



## Dawes Application Questionnaire

In 1893, the United States Congress established a *Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes* (commonly called the Dawes Commission) to exchange Indian tribal lands in the Southeastern United States for individual land allotments to members of the Indian tribes. More than 250,000 people applied to the commission for enrollment and land, but only a little over 100,000 were approved.

Applications for Enrollment of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914 (commonly called the Dawes Roll Application) is available on National Archives microfilm series M 1301 (468 rolls).

Like the Enrollment Cards (NARA Series M1186), the applications are arranged by tribe, In the case of the Cherokee applications: Cherokee by Blood, Cherokee Minors by Blood, Cherokee Minors, Delaware, Cherokee by Marriage, Cherokee Freedmen, Cherokee Freedmen Minors.

Below is a transcript of the affidavit given by Joseph Woodard [Enrollment Application of Joseph Woodard, #Cher 5704, Applications for Enrollment of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914; National Archives micropublication M1301, roll 217].



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Tahlequah, I.T., November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1900.

In the matter of the application of Joseph Woodard for the enrollment of himself, wife and children as citizens of the Cherokee Nation; said Woodard being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Joseph Woodard
- Q. What is your age? A. 50 years old
- Q. Your Post Office? A. Tahlequah
- Q. What district do you live in? A. Tahlequah
- Q. Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, Sir
- Q. By Blood? A. Yes, Sir
- Q. Who do you want to enroll? A. Myself and family
- Q. Wife and family? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. What is your wife's name? A. Nannie

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- Q. Is she a Cherokee by blood? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. When did you marry her? A. I married in '78
- Q. What is the name of the oldest child at home now under 21 years of age? A. Mary
- Q. Has she any middle name? A. She has to no middle name.
- Q. How old is she? A. 21 yeas in May.
- Q. The next child? A. 19
- Q. What is its name? A. Henry
- Q. The next child? A. Jackson.
- Q. How old is Jackson? A. Jack is 17.
- Q. The next child? A. Martha.
- Q. How old is Martha? A. 14.
- Q. The next one? A. The next on is 12, Bunch.
- Q. The next one? A. The next one is 10, Nannie Florence.
- Q. The next child? A. the next child is eight.
- Q. What is its name? A. Daniel.
- Q. Hold is Daniel? A. Daniel is eight.
- Q. The next child? A. Allen
- Q. How old is Allen? A. Six.
- Q. The next child? A. Looney Oscar.
- Q. How old is Looney? A. He is three years old.
- Q. The next child? A. I have got a certificate here.
- Q. Minnie E.? A. Yes
- Q. It will be two years old? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Are these children all alive and living with you? A. Yes, Sir, they are all living with me.
- Q. Is Nancy the mother of all of them? A. Yes, sir.

1880 Roll	page 825	#2709	Joseph Woodard	Tahlequah
1880 Roll	page 825	#2810	Nanna Woodard	Tahlequah [#2710 penciled in left margin]
1896 Roll	page 1267	#3685	Joseph Woodard	Tahlequah
1896 Roll	page 1267	#3686	Nannie Woodard	Tahlequah
1896 Roll	page 1267	#3687	Mary Woodard	Tahlequah
1896 Roll	page 1267	#3688	Henry Woodard	Tahlequah
1896 Roll	page 1267	#3689	Jack Woodard	Tahlequah

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1896 Roll page 1267 #3690 Martha Woodard Tahlequah  
1896 Roll page 1267 #3691 Bunch Woodard Tahlequah  
1896 Roll page 1267 #3892 Nannie Woodard Tahlequah [#3692 penciled in left margin]  
1896 Roll page 1267 #3693 Daniel Woodard Tahlequah  
1896 Roll page 1267 #3694 Allen Woodard Tahlequah  
1896 Roll page 1267 #3695 Loonie A. Woodard Tahlequah

Q. These children are all living are they? A. Yes, Sir

Com'r Needles --- The name of Joseph Woodard and his wife [name illegible] are found upon the authenticated roll of 1890 and the census roll of 1896 as Cherokee citizens by blood. The names of his [this and the next two rows are too dark to read]

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They all being duly identified according to the pages and number if the rolls as indicated in the testimony and having made satisfactory proof as to their residence, th said Joseph Woodard and his wife, Nannie, and his children as enumerated herein, will be duly listed for enrollment as Cherokee citizens by blood.

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J.O. Resson, being first duly sworn, states that stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he [illegible word] order the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographer notes thereof.

[signed] J.O. Resson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1900

[signed] MD Green, NP



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Cherokee 5704

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T., July 18, 1905.

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In the matter of the application of Joseph Woodard for the enrollment of himself and wife, Nannie Woodard, and children, Mary, Henry, Jackson, Martha, Bunch, Nannie F., Daniel, Allen,

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Looney O., Minnie E., and Della Woodard, as citizens by blood of the Cherokee Nation. No. 5704.

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Martha Hayes, being duly sworn by Joe Chambers, a Notary Public and examined on behalf of the Commissioner, testified as follows: ----

- Q. What is your name? A. Martha Hayes.
- Q. How old are You? A. 19.
- Q. What is your post-office? A. Ochelata.
- Q. Are you a Cherokee by blood? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. What is the name of your father? A. Joseph Woodard
- Q. And your mother? A. Nannie Woodard
- Q. Have you married since you filed? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. What is the name of your husband? A. A.G. Hayes
- Q. Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A. No, Sir.
- Q. When were you married? A. 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1904.
- Q. Are you and he living together now? A. yes, sir.

Statement:

A set of this testimony will be filed with Cherokee Allotment Case No. 28825.

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