

Choctaw MCR 2617

Benjamin F Davis

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Benjamin F. Davis et al

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Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Atoka, I. T. June 12, 1901.

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In the matter of the application of Benjamin F. Davis for the identification of himself and his minor children as Mississippi Choctaws.

Benjamin F. Davis having been first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Benjamin, F. Davis.
Q What is your age? A Sixty-four.
Q What is your post-office address? A Eustace, Texas.
Q How long have you lived there? A About twenty years in that County in Texas.
Q Where did you live before? A I was born and raised in Mississippi.
Q You were born in Mississippi and lived there until you moved to Texas? A Yes.
Q What is your father's name? A Paul Davis.
Q Is he living? A No.
Q What is your mother's name? A Eunice Davis.
Q Is she living? A No.
Q Through which one of your parents do you derive your Choctaw blood? A My father.
Q How much Choctaw blood do you claim? A He was 1/4.
Q How much do you claim? A One sixteenth, I believe-no, one eighth.
Q Has your father through whom you claim your right to identification as a Mississippi Choctaw ever been recognized in any manner or enrolled as a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians by either the Choctaw tribal authorities or the authorities of the United States? A Not that I know of.
Q Are you married? A Yes.
Q What is your wife's name? A My wife is dead; her name was Mary A. Davis.
Q Have you any children in your family under twenty-one years of age and unmarried for whom you wish to make application at this time? A Yes.
Q Give their names and ages? A Michael J. Davis- eighteen; Luther Davis- fourteen; Georgia Davis-(Girl), eleven; that's all.
Q These are your children? A Yes.
Q What is the name of their mother? A Mary Ann Davis.
Q When and where were you married to her? A In '69 in Mississippi.
Q Did you obtain a license to marry? A Yes.
Q Were you married by an ordained minister or by an official authorized to perform the marriage ceremony? A Ordained minister.
Q Have you your marriage license and certificate and do you desire to offer same in evidence? A Yes, I haven't them with me.

It will be necessary for the Commission to be supplied with evidence of your marriage to your wife in support of the application for your minor children.

- A I can get them if the Court huse aint burned--
Q Is your name or the names of any of your children on any of the tribal rolls of the Choctaw Nation in Indian Territory? A No.
Q Have you ever made application to the Choctaw tribal authorities

- in Indian Territory for yourself or your children to be enrolled as members of that tribe? A No.
- Q Did you or any one for you or your children, in 1896, make application to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation under the Act of Congress of June 10, 1896? A No.
- Q Have you or your children ever been admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation by either the Choctaw tribal authorities, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, or by judgment of the United States Court in Indian Territory? A No.
- Q Have you ever made application prior to this time for yourself or your children to either the Choctaw tribal authorities, or the authorities of the United States to be admitted or enrolled as citizens of the Choctaw Nation? A No.
- Q Is this the first application of any description you have ever made? A Yes.
- Q Is it now your purpose to make application for identification as a Mississippi Choctaw? A Yes.
- Q Do you claim your rights as a beneficiary under the provisions of the fourteenth article of the treaty of 1830? A Yes.
- Q Have you ever received any benefits as a Choctaw Indian? A No, not a thing.
- Q Have any of your ancestors ever received any benefits as Choctaw Indians? A Not that ever I knowed of.
- Q What is the name of your ancestor or ancestors who were residents of the old Choctaw Nation in Mississippi and Alabama and acknowledged members of the Choctaw tribe of Indians in 1830 when the treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek was entered into between the United States and the Choctaw tribe of Indians? A Daniel Davis, grandfather; Paul Davis was father's name.
- Q Have you any evidence showing that such ancestors were recognized members of the Choctaw tribe at that time? A Yes.
- Q Did these ancestors if Choctaw Indians remove from the territory occupied by the old Choctaw Nation in Mississippi and Alabama to the present Choctaw Nation in Indian Territory at the time of the removal of the other members of the Choctaw tribe from 1833 to 1838? A No.
- Q If they did not remove with the other members of the tribe, did either of them within six months after the ratification of the treaty of 1830, signify to the United States Indian Agent to the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi his intention to remain in Mississippi and become a citizen of the United States? A Yes, I guess so.
- Q Do you know that he did? A Yes, I know he did.
- Q How do you know that he did? A Well, they said he stayed there.
- Q Did he go to the Indian agent within six months after the ratification of the treaty and tell him that he wanted to stay there and become a citizen of the United States? A Not that I know of.
- Q Have any of your ancestors ever claimed or received any benefits and land in Mississippi as beneficiaries under the provisions of the fourteenth article of the treaty of 1830? A No.
- Q Are there any additional statements that you desire to make in support of this application? A No.
- Q Have you any documentary evidence, affidavits, written evidence of any description, copies of records, deeds or patents, or any proper papers showing that your ancestors were ever recognized members of the Choctaw tribe of Indians in Mississippi in 1830, or that they ever complied or attempted to comply with the provisions of the fourteenth article of the treaty of 1830, or that they ever received any benefits under that article of that treaty? A Yes.

Affidavit of Susie Lord offered in evidence by applicant marked Exhibit "A", filed and made a part of the record in this case; affidavit of T.M. Parkman offered in evidence by applicant marked Exhibit "B" filed and made a part of the record in this case.

Q Do you want time in which to offer any further evidence in support of this claim? A Well, no- not as I know of: well, yes I do.

Thirty days time is allowed applicant in which to file marriage license and certificate or certified copies thereof and any other evidence in support of this case.

The decision of the Commission as to your application for the identification of yourself and your minor children as Mississippi Choctaws will be determined at the earliest possible date and report of the same will be made to the Secretary of the Interior, conformable to the provisions of the 21st. Section of the Act of Congress of June 28, 1898, and a copy of the same will be mailed to you at your post-office address as given by you in your testimony.

Applicant apparently a white man.

Henry G. Hains being duly sworn on his oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on June 12, 1901, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes in said cause on said date.

Henry G. Hains

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of July 1901.

R. H. Linebaugh
Notary Public

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--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that applications for identification as Mississippi Choctaws were made by Benjamin F. Davis for himself and his three minor children, Michael J., Luther

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and Georgia Davis; by Alice Edwards for herself; by David V. Edwards for himself and his two minor children, Glynn and William Harles Edwards; by Isham Edwards for himself and his minor child, Mertie Lyda Edwards; by Eliza Edwards for herself and her seven minor children, Otha, Arthur, Nola, Mattie, Devera, Thomas and Chester Edwards; by Benjamin F. Davis (number 2) for himself and his three minor children, Della, Annie and Ellie Davis; by Paul Sanderford for himself and his two minor children, Maudie and Ethel Sanderford; by Mattie Niblett for herself and her two minor children, Clarence and Rudolph Niblett; by Henry H. Davis for himself and his four minor children, Belva, Betty C., Mary E. and Beaufre Davis; by James E. Davis for himself and his three minor children, Gracie T., Victoria and Della M. Davis; by George S. Davis for himself and his two minor children, Lucy J. and Paley Davis; by John T. Sanderford for himself and his three minor children, Ivy, Roy and Ora Sanderford; by Robert M. Davis for himself and his four minor children, William S., Essie, Walter and Melvin Davis; by Susan M. McLauchlin for herself and her six minor children, Austin C., Simmie, Lennie, Aletha, Thomas P. and Susie J. McLauchlin; by Melissa J. McLauchlin for herself and her four minor children, Chester, Mermon, Homer and Bennie McLauchlin; by Rena L. Moseley for herself and her three minor children, Clifton, Jessie V. and Roy Moseley; by Bettie Willingham for herself; by Mary J. Looney for herself and her minor child, Texas Looney; by Charley Davis for himself; by John K. Davis for himself; by Melinda Williams for herself; by Matilda E. Ferguson for herself and her two minor children, Jehu Sanderford and Minnie Sanderford;

by Ada A. Norris for herself and her minor child, Henry Norris; and by Delila Dixon for herself and her two minor children, Mabel and Ava Dixon, under the following provision of the act of Congress approved June 28, 1898, (30 Stat., 495):

"Said Commission shall have authority to determine the identity of Choctaw Indians claiming rights in the Choctaw lands under article fourteen of the treaty between the United States and the Choctaw Nation, concluded September twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty, and to that end may administer oaths, examine witnesses, and perform all other acts necessary thereto and make report to the Secretary of the Interior."

It also appears that all of said applicants claim rights in the Choctaw lands under article fourteen of the treaty between the United States and the Choctaw Nation, concluded September twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty, by reason of being descendants of one Paul Davis, who is alleged to have been an one fourth blood Choctaw and to have resided in Mississippi in 1830, but it appears from the evidence submitted that Aleck N. or A. Nelson Davis, a son of the said Paul Davis and a less remote alleged Choctaw ancestor of some of the applicants herein, was living in 1830, and hence those applicants herein who are descendants of the said Aleck N. or A. Nelson Davis cannot rely upon the compliance of a more remote common ancestor, to-wit, the said Paul Davis, with the provisions of article fourteen of the treaty of eighteen hundred and thirty, but must show such compliance on the part of the said Aleck N. or A. Nelson Davis.

It further appears from the evidence submitted in support of said applications and from the records in the possession of the Commission that no one of said applicants has ever been enrolled

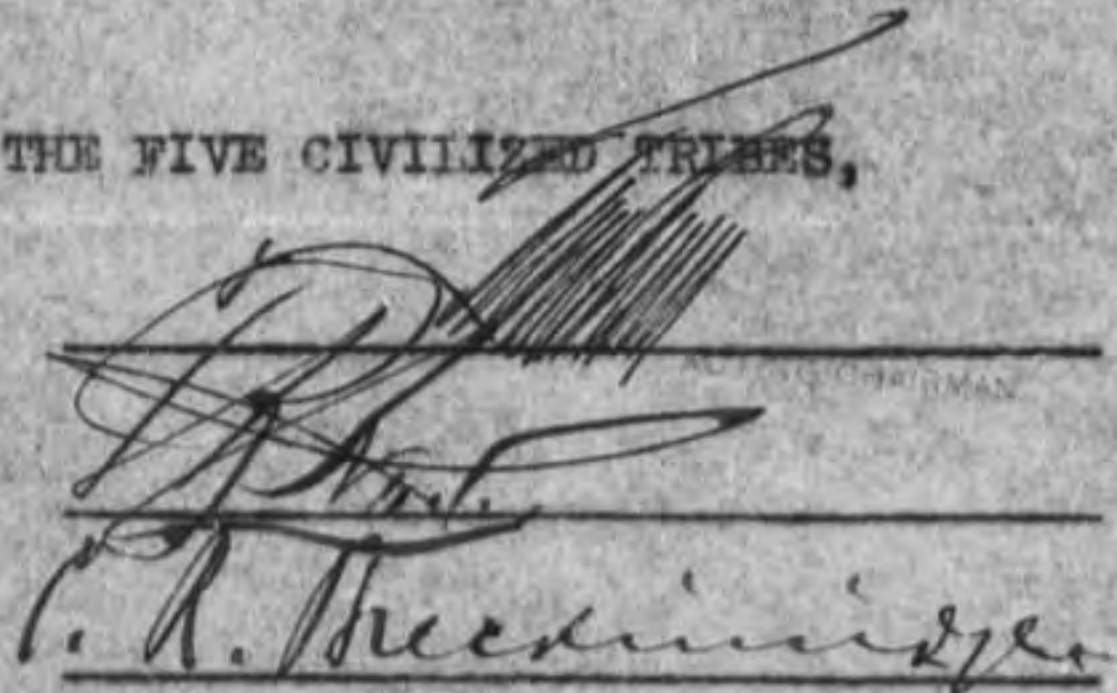
by the Choctaw tribal authorities as a member of the Choctaw tribe, or admitted to Choctaw citizenship by a duly constituted court or committee of the Choctaw Nation, or by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, or by a decree of the United States Court in Indian Territory under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 10, 1896, (29 Stat., 321.)

It does not appear from the testimony and evidence offered in support of said applications or from the records in the possession of the Commission, relating to persons who complied or attempted to comply with the provisions of article fourteen of the treaty of eighteen hundred and thirty and to persons who heretofore were claimants thereunder, that the said Paul Davis or the said Aleck N. (A. Nelson) Davis, or any of the applicants herein signified, (in person or by proxy) to Colonel Wm. Ward, Indian Agent, Choctaw Agency, an intention to comply with the provisions of said article fourteen, or presented a claim to rights thereunder to either of the Commissions authorized to adjudicate such claims by the acts of Congress approved March 3, 1837, (5 Stat., 180) and August 23, 1842, (5 Stat., 513).

It is therefore the opinion of this Commission that the evidence in this case is insufficient to determine the identity of Benjamin F. Davis, Michael J. Davis, Luther Davis, Georgia Davis, Alice Edwards, David V. Edwards, Glynn Edwards, William Harles Edwards, Isham Edwards, Mertie Lyda Edwards, Eliza Edwards, Otha Edwards, Arthur Edwards, Nola Edwards, Mattie Edwards, Devera Edwards, Thomas Edwards, Chester Edwards, Benjamin F. Davis (number 2), Della Davis, Annie Davis, Ellie Davis, Paul Sanderford, Maudie

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THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,



Muskogee, Indian Territory,

Commissioners.

JUN 4 1902

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COMMISSIONERS:
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TAMM BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 1, 1901.

Mr. B. F. Davis,
Eustace, Texas,

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of letter of June 20, 1901, from J. W. Tullos, Clerk of Circuit Court for Smith County, Mississippi, addressed to you, with reference to the burning of the Court house and the destruction of the marriage records. It is presumed that you desire to have this filed with the papers in your application for the identification of yourself and children as Mississippi Choctaws, and the same has been made a part of the record in this case.

Yours truly,

MC 2617

Muskogee, Indian Territory June 14, 1902.

Messrs. Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,
 Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,
 South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on the 4th day of June 1902, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered a decision in the consolidated case of Benjamin F. Davis, et al., embracing the following applications for identification as Mississippi Choctaws:

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These applications were made under the provision of the

act of Congress of June 28, 1898 (30 Stats. 495) which is as follows:

"Said Commission shall have authority to determine the identity of Choctaw Indians claiming rights in the Choctaw lands under article fourteen of the treaty between the United States and the Choctaw Nation, concluded September twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty, and to that end may administer oaths, examine witnesses, and perform all other acts necessary thereto and make report to the Secretary of the Interior."

Said decision concludes as follows:

"It is therefore the opinion of this Commission that the evidence in this case is insufficient to determine the identity of Benjamin F. Davis, Michael J. Davis, Luther Davis, Georgia Davis, Alice Edwards, David V. Edwards, Glynn Edwards, William Harles Edwards, Isham Edwards, Mertie Lyda Edwards, Eliza Edwards, Otha Edwards, Arthur Edwards, Nola Edwards, Mattie Edwards, Devera Edwards, Thomas Edwards, Chester Edwards, Benjamin F. Davis (number 2) Della Davis, Annie Davis, Ellie Davis, Paul Sanderford, Maudie Sanderford, Ethel Sanderford, Mattie Niblett, Clarence Niblett, Rudolph Niblett, Henry H. Davis, Belva Davis, Betty C. Davis, Mary E. Davis, Beaufre Davis, James E. Davis, Gracie T. Davis, Victoria Davis, Della M. Davis, George S. Davis, Lucy J. Davis, Paley Davis, John T. Sanderford, Ivy Sanderford, Roy Sanderford, Ora Sanderford, Robert M. Davis, William S. Davis, Essie Davis, Walter Davis, Melvin Davis, Susan M. McLauchlin, Austin C. McLauchlin, Simmie McLauchlin, Lennie McLauchlin, Aletha McLauchlin, Thomas P. McLauchlin, Susie J. McLauchlin, Melissa J. McLauchlin, Chester McLauchlin, Mermon McLauchlin, Homer McLauchlin, Bennie McLauchlin, Rena J. Moseley, Clifton Moseley, Jessie V. Moseley, Roy Moseley, Bettie Willingham Mary J. Looney, Texas Looney, Charley Davis, John K. Davis, Melinda Williams, Matilda E. Ferguson, John Sanderford, Minnie Sanderford, Ada A. Norris, Henry Norris, Delila Dixon, Mabel Dixon and Ava Dixon, as Choctaw Indians entitled to rights in the Choctaw lands under the provisions of said article fourteen of the treaty of eighteen hundred and thirty, and that the applications for their identification as such should be refused, and it is so ordered."

You are further advised that the Commission has on this date forwarded the record in this case to the Secretary of the Interior for review and you will be informed in due time of such action as may be taken by him.

Yours truly,

(SIGNED)

Tams Bixby

Acting Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory June 14, 1902.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior:

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the record in the consolidated case of Benjamin F. Davis, et al., applicants to the Commission for identification as Mississippi Choctaws, including the decision of the Commission of June 4, 1902.

The above consolidated case embraces the following original applications for identification as Mississippi Choctaws heard by the Commission:

Benjamin F. Davis, et al.,	M.C.R.	2617
Alice Edwards,	M.C.R.	1800
David V. Edwards, et al.,	M.C.R.	1801
Isham Edwards, et al.,	M.C.R.	1802
Rliza Edwards, et al.,	M.C.R.	1804
Benjamin F. Davis, et al.,	M.C.R.	2612
Paul Sanderford, et al.,	M.C.R.	2613
Mattie Niblett, et al.,	M.C.R.	2614
Henry R. Davis, et al.,	M.C.R.	2615
James R. Davis, et al.,	M.C.R.	2616
George S. Davis, et al.,	M.C.R.	2618
John T. Sanderford, et al.,	M.C.R.	2619
Robert M. Davis, et al.,	M.C.R.	2620
Susan M. McLauchlin, et al.,	M.C.R.	2621
Melissa J. McLauchlin, et al.,	M.C.R.	2622
Rena L. Moseley, et al.,	M.C.R.	2623
Bettie Willingham,	M.C.R.	2624
Mary J. Looney, et al.,	M.C.R.	2625
Charley Davis,	M.C.R.	2626
John K. Davis,	M.C.R.	2627
Melinda Williams,	M.C.R.	2610

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Matilda E. Ferguson, et al.,	M.C.R.	2611
Ada A. Norris, et al.,	M.C.R.	2985
Delila Dixon, et al.,	M.C.R.	2984

The Commission has the honor to report that the principal applicants in the several separate applications, and the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation have been duly advised by letter of the action of the Commission, copies of said letters being attached to the record.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED)

T. B. Needles.

Through the Commissioner of
Indian Affairs.
1 enclosure.

Commissioner in Charge.

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H.C.R. 2617

Muskogee, Indian Territory June 14, 1902.

Benjamin F. Davis,
Eustace, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby advised that on the 4th day of June, 1902, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered a decision in the consolidated case of Benjamin F. Davis, et al., embracing the following applications for identification as Mississippi Choctaws:

Benjamin F. Davis, et al.,	H.C.R.	2617
Alice Edwards,	M.C.R.	1800
David V. Edwards, et al.,	H.C.R.	1801
Isham Edwards, et al.,	M.C.R.	1802
Eliza Edwards, et al.,	M.C.R.	1804
Benjamin F. Davis, et al.,	M.C.R.	2612
Paul Sanderford, et al.,	M.C.R.	2613
Mattie Niblett, et al.,	M.C.R.	2614
Henry H. Davis, et al.,	H.C.R.	2615
James E. Davis, et al.,	M.C.R.	2616
George S. Davis, et al.,	H.C.R.	2618
John T. Sanderford, et al.,	M.C.R.	2619
Robert M. Davis, et al.,	M.C.R.	2620
Susan M. McLaughlin, et al.,	M.C.R.	2621
Melissa J. McLaughlin, et al.,	M.C.R.	2622
Rena L. Moseley, et al.,	M.C.R.	2623
Bettie Willingham,	M.C.R.	2624
Mary J. Leoney, et al.,	M.C.R.	2625
Charley Davis,	M.C.R.	2626
John K. Davis,	H.C.R.	2627
Melinda Williams,	M.C.R.	2610
Matilda E. Ferguson, et al.,	H.C.R.	2611
Ada A. Norris, et al.,	M.C.R.	2985
Delila Dixon, et al.,	M.C.R.	2984

These applications were made under the provision of the act of Congress of June 28, 1898 (30 Stats. 495) which is as follows:

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"Said Commission shall have authority to determine the identity of Choctaw Indians claiming rights in the Choctaw lands under article fourteen of the treaty between the United States and the Choctaw Nation, concluded September twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty, and to that end may administer oaths, examine witnesses, and perform all other acts necessary thereto and make report to the Secretary of the Secretary of the Interior."

Said decision concludes as follows:

"It is therefore the opinion of this Commission that the evidence in this case is insufficient to determine the identity of Benjamin F. Davis, Michael J. Davis, Luther Davis, Georgia Davis, Alice Edwards, David V. Edwards, Glynn Edwards, William Harlan Edwards, Isham Edwards, Mertie Lyda Edwards, Eliza Edwards, Otha Edwards, Arthur Edwards, Nola Edwards, Mattie Edwards, Devera Edwards, Thomas Edwards, Chester Edwards, Benjamin F. Davis (number 2) Della Davis, Annie Davis, Ellie Davis, Paul Sanderford, Maudie Sanderford, Ethel Sanderford, Mattie Niblett, Clarence Niblett, Rudolph Niblett, Henry H. Davis, Belva Davis, Betty C. Davis, Mary E. Davis, Beaufre Davis, James E. Davis, Gracie T. Davis, Victoria Davis, Della M. Davis, George S. Davis, Lucy J. Davis, Paley Davis, John T. Sanderford, Ivy Sanderford, Roy Sanderford, Ora Sanderford, Robert M. Davis, William S. Davis, Essie Davis, Walter Davis, Melvin Davis, Susan M. McLauchlin, Austin C. McLauchlin, Simmie McLauchlin, Jennie McLauchlin, Aletha McLauchlin, Thomas P. McLauchlin, Susie J. McLauchlin, Melissa J. McLauchlin, Chester McLauchlin, Mermon McLauchlin, Homer McLauchlin, Bennie McLauchlin, Rena L. Moseley, Clifton Moseley, Jessie V. Moseley, Roy Moseley, Bettie Willingham, Mary J. Looney, Texas Looney, Charley Davis, John K. Davis, Melinda Williams, Matilda E. Ferguson, Jehu Sanderford, Minnie Sanderford, Ada A. Norris, Henry Norris, Delila Dixon, Mabel Dixon and Ava Dixon, as Choctaw Indians entitled to rights in the Choctaw lands under the provisions of said article fourteen of the treaty of eighteen hundred and thirty, and that the applications for their identification as such should be refused, and it is so ordered."

You are further advised that the Commission has on this date forwarded the record in this case to the Secretary of the Interior for review and you will be informed in due time of such action as may be taken by him.

Yours truly,

(SIGNED) *Tamo Dixby.*

Registered.

Acting Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.
WASHINGTON, August 9, 1902.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith the record and proceedings had before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes in the consolidated Mississippi Choctaw case of Benjamin F. Davis, et al.

The following cases are consolidated therein:

Benjamin F. Davis, et al.

Alice Edwards

David V. Edwards

Isham Edwards

Eliza Edwards

Benjamin F. Davis

Paul Sanderford

Mattie Niblett

Henry H. Davis,

James E. Davis

George S. Davis

John T. Sanderford

Robert M. Davis

Susan M. McLauchlin

Melissa J. McLauchlin

Rena L. Moseley
Bettie Willingham
Mary J. Looney
Charley Davis
John K. Davis
Melinda Williams
Matilda E. Ferguson
Ada A Norris
Delila Dixon

The record shows that on June 12, 1901, Benjamin F. Davis, one of the principal applicants, testified in substance before the Commission that he was 64 years old; that he has resided in the State of Texas for about 20 years; that he was born and raised in the State of Mississippi; that his father was Paul Davis and his mother Eunice Davis; that he claims his Choctaw blood through his said father who, he avers, was a 1/4 blood Choctaw and that his ancestor who resided in the old Choctaw Nation in Mississippi and Alabama was his grandfather Daniel Davis; that he did not go west from 1833 to 1838; that he guesses he signified his intention to the United States Agent to remain in Mississippi and become a citizen of the United States, but dont know, and alleges that his ancestor never received any land in Mississippi under the 14th Article of the treaty of 1830. X

A note by the Commission avers that the applicant has the appearance of a white man.

The affidavit of Susie Lord is filed by said applicant and she

avers that she is 73 years old and has lived in the State of Mississippi all her life, that she has known the claimant all his life, also his father, Paul Davis, and his grandfather Daniel Davis.

Affiant T.M. Parkman alleges the same facts in substance as the said Susie Lord.

The next principal applicant, Alice Edwards testifies that her father, James Edwards is a white man, that her mother, Eliza Edwards is of Choctaw blood and a daughter of Paul Davis who was a son of Daniel Davis, and avers that she reckons he was her ancestor who resided in Mississippi at the time of the treaty of 1830. There seems to be no other material facts testified to by this claimant.

The affidavit of Daniel Keen, T.M. Parkman, and the joint affidavits of J.M. Phillips, Daniel Keen, T.M. Parkman and Susan Lord are all filed in support of claimants application and only attempt to show that the claimant is a descendant of Paul and Daniel Davis whom affiants claim were part Choctaw by blood.

The next principal applicants, David V. Edwards and Isham Edward are shown to be children of said Eliza Edwards and submit the same evidence as their sister the said Alice Edwards.

Eliza Edwards is the next principal applicant and she testifies she is 50 years old; that she has always lived in Mississippi, that Paul Davis was her father, that he was 84 years old when he died in 1876, that his father died before the Indians went west, that his said father was living in Mississippi when the treaty was made, that he never got any land under said treaty to her knowledge; that he owned land but bought it from a Mr. McGee. Susie Lord, Daniel

Keen, T.M. Parkman and I.M. Phillips all made affidavits as to claimants descent and Choctaw blood.

Benjamin F. Davis is the next principal applicant and says he is a son of R.M. Davis, that Paul Davis was his grandfather and Daniel Davis his greatgrandfather through which ancestor he claims.

Paul Sanderford and Mattie Niblett, principal applicants, testify they are children of Gray Sanderford and Matilda Ferguson, that they get their Choctaw blood through their mother, that their grandfather was Paul Davis and their great grandfather, Daniel Davis. They seem to know no additional facts of interest to the case.

Henry H. Davis, the next principal applicant is examined twice by the Commission and claims through the same ancestors as the principal applicants aforesaid, but has nothing of value to add as to the merits of his claim.

James E. Davis, George S. Davis, John T. Sanderford, Robert M. David, Susan M. McLanchlin, Melissa J. McLanchlin, Rena L. Mosely, Bettie Willingham, Mary J. Looney, Charley Davis, John K. Davis, Melinda Williams, Matilda E. Ferguson, Ada A. Norris and Delila Dixon the other principal applicants claim to be descendants of the said Paul Davis and Daniel Davis.

The office can find no evidence in the record which tends to prove that any of the ancestors named by the applicants ever complied with the provisions of the 14th article of the treaty of 1830.

In fact they make no claim that they did so comply and the

office records do not show that any Paul Davis or Daniel Davis ever received land or scrip under the provisions of the said 14th article.

The office records show that Ho-te-o -ka, a Choctaw woman, complied with the provisions of said article, and that she was 31 years old at the date of the treaty, also that she had two children - one "Davis" aged about 3 years and one "Betsy" aged about one year at said date.

This is the only Davis on the 14th article list of claimants and his father "was called James or Jim Sunna"

It is apparent from the record evidence that this "Davis" was not the ancestor of any of these applicants for if living he would only be about 75 years old at this date.

The office therefore concludes that these applicants have failed to prove that they are entitled to be identified as Mississippi Choctaws with rights in the lands of the Choctaw Nation and therefore approves the decision of the Commission rejecting their several applications and recommends that said decision be affirmed by the Department.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
I.T.D. 4870-1902
File 896-1898
IRS.

WASHINGTON.

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November 5, 1902.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

June 14, 1902, you transmitted the record in the consolidated case involving the application of Benjamin F. Davis for himself and his three minor children, Michael J., Luther and Georgia Davis; of Alice Edwards for herself; of David V. Edwards for himself and his two minor children, Glynn and William Harles Edwards; of Isham Edwards for himself and his minor child, Mertie Lyda Edwards; by Eliza Edwards for herself and her seven minor children, Otha, Arthur, Nola, Mattie, Devera, Thomas and Chester Edwards; of Benjamin F. Davis (number 2) for himself and his three minor children, Della, Annie and Ellie Davis; of Paul Sanderford for himself and his two minor children, Maudie and Ethel Sanderford; of Mattie Niblett for herself and her two minor children, Clarence and Rudolph Niblett; of Henry H. Davis for himself and his four minor children, Belva, Betty C., Mary E. and Beaure Davis; of James E. Davis for himself and his three minor children, Gracie T., Victoria and Della M. Davis; of George S. Davis for himself and his two minor children, Lucy J. and Paley Davis; of John T. Sanderford for himself and his

three minor children, Ivy, Roy and Ora Sanderford; of Robert M. Davis for himself and his four minor children, William S., Essie, Walter and Melvin Davis; of Susan M. McLauchlin for herself and her six minor children, Austin C., Simmie, Lennie, Aletha, Thomas P. and Susie J. McLauchlin; of Melissa J. McLauchlin for herself and her four minor children, Chester, Mermon, Homer and Bennie McLauchlin; of Rena L. Moseley for herself and her three minor children, Clifton, Jessie V. and Roy Moseley; of Bettie Willingham for herself; of Mary J. Looney for herself and her minor child, Texas Looney; of Charley Davis for himself; of John K. Davis for himself; of Melinda Williams for herself; of Matilda E. Ferguson for herself and her two minor children, Jehu Sanderford and Minnie Sanderford; of Ada A. Norris for herself and her minor child, Henry Norris; and of Delila Dixon for herself and her two minor children, Mabel and Ava Dixon, for identification as Mississippi Choctaws, including your decision of June 4, 1902, refusing to enroll the applicants.

It is alleged that these applicants are the descendants of one Paul Davis, son of one Daniel Davis, a 1/2 blood Choctaw Indian. It is claimed that both of said ancestors resided in the old Choctaw Nation in Mississippi in 1830. Certain of these applicants trace their descent through one Aleck Nelson Davis to the said Paul Davis. It appears that Alec Nelson Davis was also a resident of Mississippi in 1830.

The testimony as furnished by the record fails to show that any of the alleged ancestors ever complied or attempted to comply with the provisions of article 14 of the treaty of September

27, 1830, or, was entitled to receive the benefits of said article, or even claimed to be so entitled, either under the treaty itself or under the provisions of the acts of March 3, 1837 (5 Stat., 180) or August 23, 1842 (5 Stat., 513). In as much as these applicants are claiming under said article 14, it cannot be held that they have established any right thereunder, by virtue of the testimony which they have submitted.

August 9, 1902, reporting in the matter, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs stated

"the office records show that Ho-te-o-ka, a Choctaw woman, complied with the provisions of said article (fourteen), and that she was 31 years old at the date of the treaty, also that she had two children- one "Davis" aged about 3 years and one "Betsy" aged about one year at said date. This is the only Davis on the 14th article list of claimants and his father' was called James or Jim Sunna.' It is apparent from the record evidence that this 'Davis' was not the ancestor of any of these applicants for if living he would only be about 75 years old at this date."

As certain of these applicants are now nearly 70 years of age, it is impossible to believe that the said Davis is identical with any of their alleged ancestors. In said report the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs recommended that your action be approved, and for the reasons herein stated, the Department concurs therein and your decision is hereby affirmed. A copy of the Acting Commissioner's letter is inclosed.

Respectfully,

F.L. Campbell,

Acting Secretary.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 15, 1902.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November, 1902, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this Commission refusing the applications for identification as Mississippi Choctaws of the several persons included in the consolidated case of Benjamin F. Davis, et al., of which decision you were advised by mail on the 14th day of June, 1902.

Respectfully,

SIGNED:

Tams Bixby

Acting Chairman.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 15, 1902.

Benjamin F. Davis,
Eustace, Texas.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November, 1902, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this Commission refusing the applications for identification as Mississippi Choctaws of the several persons included in the consolidated case of Benjamin F. Davis, et al., of which decision you were advised by registered mail on the 14th day of June, 1902.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED)

Tame Bixby.

Acting Chairman.

Consolidated Case
of
Benjamin F. Davis
et al
N.C.R. 2617.

^{mch 26/17} Matilda Davis, 53, 18
 married
 Ⓞ Gray Sanderford, (Dead)
 Ⓞ Lou Ferguson, (Dead)

^{mch 26/16} John T. Sanderford, 29 1/16
 wife
 Martha Sanderford
^{mch 26/16} Paul Sanderford, 26, 1/16
 wife
 Annie Sanderford
^{mch 26/16} Mattie Sanderford, 23, 1/16
 married
 Mike Niblett
^{mch 26/16} John Sanderford, 19
 Minnie Sanderford 16

^{mch 26/16} Ivy Sanderford, 5.
 Roy Sanderford, 3
 Ora Sanderford, 6 mos.
^{mch 26/16} Maudie Sanderford, 4
 Ethel Sanderford, 11 mos.
^{mch 26/16} Clarence Niblett, 4
 Rudolph Niblett, 7 mos.

Daniel Davis
father of



^{mch 26/18} B.P. Davis, 64, 18,
 wife
 Mary A. Davis (Dead)

^{mch 26/16} Mary J. Davis, 26 1/16
 married
 Amos Looney
^{mch 26/16} Charley Davis, 23, 1/16
^{mch 26/16} Michael J. Davis, 18,
^{mch 26/16} Luther J. Davis, 14,
^{mch 26/16} Georgia Davis, 11

^{mch 26/16} Texas Looney, 1 1/2

Paul Davis, 14, Dead
 wife
 Eunice Davis, Dead

^{mch 26/18} George S. Davis, 50, 18
 wife
 Sarah A. Davis, (Dead)

^{mch 26/16} John K. Davis, 23, 1/16
^{mch 26/16} Bettie Davis, 19, 1/16
 married
 W. H. Willingham
^{mch 26/16} Lucy J. Davis, 17
^{mch 26/16} Poley Davis, 12

^{mch 1801} David V. Edwards, 26 1/16
 wife
 Ora Edwards,
^{mch 1801} Sham Edwards, 24, 1/16
 wife
 Gussie Edwards

^{mch 1801} Glynn Edwards, 2
 William Charles Edwards, 1
^{mch 1801} Myrtie Edwards 15 mos.

^{mch 1804} Eliza Davis 50, 18
 married
 James J. Edwards

^{mch 1800} Alice Edwards, 22, 1/16
^{mch 1801} Otho Edwards, 19
 Arthur Edwards, 17
 Nola Edwards, 15
 Mattie Edwards, 13
 De Vera Edwards, 11
 Thomas Edwards, 9
 Chester Edwards, 5

Daniel Davis
father of

Paul Davis 14 Dead
wife
Eunice Davis, Dead

Aleck M. Davis 18 Dead
wife
Delilah Davis

Robert M. Davis 55 1/2
wife
© Laura Davis
© Nancy J. Davis

Malinda Davis, 67, 1/8
married
Williams

Henry A. Davis 51 M
wife
Lucy J. Davis

James E. Davis, 31. M
wife
Martha J. Davis

Susan Davis, 40, 1/16
married
Charley C. McLaughlin

Rena L. Davis 28 1/16
married
Andrew J. Mosely

Melissa J. Davis, 33 1/16
married
W. D. McLaughlin

Benjamin F. Davis, 28
wife
Myra Davis

Hillisue Davis, 17
• Essie Davis, 11
• Walter Davis, 8
• Melvin Davis, 4

Delila Davis 23 1/32
married
Ambrose Dixon

Ada A. Davis, 21 1/32
married
Billy Norris

Belva Davis, 15
• Betty C. Davis, 13
• Mary C. Davis, 5
• Baire Davis, 1

Gracie T. Davis 10
• Victoria Davis 8
• Della M. Davis 3

Aurston McLaughlin 13
• Simmie McLaughlin, 11
• Lennie McLaughlin, 9
• Aletha McLaughlin, 8
• Thomas P. McLaughlin, 6
• Susie J. McLaughlin, 3

Clifton Mosely 8
• Jesse V. Mosely, 5
• Roy Mosely, 5 mos

Chester McLaughlin, 11
• Mervon McLaughlin, 7
• Homer McLaughlin, 4
• Bennie McLaughlin, 11 mos.

Della Davis, 6
• Annie Davis, 21
• Ellie Davis, 2

Mabel Dixon, 2
• Ava Dixon, 4 mos.

Henry Norris, 1

For Identification as a Mississippi Choctaw.

Date JUN 12 1901

Name Benjamin F. Davis

Age 64 Blood 1/8

Post Office, Eustace, Texas

Father: Paul Davis (dead)

Mother: Eunice Davis "

Claims through father

Wife: Mary A. Davis (dead)

Children:

Michael J. Davis 18

Luther " 14

Georgie " F 11

Claims for himself and
three minor children.

Stenographer

Henry G. Hains