

THE NATIVE AMERICANS

Cherokee-White Intermarriages

PART VI

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The following data was synopsized from affidavits filed for the enrollment of individuals claiming citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Approximate dates of birth and death are estimated from ages given in affidavits. In most cases, only children under the age of 21 were required to be named in applications. Unless otherwise indicated, the cases below were accepted by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes. Source: *Applications for Enrollment of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914*, National Archives Microfilm Series M1301, Roll 306.

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No. 8358: George W. Currey, citizen by intermarriage, of Southwest City, Missouri

George W. CURREY
b. 1842

Frances Saphornia (or Alsy*) McGEE

m. 2 Jan. 1874, Delaware Dist.
She m. (1) Andrew PROCK, d. 1872.

*Alsy was her Indian name.

Testimony of George W. Currey, 2 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of Thomas J. McGhee (brother to Mrs. Currey), 2 Feb. 1907.

No. 8510: Annie Walker, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

Steen WALKER
b. Cherokee Nation
d. ca. 1867

Hester Ann "Annie" CARTER
b. bet. 1812-1822*

Father: Randolph CARTER (claimed Cherokee)
Mother: Fannie

He m. (1) ...

She evidently had two previous common law marriages, for she states that Mr. Walker was "the first husband that I was married to."

Chil. of Annie Carter and?:

1. Asa K. CARTER
2. Julia Ann WALTER

Chil. of Annie Carter and HALL:

3. Harriet "Hattie" HALL, b. ca. 1855; m. WRIGHT.

Chil. of Annie Carter and Steen Walker:

4. Sarah "Sallie" WALKER, b. ca. 1864; m. WICKETT.

Testimony of Annie Walker, 21 May 1902; 14 Feb. 1907. "I am eighty or ninety. I don't know my age exactly, but the way I keep it I must be that old... Just enroll me as Annie. Doubles names, I don't see any sense in them... I am not a white woman, never was... My parents told me I was part Cherokee."

Testimony of Harriet Wright, 27 Oct. 1902.

Testimony of Alcy BLACK (age 24; grandson), 27 Oct. 1902.

Testimony of Sarah Wickett, 14 Feb. 1907.

Affidavits of Joseph FOX and Jane TOYAMUN [?], 22 Jan. 1907.

*Cherokee Roll for 1880, included in this file, states Annie Walker was 85 years-old, which is clearly an error.

No. 336: John Scott, citizen by intermarriage, of Goingsnake District

John Wesley SCOTT
b. 29 Jan. 1853

Jennie CORNTASSEL
b. ca. 1854, Goingsnake Dist.

m. 14 Mar. 1875, Goingsnake Dist., by Judge Jonathan "Johnson" WHITMIRE.
Petition signed by Silas HOLLAND.

Chil.:

1. Lizzie SCOTT, b. 15 Apr. 1876.
2. Sarah SCOTT, b. 7 Sep. 1878.
3. Henry SCOTT, b. 27 Jan. 1881.
4. Dennis SCOTT, b. 3 Aug. 1883.
5. Ella SCOTT, b. 3 May 1886.
6. Susan SCOTT, b. 15 Jan. 1888.
7. Thomas SCOTT, b. 2 Dec. 1892.
8. Rufus SCOTT, b. 16 Dec. 1894.
9. Margaret SCOTT, b. 15 Dec. 1897.
10. Fannie [?] SCOTT, b. 25 Feb. 1901.

Testimony of John W. Scott, 6 Oct. 1902; 3 Jan. 1907; 26 Jan. 1907.

Testimony of Jennie Scott (interpreted by George CRITTENDEN and Mr. WALKINGSTICK), 18 Jul. 1900.

Notarized Statement of John BLACK FOX, 25 Jan. 1907.

No. 573: Amanda Alberty, citizen by intermarriage, of Goingsnake District

Andrew J. ALBERTY (about 1/4 Cherokee)
b. ca. 1845, Goingsnake Dist.

Amanda "Mandy"
b. ca. 1862

Father: Johnson ALBERTY, d. 1864.

Mother: Katie d. Jul. 1899.

m. 1870.
He m. (1) Elizabeth FOLSOM.

Chil. (Seven, one dec'd.):

1. Theodocia ALBERTY, b. ca. 1882.
2. William L. ALBERTY, b. ca. 1884.
3. Ada May ALBERTY, b. ca. 1886.
4. Bishop M. ALBERTY, b. ca. 1888.
5. Samuel J. ALBERTY, b. ca. 1890.

Testimony of Andrew J. Alberty, 24 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Amanda B. Alberty, 21 Oct. 1902.

Notarized statement of Benjamin F. PADEN, 11 Feb. 1907.

Notarized statement of John B. PADEN, 11 Feb. 1907.

No. 686: Solon H. Roberts, citizen by intermarriage, of Goingsnake District

Solon Harrison ROBERTS
b. ca. 1843

Esther S. BIGSBY
b. ca. 1844

m. 4 Feb. 1868, AR.
re-m. May, 1868 by Judge ADAIR.

Chil.:

1. Martha Ellen ROBERTS, b. ca. 1884.

Testimony of Solon H. Roberts, 8 Oct. 1902; 3 Jan. 1907.
Testimony of Esther S. Roberts, 26 Jul. 1900.
Affidavit of Penelope ADAIR (b. 12 May 1824, TN), 31 Jan. 1907; 11 Feb 1907.
Affidavit of Nancy BIGBY (age 54 [?]), 11 Feb. 1907.

No. 1652: Jerry H. Vestol, citizen by intermarriage, of Canadian District

Jerry H. VESTOL
d. 18 Nov. 1905

Eliza Jane NEALE
b. ca. 1826
d. ca. 1 Jul. 1881

m. ca. 1856, AL.

Testimony of James J. SEVERE/SEVIER (age 50), 29 Oct. 1902; 15 Feb. 1907.
Testimony of James NEALE (b. Feb. 1832, AL), 15 Feb. 1907.
Testimony of John LANE (age 54), 15 Feb. 1907.
Testimony of W. H. BARKER (age 56), 31 Jan. 1907.
Affidavit of Franklin GRITTS (age 73 or 74), 31 Jan. 1907.
Affidavit of H. L. SANDERS (age 37), 21 Jun. 1907.
Affidavit of Mary ROGERS (age 56), 24 Jun. 1907.

No. 1715: Nancy Cordrey, citizen by intermarriage, of Illinois District

Wilson M. CORDREY/CORDRAY
b. ca. 1812

Nancy HALL
b. ca. 1824
d. 24 Dec. 1906
Father: Ab HALL (white)
Mother: Susie (white)
Nancy Hall arrived in Cherokee Nation at age eight.

Father: Dave CORDREY (Indian), d. 1835
Mother: Charlotte (white), d. ca. 1855

m. ca. 1862, Choctaw Nation. [Note: It was indeterminate whether or not this couple legally married. According to Thomas Corday, his father and step-mother "commenced living together like people did in them times in '62... I asked no questions; it was a general rule that people lived together."] Nancy Cordrey stated that she and Wilson Cordrey had never been separated, except "when he goes off and stays with the children... He's just old and childish. He gets vexed and goes off and gets vexed and comes back."
He m. (1) (Indian)
She m. (1) Dick JUMPER, dec'd.

Chil. of Wilson M. Cordrey and his first wife:

1. Thomas CORDRAY, b. ca. 1849.

Chil. of Wilson M. Cordrey and Nancy (Hall) Jumper:

2. Louisa CORDREY, b. ca. 1861; m. ... ANDERSON.

Testimony of Wilson M. Cordrey, 21 Aug. 1900.
Testimony of Nancy Cordrey, 17 Oct. 1902.
Testimony of Louisa Anderson, 22 Jan. 1907.
Testimony of Charles HARRIS (age 65), 9 Feb. 1907.
Testimony of Thomas Cordray, 9 Feb. 1907.

No. 2725: Albert G. Gass, citizen by intermarriage, of Goingsnake, Tahlequah and Cooweescoowee Districts

Albert G. GASS
b. ca. 1841

Lucy Ann WARD

m. 1864, Hopkins Co. TX by a "hard-shell Baptist preacher."
re-m. Aug. 1868 in Goingsnake Dist., by Judge Johnson ROBINS. Witnessed by
Joe THORNTON.

Testimony of Albert G. Gass, 13 Sep. 1900; 13 Oct. 1902; 7 Jan. 1907.
Testimony of E. L. C. WARD (age 50), 11 Jan. 1907.
Testimony of S. E. PARRIS (age 57), 19 Feb. 1907.
Testimony of Alec WARD (age 68; bro. to Mrs. Gass), 19 Feb. 1907.

No. 2841: Tredwell S. Remsen, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

Tredwell S. REMSEN
b. ca. 1844, Valley Spring, NY

Julia E. MONROE
b. ca. 1857, Cherokee Nation

Mother: Rebecca

m. 6 Feb. 1875, Delaware Dist., by Judge T. J. McGHEE. Witnesses: T. J.
McGHEE and Rebecca MONROE.

Chil.:

1. Alva M. "Alvie" REMSEN, b. ca. 1884; m. 3 Jan. 1903, Lee VANDAGRIFF (b. ca. 1875).

Testimony of Tredwell S. Remsen, 17 Oct. 1900; 21 Oct. 1902; 2 Jan. 1907.
Testimony of Lee Vandagriff, 24 Sep. 1903.
Testimony of David A. McGHEE (age 58), 4 Jan. 1907.
Testimony of Thomas J. McGHEE (age 62), 7 Jan. 1907.
Notarized statement of Nancy A. (BELL) HARLIN, 9 Jan. 1907.
Notarized statement of James E. HARLIN, 9 Jan. 1907.

No. 3008: Robert C. Miller, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

Robert C. MILLER
b. ca. 1834

Mary E. LAMAR
b. 1850, AL

Father: James M. LAMAR, dec'd.
Mother: Elizabeth

m. 1 Apr. 1869, Flint Dist., by M. GHORMLEY, M.G.
Previously, she and her second cousin, John INLOW, "just took up and lived
together." They separated "somewhere on the Red River at the time of the
war...he wouldn't work and she made him hike."

Chil.:

1. Felix F. MILLER, b. 1883.
2. Emma M. MILLER, b. ca. 1887.

3. James MILLER, b. ca. 1889.
4. William MILLER, b. ca. 1891.

Testimony of Robert C. Miller, 19 Sep. 1900; 20 Oct. 1902; 6 Feb. 1907.
Testimony of Martha EVANS, 6 Feb. 1907.
Testimony of Richard L. TAYLOR (age 52), 6 Feb. 1907.

No. 6461: Elzina Ross, citizen by intermarriage, of Saline District
Oliver ROSS

Elzina/Elizina GOONIN
b. ca. 1842

d. 6 Apr. 1900
Father: Andrew ROSS
Mother: Miss LOWRY

m. 1 Feb. 1865, Hopkins Co. TX, citing *Marriage Bk. 2*, p. 222.
He m. (1) Susie VANN (d. 1860; bur.: Butler's Creek).

Chil.:

1. Mary ROSS, m. JONES.

Testimony of Elzina Ross, 15 Oct. 1902.
Testimony of Andrew E. Ross, 11 Dec. 1900; 15 Feb. 1907.
Testimony of Joshua Ross (age 74; bro. to Oliver Ross), 15 Feb. 1907.
Testimony of James M. BELL (age 74), 15 Feb. 1907.

No. 10030 [D1-455]: Lucinda Welch, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

James WELCH (*OO-KA-MAH*)
b. [prob.] Cherokee Co. NC
d. ca. 1886

Lucinda PARKER
b. ca. 1825 [prob.] Cherokee Co. NC
d. 18 Mar. 1905

m. 1846, GA.

Chil.:

1. Jonathan Houston "Bud" WELCH
2. John Cobb WELCH, b. 1849, NC.
3. Cornelia WELCH

Testimony of John Cobb Welch, 27 Sep. 1900; 17 Dec. 1900; 9 Feb. 1907.
Testimony of J. C. STARR (age 32), 25 Sep. 1902; 10 Oct. 1902.
Testimony of Mollie HENSON (age 32; dau. of John Cobb Welch), 8 Feb. 1907. She stated that James Welch arrived in Cherokee Nation in 1867. "The only way I have to account for it what I heard my grandmother say: She said that her nephew died at their house the year they came here, and I have the date of this death." She then produced a record of the death of Markes Powell, 12 Aug. 1867.

Testimony of J. P. PARKER (b. 18 Apr. 1837; bro. to Mrs. Welch), 9 Feb. 1907.

[Note: Relatives L. E., Thomas I., George, and Arkansas WELCH were mentioned, but their relationships were not stated.]

No. D-504: James Duncan, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

James DUNCAN
b. 6 Apr. 1841

Tempy Ann SCHRIMPSHER
d. 1881

m. 29 Feb. 1868, Delaware Dist., by J. T. TROTT, M. G.
They separated in 1871. "She left me and took another man [Bob MANSIL] and had a child by him [Bell MANSIL]. She m. (2) George SUTHERLIN. "She quit Sutherland and married another man," George PARKS. Later, though, James Duncan stated that his former wife "took up" with a man named MEEKS and had a child named Andy. According to T. J. McGEE, "He had a difficulty there at his house and killed his brother and then he was taken to Fort Smith and while he was there she took up with another man."*
He m. (2) 6 Nov. 1884, Sarah (MILLER) COPELAND (Cherokee), b. ca. 1841. She had div. Alex Copeland, a Cherokee, in 1883.

Testimony of James Duncan, 3 Oct. 1900; 28 Feb. 1907; 9 Oct. 1902; 5 Jan. 1907. In 1877, he was sent to prison in Detroit, MI, for arresting horse thieves without a warrant. He served five years, five months and a half. "I got in trouble with them BARKERS. They robbed me of four head of stock."

Testimony of T. J. McGee (age 56), 3 Oct. 1900; 28 Feb. 1902.
Testimony of Lewis MOORE, 28 Feb. 1902.

*Abram Meek had denied that his wife, Alta Barilla Schrimsher, had previously married James Meek. It appears that someone had confused Alta (Schrimsher) Meek with Tempy (Schrimsher) Duncan Sutherland Meek. See "Cherokee-White Inter-marriages, Part V," *American Genealogy Magazine*, Vol. 11, No. 1-2, p. 25.

[Misfiled papers included in File No. D-504 includes the lengthy testimony of Homer GRAZIER concerning his parents separation.]

No. 6028: John H. Abbott, citizen by intermarriage, of Tahlequah District

John H. ABBOTT
b. ca. 1852

Ellen WALKER

d. ca. 1898

m. 4 Sep. 1874, Goingsnake Dist., at William GHORMLEY's house, by Michael Ghormley. Petition signed by Charlie McCLELLAN and James S. STAPLER.

Chil.:

1. Ethel ABBOTT, b. 5 Sep. 1875; m. CORN.
2. Eugene ABBOTT, b. 1876.
3. John W. ABBOTT, b. ca. 1880.
4. Carrie M. ABBOTT, b. ca. 1881.
5. Fannie E. ABBOTT, b. ca. 1885.
6. Butler L. ABBOTT, b. ca. 1889.
7. William G. ABBOTT, b. ca. 1882.
8. Jane E. ABBOTT, b. ca. 1884.

Testimony of John H. Abbott, 3 Dec. 1900; 6 Oct. 1902; 6 Oct. 1907.

Testimony of William H. Walker (age 40; bro. to Mrs. Abbott), 6 Oct. 1907.

Testimony of Ewing C. Ghormley (age 49; son of William Ghormley), 6 Oct. 1907.

No. 4007: Milton H. McCullough, citizen by intermarriage, of Cooweescoowee District

Milton H. McCULLOUGH

b. ca. 1839

d. 21 Aug. 1904, Afton, Indian Terr.

Rachel Jane ADAIR (1/8 Cherokee)

b. ca. 1846

m. 6 Oct. 1868, Saline Dist., by David ROWE.

J. F. THOMPSON stated that he had heard a rumor that Milton H. McCullough was previously married, possibly in IL.

Chil.:

1. William P. McCULLOUGH, b. ca. 1870.
2. Charles H. McCULLOUGH, b. ca. 1883.

Testimony of Rachel J. McCullough, 2 Oct. 1900.
Testimony of Milton P. McCullough, 31 Oct. 1902.
Testimony of Dr. Phillip DONAHOO (age 37), 31 Oct. 1902.
Testimony of Charles H. McCullough, 9 Feb. 1907.
Testimony of J. F. Thompson (age 66), 23 Feb. 1907. His wife was a sister to Mrs. McCullough.

No. 3125: Emeline L. Jones, citizen by intermarriage, of Cooweescoowee District

John B. JONES (white; adopted citizen)

Emeline L. SMITH (white)
b. ca. 1823, Redman, NY

d. ca. 1876

m. 16 Oct. 1868, Lawrence, KS, by Evan JONES, M.G.
He m. (1)

John B. Jones and his first wife had five chil.

Testimony of Emeline L. Jones, 20 Sep. 1900.
Testimony of J. J. SPENCER (age 62), 24 Oct. 1902.
Testimony of James S. DAVENPORT (age 42), 11 Jan. 1907.
Testimony of Miles C. Jones (age 62; bro. to John B. Jones), 11 Jan. 1907.

Since Emeline J. Jones, a white woman, did not marry a citizen by blood of the Cherokee Nation was application for enrollment was denied. John B. Jones had acquired his citizenship in the Cherokee Nation on 7 November 1865 by an act of the Cherokee Nation Council, which declared that he was entitled to all rights allowable to white men under the constitution of the Cherokee Nation. The Department of the Interior ruled that since Emeline J. Jones was not a member of John B. Jones's family when he received citizenship, she was ineligible. However, this decision was reversed and her enrollment was accepted.

[Unidentified File.]

The following was dated 27 October 1870.

This is to certify that Revd Leonidas DOBSON formerly of Montgomery Square Philada and citizen of the U.S. has complied with the requirement of our laws "Regulating Intermarriage with white men," passed by the National Council and approved Oct 18th 1870, and has been recorded as a citizen in the Clerks office for Tahlequah Dist Cherokee Nation. [Signed by W. H. Turner.]

No. D:468: Joseph Reed, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

Joseph REED
b. ca. 1851

Nancy WOODS
b. ca. 1862, Cherokee Nation

Father: Jess WOODS (white), d. ca. 1885.
Mother: Mandy (Cherokee), living in 1900.

m. 12 Sep. 1890 by Rev. R. T. PARKS
He m. (1) 4 Mar. 1874, Delaware Dist., to Julia or Josie CHOUTEAU, d. ca. 1879 or 1884. She was the dau. of Paul Choteau ("claimed part Osage") and Sarah CHAMBERS (Cherokee). Her mother had also m. Lewis KELL and had a dau., Ann KELL, who m. Nat SKINNER. Joseph Reed stated that his first wf. was not related to the Shawnee Choteaus.
She m. (1) ca. 1875, William WOODARD, dec'd.

She m. (2) ca. 1877, Martin MILLER (Cherokee). They div. 3 Sep. 1890.

Chil. (supposedly) of Joseph Reed and Mary Woods:*

1. Looney REED, b. ca. 1883.
2. Lula REED (twin), b. ca. 1883.
3. Etta REED, b. ca. 1886.
4. John REED, b. ca. 1888.
5. Pearl REED, b. ca. 1890.

*The Department of the Interior include the following comments about Nancy (Woods) Woodard Miller Reed, dated 29 September 190:

She states that her husband was not married between the death of his former wife in '84 and his marriage to herself in '90, but she applied for children 17 and 14 and 12 years of age, which she stated are children by this husband which shows that they lived together in some capacity before the marriage that is shown in the record. This discredits his whole conduct and throws doubts upon his status during the period intervening between death [sic] of his first wife and his declared marriage to his present wife...

No. 7340: John W. Gleeson, citizen by intermarriage, of Canadian District

John W. GLEESON

b. 13 Aug. 1818

d. 30 Nov. 1903, Muskogee, Indian Terr.

Clara CRITTENDON (about 1/4 Cherokee)

d. ca. 1888

Father: Moses CRITTENDON

m. 21 Jan. 1873.

Previously, she had a child by Will WILLIAMS (?).

John W. Gleeson stated that he and Clara Crittendon separated "because she had a negro baby after I married her, and the Cherokees told me...I had a right to quit her because she did not do right...never was divorced...She married again, her own *cousin*, after she had that negro baby, she left me altogether." However, her step-mother, Margaret Crittendon, stated that he never disputed being the father of her child. "He told her he wouldn't live with her anymore...carried all the stock with him."

Chil.:

1. William GLEESON, d. young.

Testimony of John W. Gleeson, 21 Feb. 1907.

Testimony of Margaret Crittendon (age 65; sis. of Isaac HOWELL), 17 Jan. 1907.

John G. LIEBER, representative of the executors of Gleeson's estate, asserted that Lige KELLY, "a worthless scoundrel," laid claim to Gleeson's property. The Cherokee Nation contended that Gleeson was guilty of abandoning his wife and should not be enrolled as a citizen by intermarriage:

[I]t is clear and conclusive that he left her, left without cause, took her cattle and attempted to dispose of them, and came back and told his wife that he did not intend to live with her and at that time no child, except the one born to them in lawful wedlock, had been born to them; that there was no dispute about the paternity of the child.

However, the Justice Department ruled that Gleeson's conflicting testimony was immaterial because of his citizenship on the Cherokee Roll of 1880, and that he was a resident of the nation at the passage of the act of June 28, 1898.

(To Be Continued)