

THE NATIVE AMERICANS

Cherokee-White Intermarriages

Part X

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The following data was synopsised from affidavits filed for the enrollment of individuals claiming citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. Approximate dates of birth are estimated from ages given in affidavits. When two wedding dates are given, it indicates that a Cherokee-White couple "remarried" after arriving in Indian Territory. 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 M1301, Roll 307.

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No. CD-19: Eliza Niemeyer, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

William W. NIEMEYER (claimed Shawnee) Eliza . . . (white)

b. Nov. 1877, near Vinita, Cherokee Nation

Father: George NIEMEYER (white)

Mother: Sarah E. PURCELL (adopted Shawnee)

m. 1 Dec. 1899

Chil.:

1. Alfred Cope NIEMEYER, b. 14 May 1900

Testimony of William W. Niemeyer, 12 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Sarah E. Niemeyer (b. ca. 1855, OH), 12 Jul. 1900; 22 Oct. 1901. She was the daughter of Robert W. Purcell and his first wife, both of whom were white. Purcell's second wife, Harriett, was a Shawnee. She raised Sarah E.

Testimony of Thomas DOUGHERTY (age 51), 22 Oct. 1901.

Testimony of Harriett ROSS (age 64; stepmother of Sarah E. Niemeyer), 22 Oct. 1901. Her mother was one-fourth Shawnee.

No. D-20: George Niemeyer, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

George NIEMEYER

Sarah E. PURCELL (adopted Shawnee)

b. 1 Mar. 1852

m. 22 Aug. 1876, by J. T. CUNNINGHAM at Locust Creek.

Testimony of George W. Niemeyer, 13 Nov. 1902. He stated his wife's siblings were Wesley, William, Charlie, Ida A., and Latham Purcell.
Testimony of Sarah E. Niemeyer, 12 Jul. 1900.
Testimony of Harriett Ross, 22 Oct. 1901.

Chil.:

1. Ida A. NIEMEYER, b. 26 Jul. 1900, J. E. JONES. Chil.: Robert E. JONES, b. 15 Oct. 1902.

No. D-21: Mary Lamar, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

James L. LAMAR (adopted citizen)

Mary ... (white)

b. ca. 1847

d. 1897

m. 1897

She m. (1) 1877, Joseph ENGLAND (Cherokee), d. 1892.

Testimony of Mary Lamar, 12 Jul. 1900.

No. D-22: Henry Kiefer, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

Henry KIEFER

Sarah HAWKINS (Cherokee)

b. ca. 1852

m. 17 Feb. 1885, Delaware District, by William D. MONTGALL, Baptist minister.

She had been twice widowed.

Testimony of Henry Kiefer, 12 Jul. 1900; 16 Jun. 1902; 4 Oct. 1902.

Testimony of O. A. SMITH (age 32), 12 Jul. 1900.

No. D-23: John W. Graham, citizen by intermarriage, of Canadian District

John W. GRAHAM

Missouri DAWSON (Cherokee)

b. 1844

m. 1866, MO; re-m. 12 Feb. 1888, Delaware Dist.

Chil.:

1. Tempa V. GRAHAM, b. ca. 1883.

2. Robert Lee GRAHAM, b. ca. 1886.

Testimony of John W. Graham, 12 Jul. 1900; 2 Oct. 1902.

No. D-24: Adolphus Washington Dirtseller, citizen by blood, of Delaware District

Adolphus Washington DIRTSELLER, alias FOX (Cherokee)

b. 24 Jul. 1879, Choctaw Nation

Father: John FOX, alias John CHIPS (full-blood Cherokee), d. 1881, TX
Mother: Missouri BIRCH (white)

Testimony of Adolphus Washington Dirtseller, 12 Jul. 1900; 14 Feb. 1902; 22 Nov. 1905. His grandfather, a Mr. BURK or BURKS or BIRCH (a white man) died in 1891.

John FOX was convicted of stealing cattle and sentenced on 6 Sep. 1879 for two years confinement in the penitentiary.

Testimony of William BALLARD (age 48), 12 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Thomas MONROE (age 47), 12 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Edmond D. CAREY (b. ca. 1833), 12 Feb. 1903. Mr. Carey stated that the applicant's paternal grandfather was Jim Dirtseller (full-blood Cherokee), who had a daughter, Mrs. Allcut MOORE.

Testimony of John M. MILLER (b. ca. 1842, Delaware Dist.; Cherokee), 18 May 1905.

No. D-25: Thomas I. Dodson, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

Thomas I. DODSON
b. ca. 1864, MO

Eliza CLARK
b. ca. 1874

m. Sep. 1894.

They separated in 1898. "I left him because he did not support me and my child."

Testimony of Thomas I. Dodson, 12 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Eliza Dodson, 19 Sep. 1900.

Note: The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes closed this applicant's file, due to his failure to respond to requests in either person or by attorney. He never submitted evidence of his marriage to Eliza Clark.

No. D-26: Charles H. Lassley, citizen by blood, of Delaware District

Harland LASSLEY (white)

Mary L. BOYLE (adopted Cherokee)

b. ca. 1876

d. 22 Jul. 1898

m. 18 Jan. 1896

Chil.:

1. Charles H. LASSLEY, b. 7 Jun. 1898.

Testimony of Amanda WOOD (mother of Mary L. Boyle), 12 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Alexander EAST (b. ca. 1862), 22 Sep. 1900.

The Cherokee Nation objected to the Department of the Interior's decision to accept Charles H. Lassley on the basis that, "both his father and mother were white persons, neither of them having a drop of Indian blood. His father is now living some where in the states and never claimed citizenship in the Cherokee Nation."

No. D-27: Hiram M. Wood, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

Hiram M. WOOD (white)
b. ca. 1848, IN

Amanda . . . (white; adopted Shawnee)
b. ca. 1844

m. 3 Feb. 1895, by Joshua M. McDANIEL, M. G.
He m. (1) Catherine YIDER (dec'd.)
She m. (1) May 1870, KS, to J. W. BOYLE (d. 1885).

Testimony of Hiram M. Wood, 12 Jul. 1900; 21 Oct. 1901; 21 Oct. 1902.
Testimony of Amanda Wood, 12 Jul. 1900.
Testimony of Joshua M. McDaniel (b. Jun. 1844), 21 Oct. 1901.
Testimony of A. G. Wood (age 29; son of Hiram M. Wood), 21 Oct. 1901.
Testimony of Frederick GARRETT (Shawnee by blood), 21 Oct. 1901.

No. D-28: Martin L. Stokes, citizen by intermarriage, of Delaware District

Martin L. STOKES
b. ca. 1869

Mattie Belle SIXKILLER

Father: James R. STOKES
Mother: Elizabeth

Father: Luke SIXKILLER (Cherokee)
Mother: Emma (Cherokee)

m. 10 Mar. 1889. She divorced him on grounds of "cruel treatment," 16 Feb. 1900.
According to Mrs. Stokes, "Jealousy and cruel treatment and slander was the cause of the separation."
He m. (2) 1 Jun. 1901, to Mattie L. WILLIAMS (Cherokee).

Testimony of Martin L. Stokes, 10 Jul. 1900; 13 Jul. 1900; 14 Oct. 1902.
Testimony of J. S. TRUITT (b. ca. 1868), 1 Mar. 1901.
Testimony of W. P. THOMPSON (b. ca. 1867), 1 Mar. 1901.
Testimony of Henry HILL (b. ca. 1859), 1 Mar. 1901.
Testimony of George W. WILLIAMS (b. ca. 1844), 7 Oct. 1902.
Testimony of Mattie B. Stokes, 2 Dec. 1902.

No. D-29: Lucretia and James Hunter, citizens by blood, of Goingsnake District

James HUNTER (white)

Delilah WILSON (Cherokee)
b. Cherokee Nation
d. ca. 1892, Going Snake Dist.

Mother: Lucretia . . .

m. ca. 1885, Spring Creek

Chil.:

1. Lucretia G. HUNTER, b. ca. 1889, Cooweescoowee Dist.
2. William B., alias James HUNTER, b. ca. 1891, Goingsnake Dist.

Testimony of Walter W. BREEDLOVE (b. ca. 1861), 13 Jul. 1900; 3 Mar. 1902. He stated that James Hunter, Sr. had a sister, Lillie Hunter, who lived in St. Louis, MO.
Testimony of Joel L. BAUGH, 13 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Hutchinson M. ROBERTSON (b. ca. 1857), 13 Jul. 1900.
Testimony of N. B. MAXEY, 15 Feb. 1902.

On 1 Dec. 1902, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes Application denied this application, due to James and Lucretia's removal to St. Louis, Missouri. However, the decision was reversed by the Secretary of the Interior on 28 Feb. 1903.

No. D-30: Nancy E. Forbes, citizen by blood, of Goingsnake District

[William] FORBES

Nancy E. DARDEE (one-eighth Cherokee)
b. ca. 1840, GA
Father: Benjamin DARDEE (dec'd.)
Mother: Julia Ann (d. ca. 1876)

Testimony of Nancy E. Forbes, 16 Jul. 1900. "My grandfather's father was the first man that ever married a Cherokee Indian in this Nation. . . He [Benjamin Darden] killed a man in Georgia and come here under a false name and married a woman and went under the name of Dodge, and when their children went to draw their money they had to change their name to Dardee."

No. D-31: Susan L. Beavers, citizen by blood, of Goingsnake District

Wiley BEAVERS

Susan L. FORBES (One-sixteenth Cherokee)
b. ca. 1880
Father: William FORBES
Mother: Nancy E. [DARDEE]

m. . . . They separated.

Chil.:

1. Ella Isabelle BEAVERS, b. 24 Jul. 1898.

Testimony of Susan L. Beavers, 16 Jul. 1900.

No. D-32: Joseph Crittenden, citizen by blood, of Goingsnake District

Joseph CRITTENDEN (one-fourth Cherokee)
b. ca. 1873
Father: George CRITTENDEN (lv.)
Mother: Martha Jane STARR (dec'd.)

Nancy L. FORBES (one-sixteenth Cherokee)
Father: William FORBES
Mother: Nancy E. [DARDEE]

m. Jan. 1895

Chil.:

1. Carl CRITTENDEN, b. ca. 1897

Testimony of Joseph Crittenden, 16 Jul. 1900.

No. D-35: William M. Forbes et al, citizen by blood, of Goingsnake District

William M. FORBES (one-sixteenth Cherokee) Mollie C. PILGRAM (white)
b. ca. 1872, GA

Father: Tom PILGRAM
Mother: Sarah

m. 17 Jan. 1895, by N. O. SOWERS, M. G.

Testimony of William M. Forbes, 15 Jul. 1900.

No. D-34: Robert J. Forbes et al, citizen by blood, of Goingsnake District

Robert J. FORBES/FORBIS Harriet . . .
b. ca. 1866, GA

Father: Bill FORBES
Mother: Nancy E. [DARDEE]

m. Oct. 1887, GA

Chil.:

1. Ora FORBES, b. ca. 1894.
2. Rasmus FORBES, b. ca. 1896.

Testimony of Robert J. Forbes, 16 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Evalina Ferbie FOLSOM (b. ca. 1864; sis. to Robert J. Forbes), 16 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Frances E. Forbis (b. ca. 1860), 16 Jul. 1900.

No. D-35: Gideon Graham et al of Tahlequah

Gideon GRAHAM Elizabeth SYDOW (white)
b. Jan. 1867

Father: John W. GRAHAM (lv.)

m. 1886, TX

Chil.:

1. John W. GRAHAM, b. ca. 1887.
2. Julius E. GRAHAM, b. ca. 1889.
3. Francis W. GRAHAM, b. ca. 1891.
4. Mary E. GRAHAM, b. ca. 1893.
5. Jesse E. GRAHAM, b. ca. 1895.
6. Grace GRAHAM, b. ca. 1896.
7. Florence GRAHAM, b. Apr. 1900.

Testimony of Gideon Graham, 16 Jul. 1900; 17 Oct. 1902.

No. D-36: Frances E. Forbes, citizen by blood, of Goingsnake District

[Unmarried]

Frances E. FORBES

b. ca. 1860, GA

Father:

Mother: Nancy E.

Chil.: two

1. Cora FORBES, b. 28 Oct. 1879, GA; m. ... KERNS.

1. Pearly FORBES, b. 28 Oct. 1888, GA

Testimony of Frances E. Forbes, 16 Jul. 1900.

Affidavit of Frances E. Forbes, 10 Jun. 1905.

Note: This application was rejected by the Secretary of the Interior on 29 August 1902.

No. D-37: Cora Kerns, citizen by blood, of Goingsnake District

... KERNS

Cora [FORBES] (one-thirty second Cherokee)

b. 1879, GA

m. Oct. 1899, GA.

Testimony of Cora Kerns, 16 Jul. 1900; 15 Feb. 1902.

Note: The Secretary of the Interior rejected this application on 15 Jan. 1903

No. D-38: Joel W. Folsom, citizen by intermarriage, of Goingsnake District

Joel W. FOLSOM (Cherokee)

Evaline FORBES

b. ca. 1871

Father: Levi FOLSOM (lv.)

Mother: Melvina ... (lv.)

m. 1893

Testimony of Joel Folsom, 16 Jul. 1900.

No. D-39: Lucinda Cannon, citizen by intermarriage, of Goingsnake District

Edwin B. CANNON

Lucinda ...

b. ca. 1846

b. ca. 1853

m. 1873, AR

Chil.:

1. Charles Lee CANNON, b. ca. 1877.

2. Dovie D. CANNON, b. ca. 1881.

3. Claude CANNON

4. Maude CANNON

Testimony of Edwin B. Cannon, 16 Jul. 1900.

No. D-40: William H. Thomason, citizen by intermarriage, of Goingsnake District
William H. THOMASON
b. ca. 1845

Mary Frances "Fannie" ALBERTY
Father: Jack W. ALBERTY

m. 7 Jan. 1887, Goingsnake District, by Judge Alberty.

Chil.:

1. Maggie Belle THOMASON, b. 24 Sep. 1887.
2. Daniel W. THOMASON, b. 3 May 1891.
3. Clarence C. THOMASON, b. 8 Oct. 1893.

Testimony of William H. Thomason, 17 Jul. 1900.
Testimony of Jack W. Alberty (b. 1834), 17 Jul. 1900.

No. D-40: Charles P. Hunter, citizen by intermarriage, of Cooweescoowee District
Charles P. HUNTER
b. ca. 1868

Maude Medora WILLIAMS
b. 1876, Tahlequah Dist.
Mother: Florence Isabelle BOYNTON

m. ca. 1893, Henrietta, TX

Chil.:

1. Florence Isabelle HUNTER, b. ca. 1897.

Testimony of Charles P. Hunter, 18 Jul. 1900.

No. D-42: Hugh B. Dudley, citizen by intermarriage, of Goingsnake District
Hugh Edgar DUDLEY
b. ca. 1862
Father: William A. DUDLEY
Mother: Mary

Palmyra CRITTENDEN

m. 2 Mar. 1890 by L. A. LACIE. They divorced about 1892. "I left on account of mistreating me by giving birth to a child; about five months after we was married. . . . It aint mine."

Testimony of Hugh B. Dudley, 18 Jul. 1900; 15 Feb. 1902. He stated he had a bro., James P. Dudley.
Testimony of Peter WALTERS, 15 Feb. 1902.

No. D-43: Joseph Weaver, et al, citizen by blood, of Westville

Joseph WEAVER (full-blood Cherokee)
b. ca. 1830

Mary . . . (citizen by adoption)
b. ca. 1840

They began living together about 1867. According to Joseph Weaver, "I am not married--we just took up together before the law was in force."

Chil.:

All of the Weavers' children were married by 1900. They also raised Hester ROBBINS, the illegitimate daughter of an Indian named John KELLY by Lucinda Robbins (white), daughter of Levi Robbins. Hester married Jack PARIS (a Cherokee, supposedly). Their son, William Parris, was born ca. 1895.

Testimony of Joseph Weaver, 16 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Melvina FULSOM (b. ca. 1844; a cousin to Lucinda Robbins), 29 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Mary Weaver, 16 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Tom STILL (b. ca. 1849), 16 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of George CRITTENDEN (b. ca. 1847; Cherokee), 16 Jul. 1900.

D-44: Application of Peter Walters, citizen by intermarriage, of Westville

Peter WALTERS
b. ca. 1831, Prussia

Delilah . . .
b. ca. 1852

m. 1 May 1892. They div. 8 Sep. 1893, Goingsnake Dist. "I didn't live with her but one night, and then I made up with her and lived with her about two months . . . and then she told me to get up and go . . . She got up and shot off her old gun, and raised old Cain, and her boys got after me."

He m. (1) Polk Co. MO, to Mrs. Sarah J. GILMORE, a wid. (d. 1882, Cherokee Nation). They had two daus.

She m. (1) Dave SANDERS (full-blood Cherokee), dec'd.

Testimony of Peter Walters, 15 Feb. 1902; 13 Oct. 1902.

Testimony of Tom STILL (b. ca. 1849), 15 Feb. 1902.

No. D-45: Thomas Devine, citizen by blood, of Goingsnake District

Thomas Nelson DEVINE (1/16th Cherokee)
b. ca. 1861, Cherokee Nation

Mollie . . . (white)

Father: Jim DEVINE, d. ca. 1866, Flint Dist.

Mother: Louana HARLAN, d. Flint Dist.

m. 1880, MO.

Chil.:

1. James A. DEVINE, b. ca. 1886.
2. Joel M. DEVINE, b. ca. 1887.
3. William R. DEVINE, b. ca. 1890.
4. Jackson B. DEVINE, b. ca. 1892.

Testimony of Thomas Devine, 19 Jul. 1900; 14 Feb. 1902.

Testimony of J. W. ALBERTY (b. ca. 1834), 19 Jul. 1900. He stated that Lou Harlan was "a sister of Dell O. Crittenden's wife and John Harlan."

Testimony of George Crittenden (b. ca. 1847), 19 Jul. 1900.

No. D-46: Mary P. Guthrie, citizen by intermarriage, of Goingsnake District

William P. GUTHRIE (1/16th Cherokee) Mary PAYTON (white)

b. 1866, Choctaw Nation

Father: Calvin P. GUTHRIE (white), dec'd.

Father: John PAYTON

Mother: Sarah A. (Cherokee), dec'd.

Mother: Sarah

m. 10 Jan. 1887, Flint Dist. Evidently, their wedding ceremony was illegal, as it was not performed by an authorized officiant, and neither were divorced from their estranged spouses.

He m. (1) Jennie VANN

She m. (1) John RUSK (white), dec'd.

She m. (2) . . . DUNCAN (white)

Testimony of William P. Guthrie, 19 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of A. L. LACY (b. ca. 1844; full-blood Cherokee), 19 Jul. 1900.

Testimony of Marshall BROWN (b. ca. 1855), 19 Jul. 1900.

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