

June 14, 1963

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Mr. Charles F. Burns
Box 551
Miami, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Burns:

According to the enclosed letter from the Department of Justice, you are being furnished with a copy of the judgment entered on June 10, 1927, in the case of the United States vs William T. Stephenson, et al. This is in connection with the estate of Newton McNeer, deceased Shawnee Indian.

The matter has been referred to the Department of the Interior for further reply since the administration of Indian affairs is committed to that Department.

Any additional information received in this connection will be promptly forwarded to you.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

June 11, 1963

Honorable A. S. Mike Monroney
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 31, 1963, together with a letter dated May 28, 1963, addressed to you by Mr. Charles F. Burns, Attorney, Miami, Oklahoma, requesting to be furnished with a full explanation of the situation as it now exists relative to the Estate of Newton McNeer, deceased Shawnee Reserve No. 206. We have also received a similar letter from Mr. Burns.

It appears from Mr. Burns' letter that he has recently prepared the will of Phoebe Cooley and during the preparation of it the matter of her interest in the estate of John Todd, deceased, arose. Mr. Burns has further stated that it is his information that the Secretary of the Interior approved the heirship finding concluded March 21, 1919, at which time John Todd was determined to have a 5/12 interest in this reserve.

We are furnishing Mr. Burns with a copy of the judgment entered on June 10, 1927, in the case entitled United States v. William T. Stephenson, et al., Equity No. 631-N, in the District Court of the United States, District of Kansas, First Division, relating to land owned by the heirs of Newton McNeer. Upon the entry of judgment, the matter was concluded in this Department, and we do not have any additional information on it.

Since the administration of Indian affairs is committed to the Department of the Interior, we are forwarding copies of

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Mr. Burns' letters to that Department for a reply. We are returning herewith Mr. Burns' letter to you.

Sincerely,

RAMSEY CLARK

Enclosure

May 31, 1963

Mr. Charles F. Burns
Box 551
Miami, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Burns:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter and enclosures regarding the estate of Newton McNeer, deceased Shawnee Indian.

I regretted to learn that you have had no response to your letter to the Department of Justice on this subject. In an effort to be of assistance, I am asking the Department to expedite its reply, and I will write you again just as soon as I have something to report.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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May 28, 1963.

Hon. Mike Monroney,
U. S. Senator,
New Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Phoebe Cooley;
Estate of Newton McNeer,
Deceased;

Dear Senator:

The above named has recently executed her will and during the preparation of it the matter of her interest in the estate of John Todd, Deceased, her uncle, came to light.

A letter under date of September 27, 1923, from the Department of Justice, Assistant Attorney General, Washington, D. C., to Hon. Robert L. Owen, U. S. Senator, Washington, D. C., has been handed to me in connection with this matter. I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your use. I am asking that you have your office contact the Department of Justice and ask for a full explanation of the situation as it now exists relative to the Newton McNeer, Deceased Kansas Reserve No. 206. It is my information that the Secretary of the Interior approved the heirship finding concluded March 21, 1919, at which time the said John Todd was determined to have a 5/12 interest in the said reserve.

I have written to the Department of Justice previously and I have had no response.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Burns
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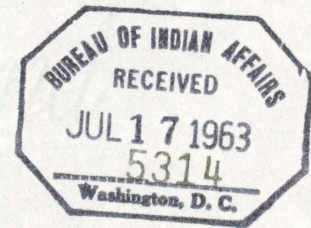
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July 10, 1963.

Hon. A. S. Mike Monroney,
United States Senator,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, 25, D. C.

Re: Estate of Newton McNear
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Estate of Phoebe Cooley,
Dec.,

Dear Senator Monroney:

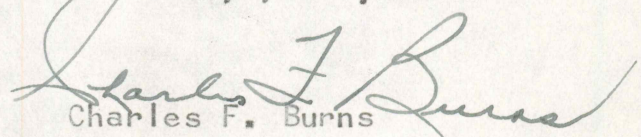
Referring to the above matter again I wish to suggest that David R. Warner, Chief, General Litigation Section, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., by his letter of June 11, 1963, advised that he was forwarding a copy of my letter of May 28, 1963, for a complete review of the status of the Newton McNear Estate.

Since that time Phoebe Cooley has died and her interest in the reserve land in Kansas is of interest. It would be helpful if you would give me an assist in asking the Department of Interior for an immediate reply.

Please accept my thanks for your assistance in this matter and others.

With kindest personal regards and with every good wish.

Sincerely yours,


Charles F. Burns

CFB/vc

FROM SOLICITOR

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