

Reuben Poe

**A transcription of the Cherokee
claim of Calpernia Cicero Whitely.**

By Jose Luis Mendoza Jr.

No. 15074

Eastern Cherokees.

Application of Calpernia Cicero Whitely.

For share of money appropriated for the Eastern Cherokee Indians
by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with
the decrees of the Court of claims of May 18, 1905.

Indian office

Eastern Cherokees.

Rec. Jan. 31, 1907

No. 15074

Name: Calpernia C. Whitely

With No. 9192

Remarks:

Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I hereby make application for such share as may be due me of the fund
appropriated by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, in accordance with the
decrees of the court of claims of May 18, 1905, and May 28, 1906, in favor of the
Eastern Cherokees. The evidence of identity is herewith subjoined.

1. State full name

English name: Calpernia Cicero Whitely

Indian name:

2. Residence: Short Creek, Ky.

3. Town and post office:

4. County: Grayson

5. State: Ky.

6. Date and place of birth: Oct. 14, 1841, Gladesville, Tn (now Tatesville, Wilson co.,
Tn)

7. By what right do you claim to share? If you claim through more than one relative
living in 1851, set forth each claim separately: Mary Ellen Wood whose grandfather
was an Indian named Reuben Poe.

8. Are you married? Widow

9. Name and age of wife or husband: John Whitely deceased.
10. Give names of your father and mother, and your mother's name before marriage.
 Father-English name: Luke Wood
 Indian name:
 Mother-English name: Mary Ellen Wood
 Indian name:
 Maiden name: Mary Ellen Thornton

11. Where were they born?

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Father: In Virginia in 1805

Mother: In South Carolina in 1811

12. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time?

Father: Grayson co., Ky.

Mother: Grayson co., Ky.

13. Date of death of your father and mother-

Father: Aug. 1879 Mother: Jan. 26, 1891

14. Were they ever enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and where: No

15. Name all your brothers and sisters, giving ages, and if not living, the date of death.:

Name	Born	Died
39728 (1) Wm. G.H. Wood	Oct. 23, 1833	Living
Mrs. Eliza A. Craig	Oct. 16, 1835	Jan. 14, 1903
13429 (2) Melissa H. Spurrier	Dec. 26, 1837	Living
Mrs. Irena E. Spurrier	Feb. 11, 1839	"
(3) Mrs. Ellen McCullough	1843	1901
(4) Mrs. Amanda Caplinger	1845	1886
(5) Uriah Paly Wood	1847	1891
9192 (6) Mrs. Nancy C. Kipler	1851	

16. State English and Indian names of your grandparents on both father's and mother's side, if possible:

Father's side

Mother's side

Wm. Wood

Nancy Thornton

Elizabeth Wood

Seth Thornton

17. Where were they born?

18. Where did they reside in 1851, if living at that time? Nancy resided in Wilson co., Tn

19. Give names of all their children, and residence, if living; If not living, give dates of deaths:

(1) English name: James Thornton deceased.

Indian name:

Residence: Wilson co., Tn

(2) English name: Mary E. Thornton deceased

Indian name:

Residence: Grayson co., Ky

(3) English name: Sallie Thornton deceased

Indian name:

Residence: Wilson co., Tn

(4) English name: Mathias Thornton deceased

Indian name:

Residence: Wilson co., Tn

(5) Ranson Thornton died in Tn.

Huston Thornton ``

Joseph Thornton ``

Irene Thornton ``

Eliza A. Thornton ``

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Danise Thornton ``

20. Have you ever been enrolled for annuities, land, or other benefits? If so, state when and where: No

21. To expedite identification, claimants should give the full English and Indian names, if possible, of their paternal and maternal ancestors back to 1835: Maternal: Reuben Poe lived and died prior to 1835. His daughter was Nancy Poe and her daughter was Mary Ellen Thornton, my mother.

Remarks:

(Under this head the applicant may give any additional information that he believes will assist in proving his claims.)

Reuben Poe through whom or by whom I submit my claim was an Indian. I can't say whether Reuben Poe was English or Indian name. That is only name held sacred. He was a Cherokee Indian.

Note.-Answers should be brief but explicit: The words "Yes", "No", "Unknown", etc., may be used in cases where applicable. Read the questions carefully.

I solemnly swear that the foregoing statements made by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witnesses to mark

B.M. Tilford

her

Lillian P. Tilford

(signature) Calpernia Cicero X Whitely
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January 1907

My commission expires January 21, 1908

R.W. Tilford

Notary Public.

Affidavit.

(The following affidavit must be sworn to by two or more witnesses who are well acquainted with the applicant.)

Personally appeared before me B.M. Tilford and Lillian P. Tilford, who, being duly sworn, on oath depose and say that they are well acquainted with Calpernia Cicero Whitely who makes the foregoing application and statements, and have known her for 25 years and 20 years respectively, and know her to be the identical person she represents herself to be, and that the statements made by her are true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and they have no interest whatever in this claim.

Signature of witnesses

B.M. Tilford

Lillian P. Tilford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January 1907

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Note.-Affidavits should be made, whenever practicable, before a notary public, clerk of the court, or before a person having a seal. If sworn to before an Indian agent or dispersing agent of the Indian service, it need not be executed before a notary, etc.

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Action: Reject.

Name: C.C Whitely and X children.
Ky.

Residence: Short Creek

Reasons: Sister of # 9192

