

CHWABE COLL

June 25, 1945

Mr. Sam F. Wilkinson
Nowata, Oklahoma

Dear Sam:

I am just in receipt of yours of the 22nd instant and hasten to send you a copy of S. 54, which is the same as H.R. 2754.

You might be interested in knowing the history of this legislation. Three separate bills were originally introduced, and for some reason or other, did not pass before Congress adjourned last Fall. Then Mr. Stigler reintroduced these bills the opening day of the 79th Congress, January 3rd. They naturally were referred to the House Committee on Indian Affairs, of which I am a member.

Our Committee conducted hearings on these bills, and then prepared a new draft incorporating all three bills into one new and clean bill which expresses the ideas of the Committee and is considered a great improvement over the three bills originally introduced. This clean bill was handled by Mr. Stigler on the Democratic side of the aisle and me on the Republican side, and went to the Senate where a similar bill had been introduced. The bill passed the Senate last week and is now ready for the President's signature. Of course, I am satisfied he will sign it and it will soon become a law.

This will be a great help where Indian titles in northeastern Oklahoma are concerned, and applies of course, only to the Five Civilized Tribes. It will result in the saving of millions of dollars to the Commissioner of the Land Office of the State of Oklahoma, the Federal Land Bank of Wichita, and banks, building and loan associations, life insurance companies, oil companies, and thousands of individual property owners in northeastern Oklahoma. I consider it the most important piece of legislation and the most constructive, that has been passed by Congress in many years as affecting many of our Indian land titles in northeastern Oklahoma. It has been watched with the keenest interest by the legal fraternity and all people who want our titles settled and determined seem to think it a most salient and timely measure.

As soon as the President shall have signed the bill and it becomes law, I shall send you a copy of the Act itself showing date of its approval and effectiveness.

With best wishes to you and all, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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SAM F. WILKINSON
OFFICE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS
NOWATA, OKLAHOMA

Received 6/25/45

June 22nd-1945.

Mr. George B. Schwabe, M.C.
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear George,

Please send me printed copy of Bill No. 54-validating
Indian titles not approved hereto fore by Secretary Of The
Intetior, Thanking you most kindly, and with kindest regards, I
am,

Yours very truly,

Sam F. Wilkinson

Sam. F. Wilkinson,
Nowata, Oklahoma.

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