



IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

PER CAPITA

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

MUSKOGEE AREA OFFICE

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

MAR 8 1963

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Indians*

Miss Mary Pruitt
421 North Broadway
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Miss Pruitt:

Senator Mike Monroney has forwarded the Proof of Death and Heirship form you filled out to establish claim for the per capita payment of your grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Childers Pruitt, who died February 15, 1909 in Noel, Missouri. You have not shown the Roll Number of your grandmother, and you did not sign the Proof in the presence of a Notary Public, so it cannot be accepted as a claim for a share in the Cherokee judgment funds.

The first requirement for eligibility to share in the distribution of these funds, authorized by Congress on October 9, 1962, is enrollment on the final membership rolls of the Cherokee Nation which were approved in 1907. We did not find the names of either of your grandparents on these membership rolls, neither did we find any record of their applications for membership, which would have been made prior to December 31, 1905. Unless your grandparents established residence in what is now the State of Oklahoma before 1900, they could not have been enrolled.

If your grandmother was enrolled, we would suggest that you fill out another Proof, being careful to list her Roll Number and those of your grandfather, and of their children, and to fill in all of the spaces indicated by red check mark. Complete mailing addresses are required for the living grandchildren, and the form must be signed in the presence of a Notary Public.

When a satisfactory Proof of Death and Heirship is received, it will be examined as soon as possible and if approved, processed for payment.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) C. C. MARRS

Acting Area Director

cc: Hon. A. S. "Mike" Monroney (w/return of constituent's letter)
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.
cc: Area Director

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February 24 1963

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CHEROKEE PER CAPITA PMTS

MAR 5 1963

Dear Sir

I am writing in regards.
Sordian headlight. I
noticed in the paper last
year where the Cherokee's
had some money coming
to them. My grandmother
Mary Elizabeth Chelous Pruitt
and it has been a year
since I filed out the
papers sent them in.
I spoke to Lentes Dakes
about the matter he
suggested I should write
you about the allotment.
if you can help me
on any of this I would
duple application it are
Mrs. Black in the
supreme courts with
also help us on the matter.
L. Pruitt