

Enrollment Discrepancies Associated with Modoc Indian Miller's Charley

Presentation to Modoc Nation Enrollment Committee July 6, 2022

Our Assignment

- Our firm was directed to assess the veracity of a claim of direct lineal descent to Modoc Nation ancestor Miller's Charley (sometimes known as Charley Miller).
- In conducting our assessment, we have relied upon official records furnished by the Modoc Nation and our independent review of federal census records.

Modoc Nation Enrollment Criteria

The applicant or member is The burden is on the The applicant or member has The applicant or member's a direct descendant of a direct line that ties to a Modoc ancestor that they applicant to prove the first Modoc Indian who was Modoc ancestor who was directly descend from (who three criteria, they must removed to Indian Territory named on the 1878 "Ration was named on the 1878 also be on the Modoc Roll as List". "Ration List") did not return in 1873. of March 20, 2007, and not have been enrolled with to Oregon, pursuant to the Act of 1909. another federally recognized Indian tribe prior to that date. 1909 1873 1878 2007

Key Point

► The criteria for membership is derived directly from federal law at 25 U.S.C. § 861a(a)(3):

The Modoc Indian Tribe of Oklahoma shall consist of those Modoc Indians who are direct lineal descendants of those Modoc Indians removed to Indian territory in November 1873, and who did not return to Klamath, Oregon, pursuant to the Act of March 9, 1909 (35 Stat. 751), as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, and the descendants of such Indians who otherwise meet the membership requirements adopted by the Tribe.

Audit

- An internal investigation of enrollment records followed by an enrollment audit revealed a discrepancy in certain enrollment applications.
- At issue is whether any person alive today could be a lineal descendant of Miller' Charley.

Miller's Charley

Modoc Indian

Who was Miller's Charley?

- Miller's Charley was born in the Tribe's ancestral homelands (now areas of California and Oregon) in 1836 and fought in the Modoc War 1872-1873.
- In November 1873, Miller's Charley was removed to Indian Territory.
- In 1878, Miller's Charley appears on the Quapaw Agency Modoc Census of Subsistence and Ration list as Miller, Charley.
- He married at least twice. He was married Sophia McCarty about 1886, and the pair remained married until her death in 1890. He was concurrently married Princess Mary and remained married until her death in 1906.
- ► He lived in Indian Territory on the Modoc Reservation, Quapaw Agency from 1873 until his death on April 9, 1911.
- He did not have any surviving children at the time of his death.

1878 Ration List

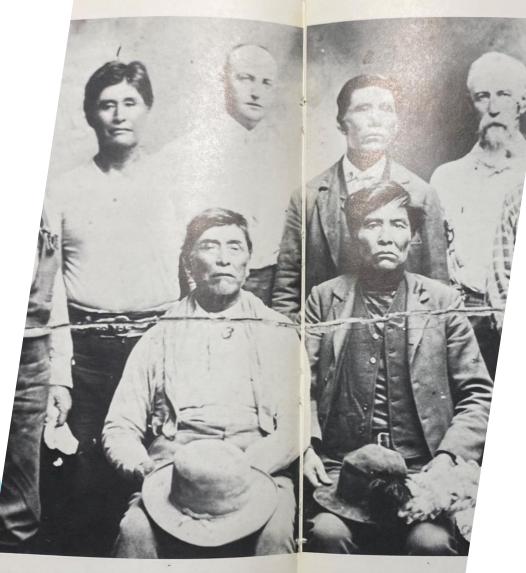
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1878 Quapaw Agency Modoc Census of Subsistence and Ration, as corrected
(Prepared pursuant to the Act of May 15, 1978, P. L. 95-281)

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67	50	McCarty, Estella Sonchin		F	
68	54	McCarty, Mary Sonchin		F	
69	51	McCarty, Patsy Sonchin		F	
70	57	Miller, Charley		М	
71	59	Miller, Nancy (Kielco)		F	
72	58	Miller, Mary (Princess Mary)		F	Modoc Allottee 39, file 1302
73 -	7	Moloch, (Mary Ann Modoc)		F	Modoc Allottee 61, file 1289
74	33	River, Carrie		F	
7,5	34	River, Ruth	57	F	*
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Miller's Charley or Charley Miller?

"A few Modocs retained the names by which they were known during the war: Scarfaced Charley, Shacknasty Jim, Bogus Charley, and Curley Headed Doctor. But most Modocs adopted names that fit better into the society around them. Some new names were a rearrangement of old names: Miller's Charley became Charley Miller, Faithful William changed to William Faithful, and Long Jim became James Long."

Source: James, Cheewa. Modoc: The Tribe That Wouldn't Die, Happy Camp, CA. p. 186. (emphasis added).



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Charley) and Ben Lawver (Ball, unidentified, Asa Tit

► "REFUGEE MODOC in Indian Territory, showing adoption of Anglo-American clothing and "Indian" style uncreased Stetsons.

(Front row, left to right) <u>Charley Miller</u> (Miller's Charley) and Ben Lawver (Yellowhammer). Back row, left to right) unidentified, Johnny Ball, unidentified, Asa Tittle, unidentified, Sam Lawver."

Source: Faulk, Odie. <u>The Modoc People</u>, <u>Indian Tribal Series</u>. Phoenix, pp.94-95 (1976). (emphasis added)

Miller's Charley Timeline

1838	Born in what is now Oregon.
1872-1873	Fought in the Modoc War in California.
1873	Among the 153 Modoc Indians removed to Indian Territory.
1878	Named on the Ration List and Married to Mary Miller (Princess Mary), sister of Captain Jack.
1885	Married Sophia Charley (née McCarty).
1885-1889	Recorded on Modoc Census as married to Sophia Charley
1890	Sophia Charley (Sophia McCarty) died.
1890-1907	Recorded on the Modoc Census as living alone.
1906	Mary Miller (Princess Mary) died without children.
1910	Recorded on the United States Census as living alone.
1911	Died intestate, at age 75.
1914	Report on Heirship filed by the Secretary of Interior states Miller's Charley was "unmarried at the time of his dead and without issue, father or mother, brother or sister or descendants thereof."

Miller's Charley Report on Heirship

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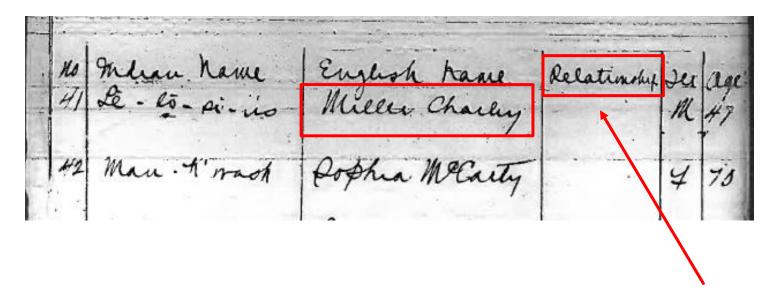
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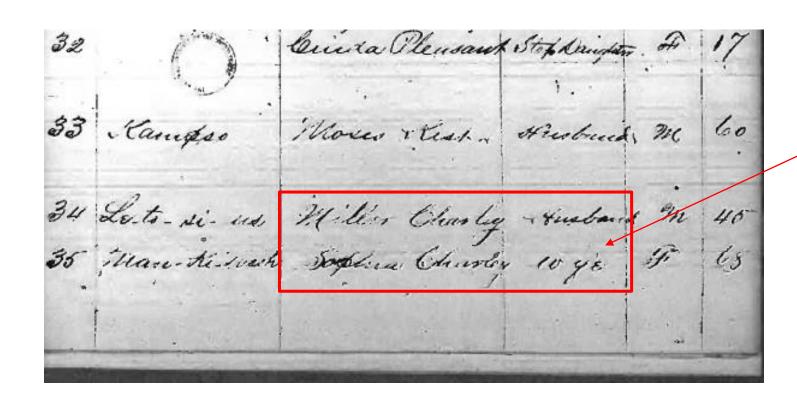
Census Records of Miller's Charley

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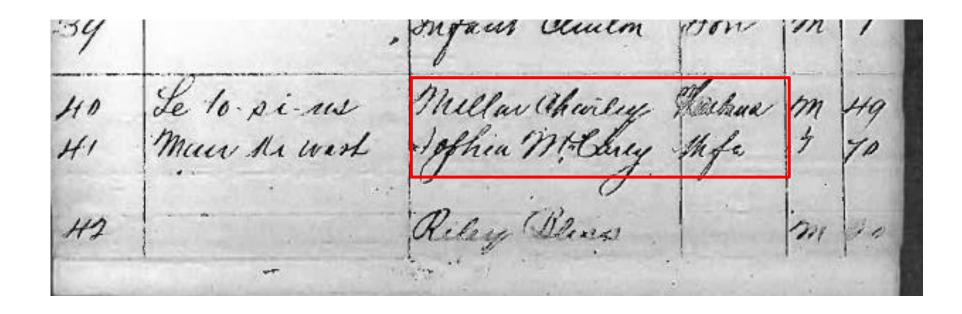
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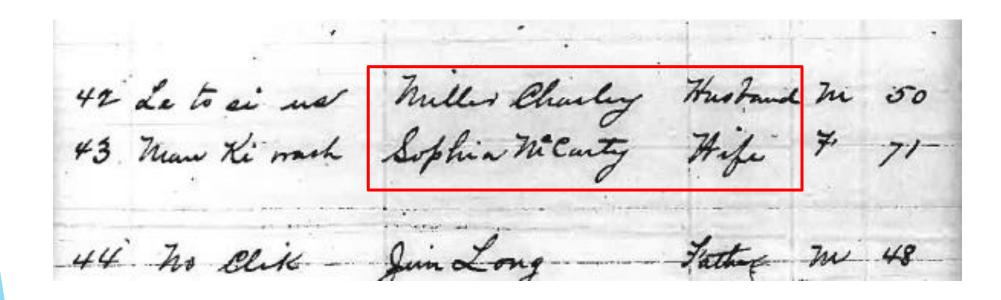


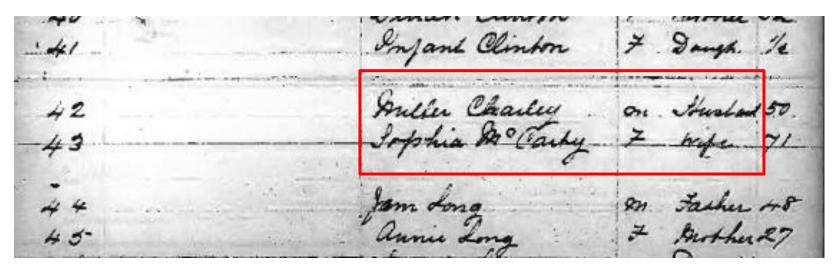
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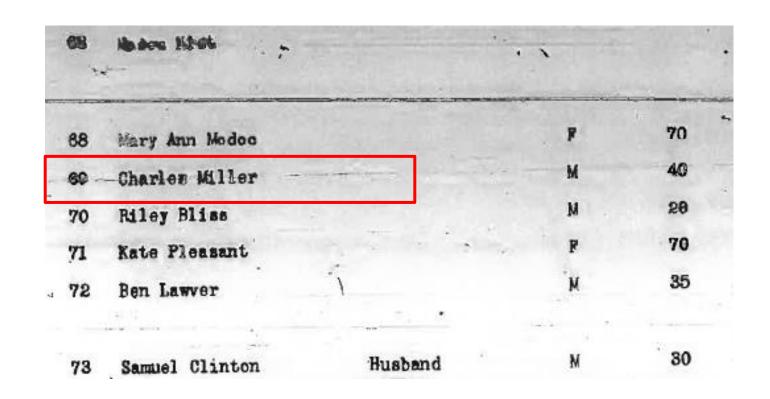
- Census lists Miller's Charley as married to Sophia Charley.
- Note that none of the Modoc census records indicate the pair had any children.

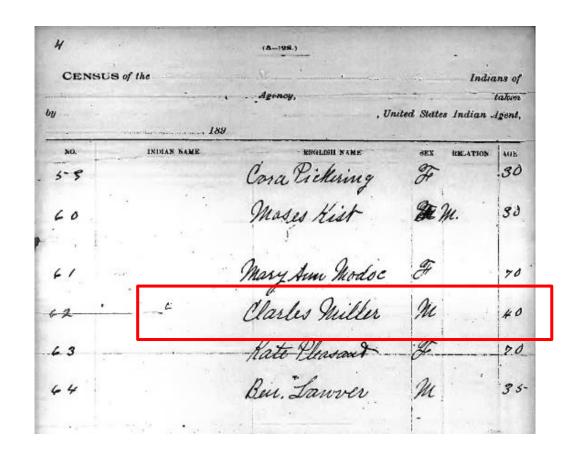


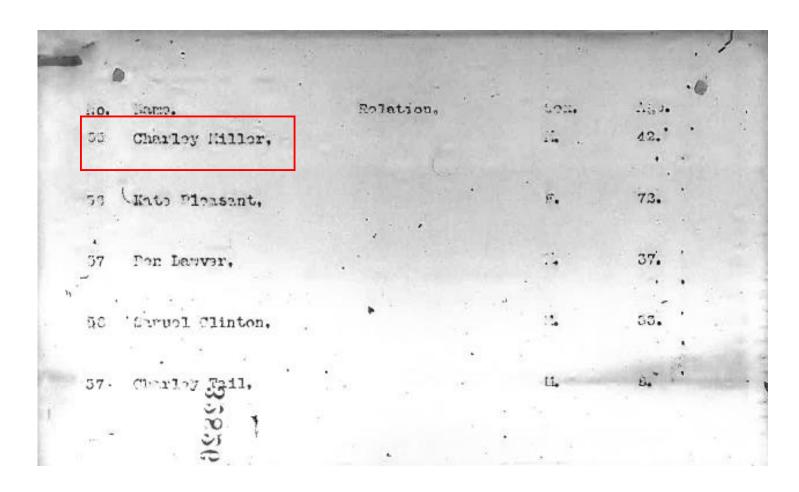


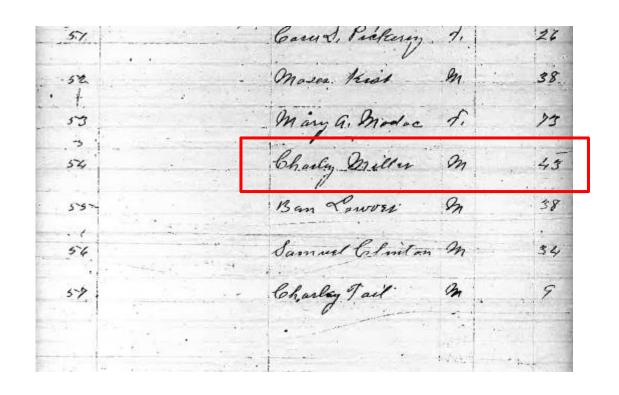


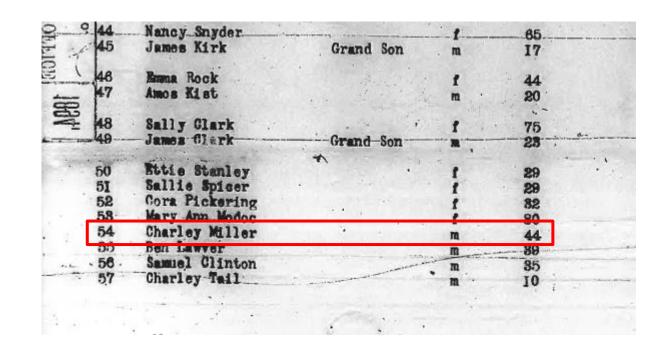
*This Census is the last record of Sophia Charley/McCarty as she died sometime in early 1890





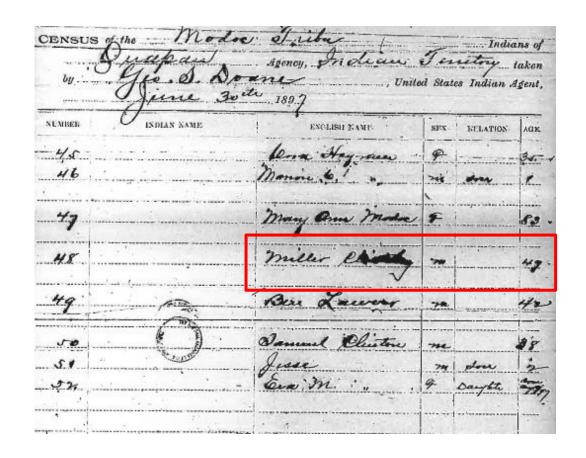




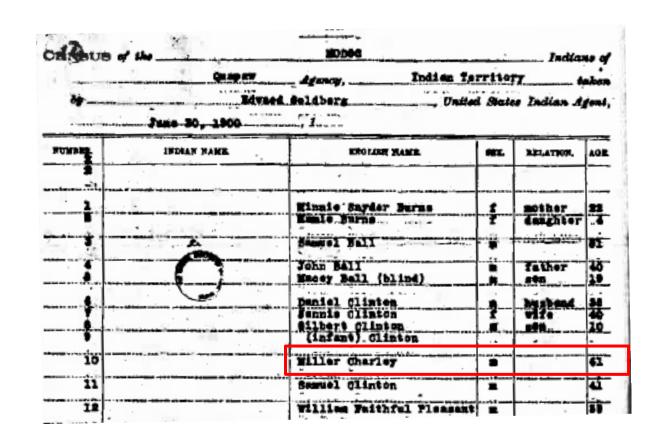


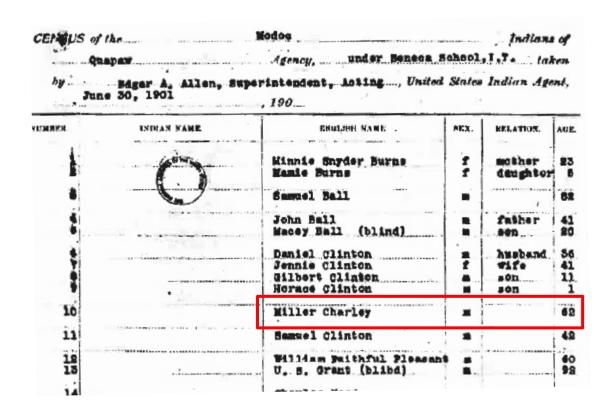
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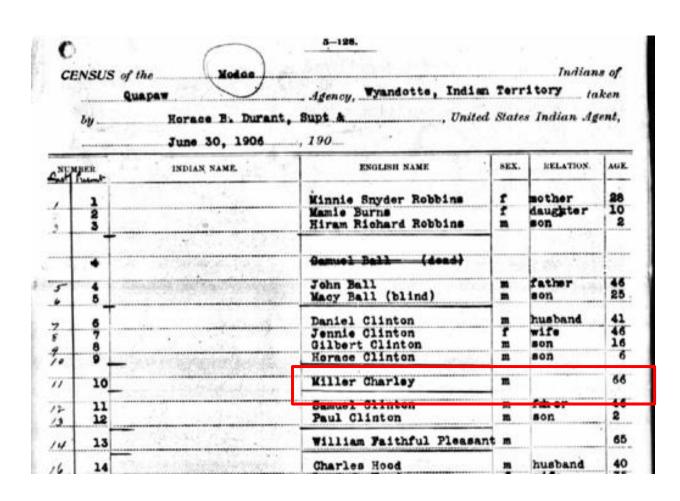


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MODOCS GOING BACK

To Their Old Home in Oregon, will Trek the Remnant of a Tribe which defied Uncle Sam in the Lava Beds.

During the year of 1872, a treaty was concluded between the United States Government and the Indians of the Klamath Indian Reservation of Southern Oregon and Northeastern California, in which the different bands of the Klamath Indians agreed to cede to the Government the southern portion of their reservation for a stipulated sum of money and other perquisites.

The Modoc band of the Klamath Indians had their hunting grounds and homes in the northeastern part of California on that portion of their reservation that had been relinquished under this treaty, and in the fall of 1872 were moved near the agency and army post at Klamath. Oregon.

County Jail Notes.

J. C Tucker, deputy sheriff at Afton, brought in a man Tuesday and lodged him in jail, charged with fighting and using deadly weapons.

Sheriff Hukill returned Tuesday night from Guthrie where he has been attending a meeting of the sheriffs of Oklahoma.

The whisky charge against John Tyree was dismissed by the county court on Tuesday.

ber of the old warriors and their families returned to the Klamath Agency, Oregon. Two of the original warriors who participated in the siege are still living upon their allottments here in Oklahoma, being Ben Lawver or Chief Yellowhammer, and Charlie Miller, both old men, but they with the remaining ones are preparing to move to Oregon in the spring.

cause of this remnant of a once brave and fearless band of Indians removing to their old home in Oregon. In the treaty of 1872,

- Charlie Miller is reported with the intent to depart the Modoc Reservation and return to the Klamath Reservation in Klamath, Oregon.
- This also indicates he is still residing on his Modoc Reservation allotment.

Louis Charley

Modoc Indian

Who was Louis Charley?

- Louis Charley was born in 1890 and is first reported on the June 1891 Census of the Modoc Tribe in Indian Territory.
- ► Louis Charley was the son of Scarface Charley and Ella Charley.
- The spelling of his name varies between governmental documents, including:
 - "Louis Charlie"
 - "Lewis Charley"
 - Louis is also sometimes referred to as "Louis Scarface"

Louis Charley Timeline

Died, at age 10.

Born in Indian Territory.

Recorded on Modoc Census as the son of Scarface and Ella Charley.

Louis and his sister, Minnie, lost their entire family and were orphaned.

Recorded on Modoc Census as living alone.

"Louis Charley" listed on US General Census as 10 years old.

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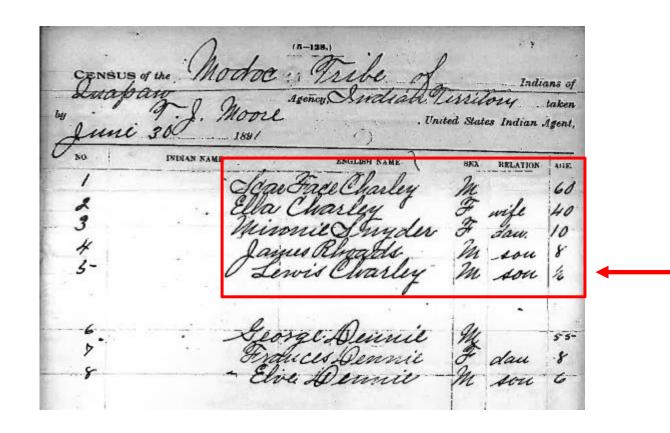
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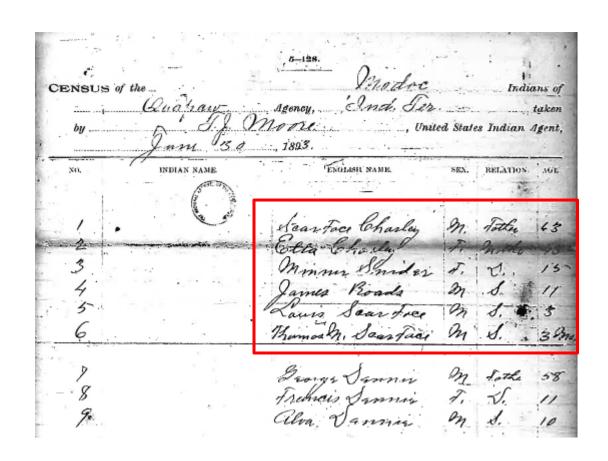
Census Records of Louis Charley

Key Points

- Census records of the Modoc Nation from 1891-1899 prove that Louis Charley was the son of Scarface and Ella Charley.
- ► After the 1900 General Census, there is no record of any "Louis" or "Lewis" as a member of the Modoc Nation, further supporting the conclusion that Louis died in 1900 at age 10.



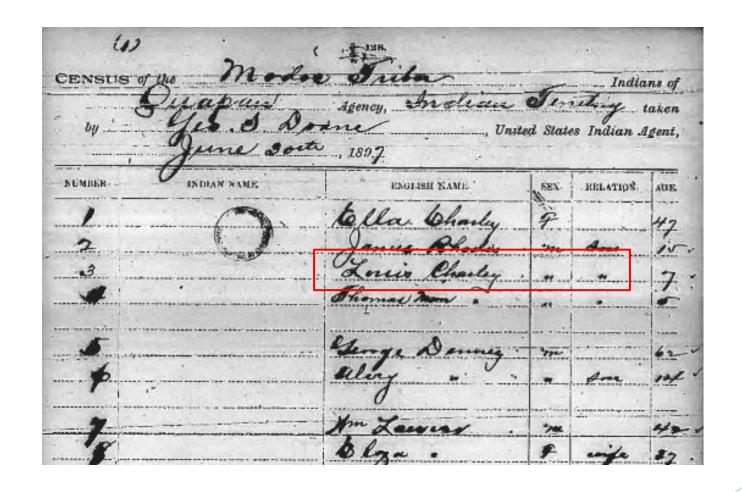
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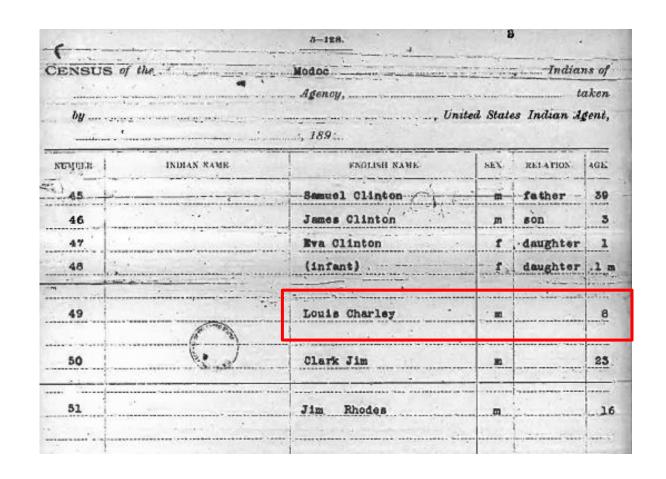


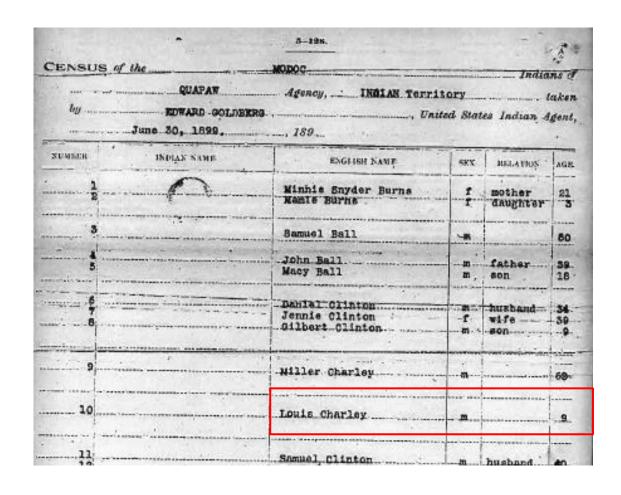
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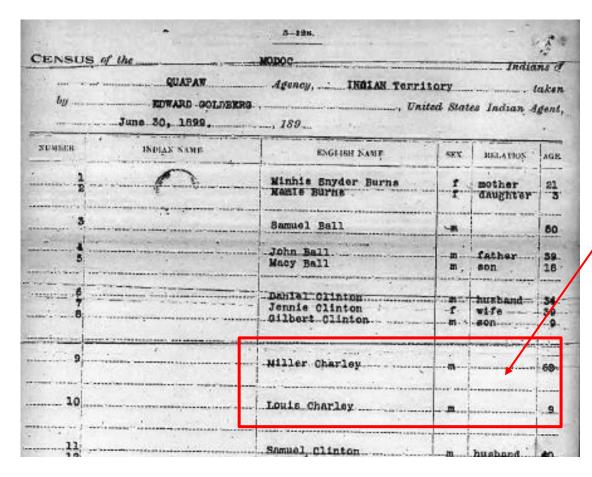
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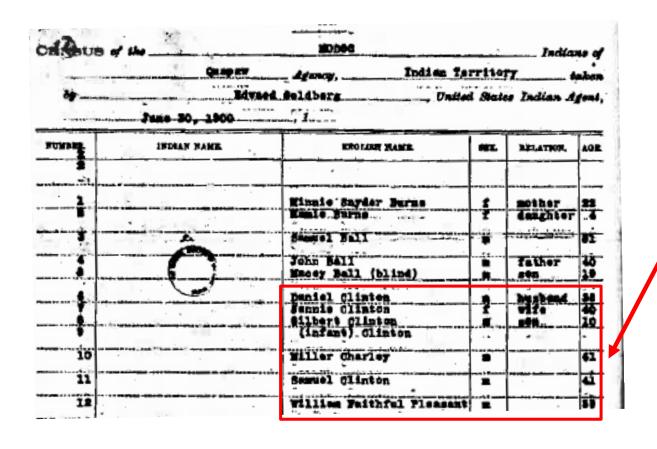




Miller's Charley and Louis Charley



 1899 Modoc Census lists both Miller
 Charley and Louis Charley and does not note any relation between the two.



There are no Census records of Louis Charley after the 1900 Modoc Census

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It is noteworthy that Miller's Charley did not inherit from Louis Charley. A further indication that the two were not related.

Listed for sale and advertised this 17th day of December, Bids to be opened January 17, 1910, after 2 o'clock p. m.

INDIVIDUAL MODOC INDIAN ALLOTMENTS.

- No 1 John Ball, Modoc allottee No 26, lot No. 133, containing 24 acres.
- No 2 Macy Ball, Modoc allottee No 27, lots 80 and 81, containing 48 acres.
- No 3 Samuel Clinton, Modoc allottee No 65, lot Nos 110 and 112, containing 48 acres
- No 4 James Clark, Modoc allottee No 56, lots No 1 and 2, containing 48 acres.
- No 5 Amos Kist, Modoc allottee No 54, lots No 135 and 137, containing 48 acres.
- No 6 Ben Lawver, Modoc allottee No 64, lot No 149, containing 24 acres.
- No 7 Martha Lawver, Modoc allottee No 48, lots No 92 and 162, containing 48 acres
- No 8 Charlie Miller, Modoc allottee No 62 lot No 97, containing 24 acres.
- No 9 Myra Grant, Robbins, Modoc allottee No 37, lot Oo 59, containing 24 acres.
- No 10 Minnie Snyder Robins, Modoc allottee No 3, lots Nos 114 and 151, containing
- No 11 Asa Tuttle, Modoc allottee No 42, lots Nos 129, 143 and 144, containing 72 acres.

INHERITED MODOC INDIAN ALLOTMENTS.

- No 12 Scarface Charley, deceased Modoc allottee No 1, Minnie Snyder Robbins, beir: petitioner for sale of lots 150 and 121, containing 24 acres.
- No 13 Lewis Charley, deceased Modoc allottee No 6, Minnie Snyder Robbins, heir: petitioner for sale of lots Nos 115 and 116, containing 48 acres.
- No 14 U. S. Grant, deceased Modoc allottee No 38, Myra Grant Robbins, heir; petitioner for sale of loss No 57, containing 24 acres.
- No 15 Edith Smith, deceased Modoc allottee No 38, Myra Grant Robbins, heir; petitioner for sale of lots Nos 58 and 60, containing 48 acres.
- No 16 Samuel Lawver, deceased Modoc allottee No 31, Dolly Lawver et al, heirs; petitioners for sale of lots Nos 163 and 164, containing 48 acres.

Note-Regulations approved October 20, 1909.

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Listed for sale and re-advertised this 19th day of January, Bids to be opened February 15, 1910, after 2 o'clock p. m. INDIVIDUAL MODOC INDIAN ALLOTMENTS. No 1 John Ball, Modoc allottee No 26, lot No. 133, containing 24 acres, No 2 Macy Ball, Modoc allottee No 27, lots 80 and 81, containing 48 acres. No 3 Samuel Clinton, Modoc allottee No 65, lot Nos 110 and 112, containing 48 acres No 4 James Clark, Modoc allottee No 56, lots No 1 and 2, containing 48 acres. No 5 Amos Kist, Modoc allottee No 54, lots No 135 and 137, containing 48 acres. No 6 Ben Lawver, Modoc allottee No 64, lot No 149, containing 24 acres. Charlie Miller, Modoc allottee No 62 lot No 97, containing 24 acres. Myra Grant, Robbins, Modoc anottee No 57, lot No 59, containing 24 acres. No 10 Minnie Snyder Robins, Modoc allottee No 3, lots Nos 114 and 151, containing 48 acres. No 11 Asa Tuttle, Modec allottee No 42, lots Nos 129, 143 and 144, containing 72 acres. INHERITED MODOC INDIAN ALLOTMENTS. No 12 Scarface Charley, deceased Modoc allottee No 1, Minnie Snyder Robbins, heir: netitioner for sale of lots 150 and 121, containing 48 acres No 13 Lewis Charley, deceased Modoc allottee No 6, Minnie Snyder Robbins, heir; petitioner for sale of lots Nos 115 and 116, containing 48 acres, No 14 U. S. Grant, deceased Modoc allottee No 38, Myra Grant Robbins, heir: petitioner for sale of lots No 57, containing 24 acres. No 15 Edith Smith, deceased Modoc allottee No 38, Myra Grant Robbins, heir; petitioner for sale of lots Nos 58 and 60, containing 48 acres. No 16 Samuel Lawver, deceased Modoc allottee No 31, Delly Lawver et al, heirs; petitioners for sale of lots Nos 163 and 164, containing 48 acres. NOTE-Regulations approved October 20, 1909.

Claims of Lineal Descent to "Charley Miller" and "Louie Miller."

Background

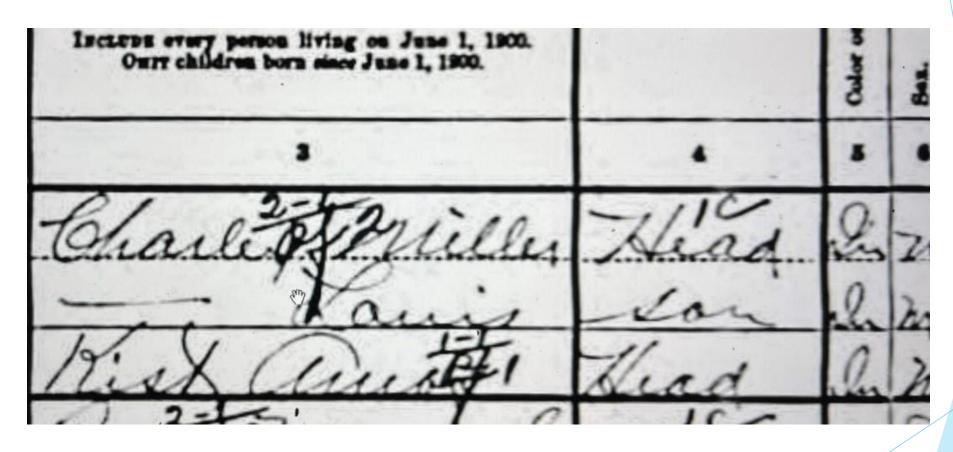
- From official correspondence of the Modoc Nation:
 - In 2000, Ricky R. Phillips applied for enrollment in the Tribe.
 - Mr. Phillip's application was submitted on an assertion that his Great-Grandfather Louie A. Miller was the son of Modoc Indian Charley Miller (Miller's Charley).
 - Mr. Phillips based this claim on the 1900 General Census of the United States which reports:

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Background

- It is noteworthy that, in 1994, Mr. Phillips sought and obtained amendments the 1958 death certificate of his Great-Grandfather, Louie Andrew Miller.
- Mr. Phillips requested that the death certificate be amended:
 - To identify Louie A. Miller's race from "White" to "Modoc Indian" and
 - To change Louie A. Miller's date of birth from "December 18, 1881" to "March, 1890."

STATE OF OKLAHOMA - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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On July 12, 2000, Modoc Tribal Historian Patricia Scruggs Trolinger sent a letter in response to Ricky Phillips request for enrollment, stating:

Disputed By Modoc Historian

"I have gone through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Heirship File on Charlie Miller and am enclosing the final hearing on the case. It proves without a doubt that he died 9 April 1911 "unmarried at the time of his death and without issue, father or mother, brother or sister or descendants thereof."

... I have read 20 or 25 testimonies and all say Charley Miller had no children. I am sure this is correct regardless of what the 1900 Census says."



MODOC TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

515 G Southeast Miami, Oklahoma 74354 918-542-1190 • FAX 918-542-5415

Mr. Ricky Phillips P. O. Box 746 Vian, OK 74962-0746

Dear Ricky,

I have gone through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Heirship File on Charlie Miller and am enclosing the final hearing on the case. It proves without a doubt that he died 9 April 1911 "unmarried at the time of his death and without issue, father or mother, brother or sister or descendants thereof".

When a Modoc man, woman or child died leaving no family, the agency would call tribal members to court to determine who were heirs of the deceased. Often the closest heirs were Modoc who were not exiled to the Quapaw Agency as prisoners of war. Each person who testified would tell the court what they knew of the person's family. I have read 20 or 25 testimonies and all say Charlie Miller had no children. I am sure this is correct regardless of what the 1900 census says.

Whether census records are correct depends on the census taker. In my home county in East Tennessee, it is a proven fact that the 1850 census is incomplete and misleading. Every genealogist I know has a story where the census as relating to their family is incorrect. It all depended on how well the census taker did his job. The same applies to present day census records.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Patricia Scruggs Trolinger Modoc Tribal Historian

Subsequent Request for Enrollment

- From official correspondence of the Modoc Nation:
 - We are informed that in March 2019, another applicant requested then-Tribal Registrar, Jessica Mullin, to review two death certificates and marriage licenses to determine whether a link existed between his family and a purported Modoc Indian named "Louie Miller."
 - On July 10, 2019, Ms. Mullin replied (copying incoming Tribal Registrar Cara Williams) that she did believe there was a connection and asked the applicant to provide a family tree.
 - ▶ The family tree was submitted on July 11, 2019.

Subsequent Request for Enrollment

- From official correspondence of the Modoc Nation (Cont.):
 - On September 16, 2019, the applicant applied for enrollment onto the rolls of the Modoc Nation. The enrollment application was based on lineage to his great grandfather Louie A. Miller the son of his great-great grandfather Charley Miller.
 - On October 1, 2019, the Tribal Registrar processed the applicant for enrollment to Modoc Nation, pending approval by the Enrollment Committee.
 - Since 2019, there have been **222 individuals** processed for enrollment based on the claim that they are lineal descendants of Charley Miller and Louie A. Miller.

Key Question

► If Miller's Charley (Charley Miller) died without ever fathering children and Louis Charley was not his son, then who are Charley Miller and Louie A. Miller?

Charles "Charley" Miller

- Charles "Charley" Miller was born in Indiana in about 1853.
- The 1910 Census reports that Charles' reports his race as White and that his father was born in Indiana while his mother immigrated from France.
- Charles married Anna "Annie" Taylor in 1880 and had at least 5 children with her, including their son, Louie A. Miller.
 - ▶ (1881) Louie Andrew Miller
 - ▶ (1888) Jessie Robert Miller
 - (1893) John Benjamin Miller
 - ▶ (1894) Joe "Jodie" Miller
 - ▶ (1897) Manuel Newton Miller
- Charles later married Mary Turner and had at least 4 children with her.
 - (1905) Ida Miller
 - (1906) Claude Miller
 - (1908) Willie Miller
 - (1910) Elijah Miller

Charles "Charley" Miller and Anna "Annie" Taylor, Married in Sebastian County, Arkansas. Nov. 14, 1880.

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Charley Miller

in the Arkansas, U.S., Compiled Marriages from Select Counties, 1779-1992

Detail Source

Name: Charley Miller

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Arkansas marriage information taken from county courthouse records. Please contact the appropriate county clerk for original source information.

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This database contains marriage information from selected areas of Arkansas, USA, for over 300,000 individuals from 1779-1992. Information that may be found in this database for each individual includes their name, spouse's name, and marriage date and location. <u>Learn more...</u>

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1910 General Census (Charles "Charley" Miller)

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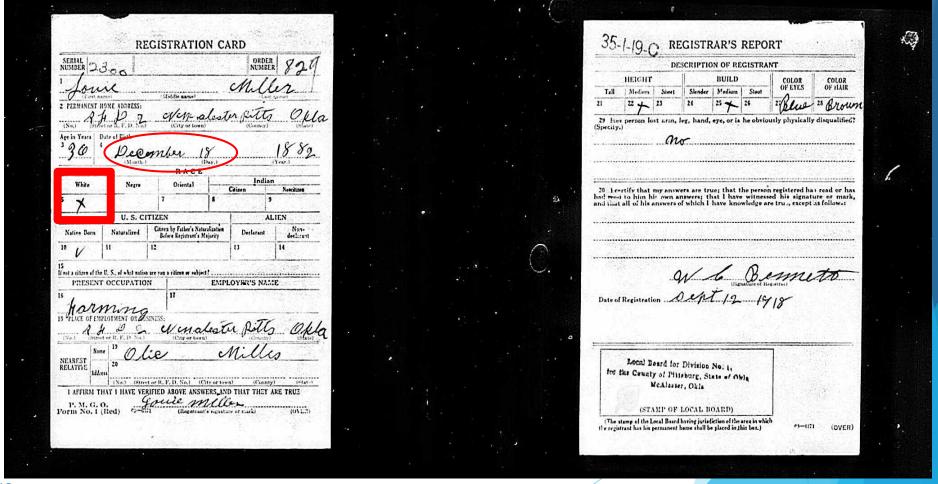
- Born in 1881 to parents Charles "Charley" Miller and Anna "Annie" Taylor in Blaine County, Indian Territory.
- Louie submitted his World War I Draft Registration card in 1918, indicating he was a White male and not of Indian citizenship.
- Census records list Louie's occupation as being a farmer or blacksmith (1950).
- In 1906 Louie married Ollie Sawyer in Massie, Indian Territory. The 1950 Census lists Louie A. Miller as Divorced.
- The 1920 Census reports Louis and Ollie with three children. The 1930 Census reports four more children.
- Louie submitted his World War II Draft Registration card in 1942, indicating he was a White male and not of Indian citizenship.
- Died in 1958, aged 76.

Louie Andrew Miller and Ollie Sawyer, Married in Massey, Indian Territory. Oct. 9, 1906

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Louie Andrew Miller, World War I Draft Card Sept. 12, 1918

Louie A. Miller self-reported as White. Also, the card notes his birthday on December 18 and not in "March, 1890."



Louie Andrew Miller, World War II Draft Card April 25, 1942

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Note, this card reports his race as White and provides other physical features. His birthday is again listed as December 18th.

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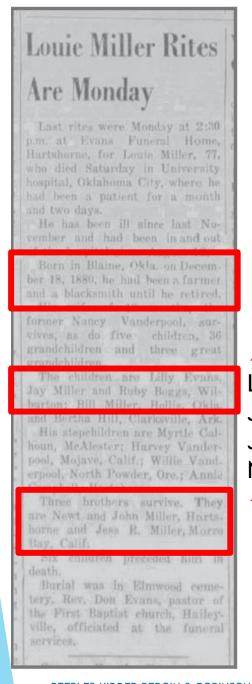
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Louie Andrew Miller Obituary

The Hartshorne Sun (Hartshorne, Oklahoma) Oct. 30, 1958.

Born in Blaine, Oklahoma

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Lists his surviving brothers:

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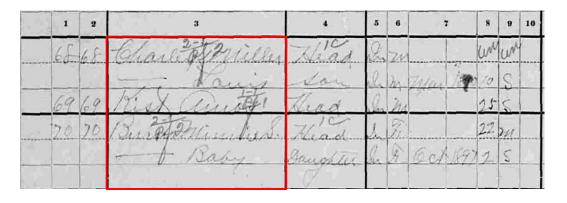
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- The original 1900 Census lists the names in "Last, First" order
- An example of the proper names is in the 1899 Census of the Modoc Indians of the Quapaw Agency, which includes:
 - Miller Charley
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 - Amos Kist
 - Minnie S. Burns

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USGenWeb record is incorrect:

- ► The USGenWeb Census record was included in the applications for the purported descendants of Miller's Charley.
- ► However, this reproduced census record incorrectly interpreted the original 1900 census and therefore incorrectly transposed "Charley, Miller" as "Charley Miller" and "Charley, Louis" as "Louis Miller."
- ► The original 1900 General Census is also incorrect in noting "Louis" as the son of Miller's Charley.
 - Recall that Miller's Charley had no children and "Louis" was the son of Scarface and Ella Charley, as shown on the 1891-1897 Modoc Census records.

USGenWeb Record Now Corrected

- Our firm alerted the USGenWeb Census Project to the discrepancy with the transposition of the names Charley and Miller. By return email, dated July 1, 2022, Linda Talbot of the USGenWeb Census Project wrote:
 - Thank you for contacting us regarding this issue. You are correct in that the transcription was in error with the surname and first name being reversed. The error has been corrected on our transcription page at http://us-census.org/pub/usgenweb/census/ok/indian-terr/1900/reservations/ed002-pg143b.txt and the index files have been corrected as well.

Corrected USGenWeb Record

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Expert Report

Albert L. Hurtado, PhD.

Albert L. Hurtado Bio

- Professor Emeritus of History, University of Oklahoma.
- Dr. Hurtado has earned a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Master of Arts in History, and a Doctor of Philosophy in History.
- ▶ Dr. Hurtado has taught numerous undergraduate and graduate courses on American Indian history, published several books on Native American history, including a prize-winning work on California Indian history and an article on the history of the Modoc Nation in Oklahoma.
- Dr. Hurtado's curriculum vitae (CV) provides an extensive summary of his experience and skills.

Expert Report

- On June 10, 2022, Dr. Hurtado issued an expert report supported by a declaration made under penalty of perjury.
- Dr. Hurtado is tendered to the Enrollment Committee as a qualified expert witness in the field of American Indian history who possesses significant experience in historical research of American Indians.
- Dr. Hurtado was requested by the Modoc Nation to independently review the official records from the Nation, federal census records, and our report.
- In his expert opinion, Dr. Hurtado found the record to be conclusive that the Miller family lineage has been incorrectly associated with Miller's Charley.

BEFORE THE MODOC NATION ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

IN RE

AUDIT OF ENROLLMENT RECORDS

DECLARATION OF ALBERT L. HURTADO

I, Albert L. Hurtado, now declare:

- My name is Albert L. Hurtado. I am Professor Emeritus of History, University of Oklahoma. I have been a Professor of History since 1983 and held the Paul H. and Doris Eaton Travis Chair of History in Modern American History at University of Oklahoma from 1998 to 2012. A complete curriculum vitae is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- The statements herein are my own and do not reflect the positions of institutions with which I am affiliated.
- I hold a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in history, a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in history, and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in history.
- 4. I have taught numerous undergraduate and graduate courses on American Indian history. I have published several books on Native American history, including a prize-winning work on California Indian history. I have published dozens of articles including one on the history of the Modoc Nation in Oklahoma.
- For the past four decades, I have approached historical research in a fair and objective manner and have strived to present and summarize complex historical issues in such a way as to facilitate understanding of the events and people in question.
- 6. Based upon my experience, as described above and in my curriculum vitae, I am qualified to opine on historical research, historical documents, and historical issues relating to Indian tribes and to summarize, organize and provide an opinion on the documentation that I believe will be helpful to the Tribal Registrar and Enrollment Committee of Modoc Nation.
- I have been asked by the Modoc Nation evaluate and analyze the historical evidence presented to the Tribal Registrar and which has been used in determining eligibility for

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- enrollment in the Modoc Nation of a lineal descendancy from a particular Modoc Indian, known as Millers Charley.
- In addition, I have been asked to prepare a brief written report of my findings and conclusions. This report, titled "Enrollment Discrepancies Associated with Modoc Indian Miller's Charley" is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
- The documents I relied upon are cited and re-produced in the Peebles Kidder report "Enrollment Discrepancies Associated with Modoc Indian Miller's Charley," dated May 4, 2022.
- In conducting my research and preparing my report, I have logged approximately five hours.
- 11. The factual statements contained in my report are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The opinions expressed herein are my professional expert opinions with respect to the matters addressed therein based upon my research and analysis, education, background, and years of experience as an historian.

I declare under penalty of perjury under 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2) that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 10th day of June 2022 in Roseville, California.

Albert L. Hurtado

Expert Conclusions

"Miller's Charley was a Modoc Indian incarcerated with other Modocs on the Quapaw agency after the Modoc War. He died without issue and his allotment was bequeathed to collateral relatives according to Oklahoma law.

Therefore, the numerous members of the Miller family claiming tribal membership today cannot be descended from the Modoc Indian Miller's Charley because no one was."

Expert Conclusions

"Moreover, there is clear evidence in the census records that the Charles Miller from which the current Miller family is descended was not an Indian but a white man born in Indiana.

It is unfortunate that the confusion of names, a shoddy transcription of the census by a third party and a misreading of the documents that plainly show the truth of the matter has resulted in the enrollment of people in the Modoc Nation who are not qualified for tribal membership under the Modoc Constitution and their Tribal Enrollment Code."

Considerations for the Enrollment Committee

Charles Miller is not Miller's Charley

Miller's Charley

1838 - Miller's Charley was born in Modoc Homelands of California and Oregon.

1878 - Records indicate Miller's was married to Princess Mary, Mary Miller.

1885 - Records indicate Miller's was married to Sophia McCarty.

1890 - Miller's wife, Sophia died.

1899-1902 - Modoc census records denote Miller's Charley as living alone.

1900 - Twelfth Census lists Miller's Charley as unmarried.

1906 - Miller's first wife, Princess Mary (Mary Miller)

1910 - Miller's appears on Thirteenth Census as age 72, unmarried, and without children.

1911 - Miller's Charley died intestate.

1914 - Approval of heirship lists "Charley Miller" as dying unmarried and without descendants.

Charles Miller

1853 - Charles was born in Indiana.

1880 - Charles married Anna "Annie" Taylor.

1881-1897 - Charles and Annie have 5 children.

1898 - Annie dies

1903 - Charles married Mary Turner.

1903 - Charles and Mary have 4 children.

1910 - Charles appears on Thirteenth Census as age 57, married to Mary Turner and listed as having several children.

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Louie A. Miller is not Louis Charley

Louis Charley

1890 - Louis Charley was born in Oklahoma.

Father was Scarface Charley, mother was Ella Charley

1891-97 - Louis listed on Modoc Census records with his family.

1898 - Louis Charley is orphaned.

1898-99 - Louis Charley listed on Modoc census as living alone.

1900 - United States Census lists Louis as 10 years old.

1900 - Louis Charley died.

1910 - Miami News Record-Herald advertises allotment for sale, reading "No. 13 Lewis Charley, deceased Modoc Indian."

Louie Andrew Miller

- 1881 Louie Miller was born in Indian Territory, Blaine County, Oklahoma.
 - Father was Charles Miller, mother was Annie Taylor
- 1906 Louie marries Ollie Sawyer
- 1918 Louie submits World War I Draft Registration card indicating he was a white male and not of Indian citizenship
- 1940 United States Census lists Louie as alive, living with his wife Ollie and four children
- 1942 Louie Andrew Miller submits World War II
 Draft card indicating he was a white male and not of
 Indian citizenship
- 1958 Louis Miller died.

Key Point:

- The "Louis" listed on the 1900 General Census is <u>not</u> Louie Andrew Miller but rather Louis Charley, son of Scarface and Ella Charley.
- ► Although the 1900 General Census lists Louis Charley as the son of Miller's Charley, the 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, and 1900 Modoc Census all demonstrate that the 1900 General Census was incorrect.

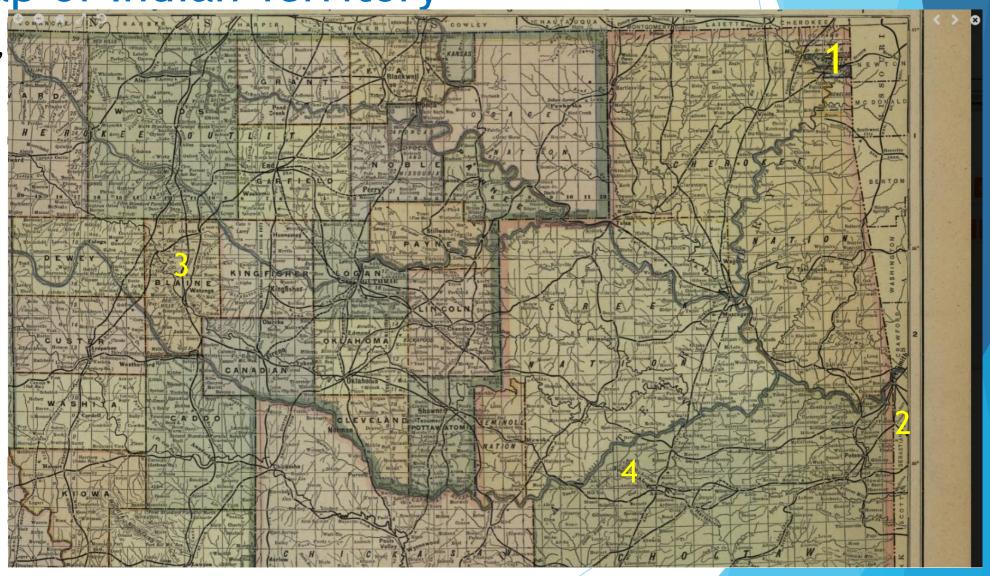
RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL

The Modoc were restricted to the Quapaw Agency, unless granted specific permission to leave.

- As a general policy, the federal government restricted tribal members to reservations, which are legally defined portions of land allocated to federally recognized tribes. Indian Appropriations Act of 1851, Pub.L. 31-14, 9 Stat. 574 (February 27, 1851).
 - (1873) The so-called "peace policy" meant that native people who "did not go willingly to the reservations would be driven there by force or exterminated in the process." On the reservation. federal agents would tutor the Indians in the rudiments of white culture. In keeping with this policy, the federal government removed the Modoc prisoners to the Quapaw Agency in December, 1873.
 - (1876) Alfred B. Meachem was <u>permitted to employ</u> Scarface Charley, Shacknasty Jim, Steamboat Frank, and others, for a speaking tour. However, scant audiences soon brought them back to Oklahoma.
 - (1886) Eight Modocs, most in poor health, were <u>allowed</u> to return to Oregon. Source: James, Cheewa. *Modoc: The Tribe That Wouldn't Die*, p. 213 (2008). (emphasis added).
 - (1909) On March 3, 1909, the Oklahoma Modocs were granted permission to return home [to Oregon]. *Id.*, at 229. (emphasis added).

1903 Map of Indian Territory

- 1. Modoc Reservation, Quapaw Agency Indian Territory (1874-1909)
- 2. Sebastian County, Arkansas
- 3. Blaine County, Oklahoma
- Hartshorne,Oklahoma



Thank you.

Questions?