BLACK CHEROKEE FREEDMEN INDIAN TRIBAL AND VOTING REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

March 22 2006

TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP:
1) Obtain an application from the Tribal Registration Office in Talequah Oklahoma on Muskogee Street. . You may pick one up in person, ask for one to be mailed or print off from the tribal website at the registration link: http://www.cherokee.org/home.aspx?section=services&service=Registration&ID=8sRG9ZCF7PE=

If this link does not work, you can go to the tribal website at www.cherokee.org and get to the registration department from the Services menu on the front of the home page. There also appears to be an email address for registration at registration@cherokee.org. The toll free number for the tribe is: 1-800-256-0671 or 918-456-0671.

2) Fill out the document entitled Cherokee Nation Registration Department and sign and date. Fill out the Dawes freedmen Roll # Application. Put your ancestors roll numbers and names on them.

3) Attach your supporting documents proving you are descended from a Cherokee Freedmen who was listed on the Dawes Cherokee Indian Rolls. This includes items such as your birth certificate, death certificates, etc. People born prior to Oklahoma Statehood (i.e. 1908) will not have birth certificates. Birth Certificates and Death Certificates must be originals and not copies.

4) Carry in or Mail your documents. If you carry in, get your copies date stamped by the registration office. If you mail, send by certified mail with return receipt.
Never give your only copies of your documents to the tribe.

5) Priority is given to the people who provide doctors statements that they have a chronic or serious illness and need access to Indian Health Services. This could be diabetes, etc. Also priority is given to people over 65 years old who are applying for membership.

VOTING:
) It is imperative that all descendants of Freedmen of legal age become registered to vote, and actually vote by either in person or by absentee ballot. If you live within the boundaries of the Cherokee nation jurisdictional area , you do not have a choice as to voting district and must vote in the district where you live. South Coffeyville, Nowata and Vinita are in District 9 which is represented by Chuck Hoskin. Bartlesville and Tulsa are in District 8 which are represented by Buel Anglin and Bill Johnson. If you are not registered to vote, many council people will give you NO less attention if you have concerns or needs. You will not be registered as a voter until you receive your tribal membership card. The Cherokee nation Voter Registration Form can be obtained in person at the Cherokee. A url for the election commission is on the www.cherokee.org website at : http://www.cherokee.org/TribalGovernment/ElectionComm.asp with email address of election_commission@cherokee.org People living out of the 14 county Cherokee nation jurisdictional area may select their voting district. Due to the present concentrations of freedmen descendants, we are recommending that the freedmen people living outside of these 14 counties register in districts 4 (Muskogee), district 8 (Tulsa/Bartlesville) and District 9 (Nowata/S Coffeyville/Vinta) unless you feel very strongly voting in your ancestral home

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area Phone number for the Election services is: 918-456-5899 or 1-800-353-2895.

7) The voting is CRITICAL since Cherokee nation chief Chad Smith indicated to the Cherokee People on March 13, 2006 that the Freedmen were "paid off" when they received their allotments". He has called for a vote to remove the freedmen from the tribe and has criticized those councilmen who did not support him in legal proceedings against the freedmen. IF you do not vote, you will have to take some of the responsibility if the freedmen are removed from the tribe by a vote of Cherokee people. When there is a tribal election, get to the Polls or get that absentee ballot no matter what it costs. Council members who have cast votes for the tribe going into legal proceedings twice against the freedmen are Buel Anglin (District 8), Bill Johnson (District 8), Cara Cowan (District 7), and Don Garvin (District 4). REGISTER TO VOTE, AND VOTE TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. ATTEND ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TRIBAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS.

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Cherokee Clans

Seven Clans

(The Cherokees have 7 clans — the women have the clans — men do not.)

When children were born, they took their mother's clan and you were forbidden to marry within your clan. The members of the same clan were considered brothers and sisters.

The seven clans are: Wolf - (a-ni-wa-ya), Deer - (a-ni-a-ha-wi), Bird - (a-ni-tsi-s-qua), Longhair - (a-ni-gi-lo-hi), Wild Potato - (a-ni-go-da-ge-wi), Blue - (a-ni-sa-ho-ni), Paint - (a-ni-wo-di).

One of the reasons the women were given the clans was that they were the givers of life. When a man married a woman, he usually took her clan. During ceremonies he sat with her clan. Other tribes have clans. Some names of the clans are different and some are similar to the Cherokees.

The women were free to choose the men they wished to marry, as long as they were from different clans. When a woman divorced her husband, she would pack all his clothes and set them outside the door — it was that easy.

Aniwayha (Wolf Clan)

The Wolf Clan is the largest and most prominent Clan, providing most of the War Chiefs. the Wolf Clan are keepers of the Wolf and the only clan that can kill a Wolf.

Anisahoni (Blue Clan)

The Blue or Panther Clan made blue medicine from a special blue plant to keep our children well. they were also known as the Wildcat Clan. the Clan color for the Anisahoni is blue.

Anigilohi (Long Hair Clan)

The Long Hair Clan are also Known as the Twister Clan, Hair Hanging Down or Wind Clan. those belonging to this Clan wore their hair in elaborate hairdos,walked in a proud and vain manner Twisting their shoulders . piece Chiefs are usually from this Clan and wore a white feather robe.

Anitsisqua (Bird Clan)

the Bird Clans are the keeper of the birds and they are our messengers. this Clan was skilled in using blowguns and snares for bird hunting.

Aniwodi (Paint Clan)

The Paint Clan made red paint and were socerers and medicine men.

Aniawi (Deer Clan)

The Deer Clan are the keepers and hunters of the Deer, and they are fast runners.

Anigatogeioi (Wild Potato Clan)

Racoon Clan, or Blind Savannah Clan.

They were know to gather the wild potato plants in swampsalong the streams to make flour or bread for food.

If you have family history, stories, articles and photo's to send in for publishing.

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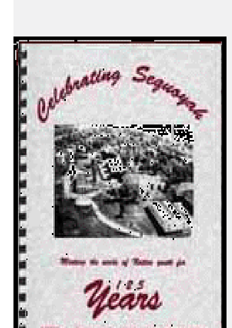

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RE: FOIA on Travel Expenses of Chief, Deputy Chief and all Council members.

Dear District Representative,

This is my formal FOIA letter of request for all travel expenses reports of the Chief, Deputy Chief and all elected officials. My request is for all reports from last published reports. It has been referred to the year of 2000, 2001, 2002 since last published travel expenses. So, I need years 2003, 2004, 2005, and all reports in 2006 to date. Us Cherokee tribal members need to know what is being done with our money.

Travel Expenses of Cherokee Nation Elected Officials

Travel Expenses of Cherokee Nation Elected Officials When the Cherokee Independent Press Act of 2000 (Legislative Act 11-00) was approved by the Tribal Council and signed into law by Principal Chief Chad Smith in July 2000, Section 10 of that act superseded previous legislation requiring the publication of the council meeting minutes and the travel expenses of elected officials on the Cherokee Nation Web site and quarterly notification of Cherokee Phoenix readers that the information was posted on the Web site.**Section 10, titled Publications Requirements and Codification, states**On a quarterly basis a public service announcement will be published, stating that copies of council meeting minutes and travel expenses of elected officials will be posted on the Cherokee Nation Web Site and be available through the Internet to fulfill the intent of previous legislative acts requiring such publications. This act shall be codified in conformance with the format and the requirements of Cherokee Nation Code Annotation Title 25.

Please have them sent to me as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call me at ###-###-####.

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