of its most respected and valued member, and the Cherokee people a tried and true patriot and leader.

RESOLVED, Further that the honor we seek to pay to his memory and remains up on this occasion of his decease has been repeatedly awarded to him while living by the entire Cherokee people, when they called him to fill the most responsible stations within their gift.

RESOLVED, Further, that we deeply sympathize with the immediate family and relatives of the deceased in their great bereavement, and that copy of these resolutions be furnished to each of the journals published in the town with the request to publish.

W. P. Boudinot

D. W. Hastings

Waddie Hudson

Tahlequah, I. T. February 5, 1898. (Committee)

Contributed by Mrs. D. W. Busheyhead, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

(An early letter)

Oklahoma City, I. T.

Feb. 5, 1898.

My dear Mrs. Busheyhead.

I have

not heard of your husband's death, a word, of only a word of sympathy. Personally I shall miss him, not a little I remember his unfailing courtesy and his kindness. Most gratefully, and I know how large a place he filled in his own community. May good bless and comfort you and the children.

Yours sincerely, your friend

Bishop

F. K. Brooks

Date 3-22-1937

This was copied from the original document of Thomas F. Taylor by Frank J. Still.

Mrs. D. W. Busheyhead, widow of Chief Busheyhead is owner of the document. Thomas Fox Taylor who had been a member of the Cherokee Council was later Lieutenant Colonel in Stand Watie's regiment and was killed in the Battle of Bayou Manard in 1862.