



TRIBAL ALLIANCE AGAINST FRAUDS

Tobias Lassiter  
1738 NC-1804 GA

† Archibald Lassiter  
1775 NC-1830s  
(Speculated)



Lewis S. Riggs  
b. 1897 SC

† Jane E. Lassiter  
1807 ? - 1889 OK — Non-Native



† Elihu J. Riggs  
1827 AL-1912

Martha Fitch  
1828 SC-1922 — Non-Native

Alford T. Brasher  
1841 MS-1925

Brancy Holoway  
1845 AR-1946 CA



† William D. Riggs  
1862 MAR-1954 CA

Julia L. C. Brasher  
1873 AR-1946 CA

Euro-American Settler Stock  
(German and Old Colonial)

Lloyd A. Adkins  
1877 MO-1920

Lena R. Rankins  
1879 MO-1938 CA

William Riggs's WWII Registration Card – Physical Description: White, light complexion, blue eyes.

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White	5-10	170	Yellow Light
Negro			Light
Oriental			
Indian			
EYES		HAIR	
Blue		Blonde	Wavy
Gray		Red	Dark
Hazel		Brown	Freckled
Brown		Black	Light brown
Black		Gray	Dark brown
		Bald	Black

† William O. Riggs  
1896 AR-1965 CA

Bertha M. Adkins  
1901 MO-1996 OR

Family lived in ne OK between 1925-1927 – non-tribal members, and not found in Cherokee Nation.

† Bobby D. Riggs  
b. 1925 OK  
\*Picher, Ottawa Co.

Married: 1944 CA

\* Hester Jane Curtis  
1924 MO – 2019 OR

Hester remarried a Means in 1958



Vernon R. Bybee  
b. 1943 ID  
(No Native claims)

\* Barbara J. Riggs/Means  
b. 1944 CA

California Birth Index, 1905-1995	
Name	Barbara Jane Riggs
Birth Date	22 Jun 1944
Gender	Female
Mother's Maiden Name	Curtis
Birth County	Los Angeles

Residing in:	
1924	Born, Newton Co. MO
1930	Residing in Newton Co. MO
1935	Same as above
1939	Marriage, Newton Co. MO
1940	Newton Co. MO
1950	Jasper Co. MO
1958	Marriage, Idaho
1982	Eagle, ID
2019	Died, OR

NOTE: Hester was never found in Oklahoma, nor did she participate in any tribal cultural/community events. Nora was only in Oklahoma Terr. (non-tribal area) during very early childhood.

Several Tobias Lassiter descendants (e.g. via son Benjamin) put in Eastern Cherokee Settlement applications (early 1900s), claiming he was 1/8 or 1/4 Cherokee. These applications were all rejected, as none of the identified individuals and ancestors were recognized as Cherokees. This lineage was from e. Virginia and family members were found in standard American records, as White. Archibald obtained lands in the Cherokee Land Lottery. These were lands taken from the Cherokee tribe specifically and given to American citizens. Archibald was also a slave owner.

NOTE: The Jane-Archibald-Tobias lineage is speculative. Jane's memorial states she was born in Kentucky, 1807. Parentage is not proven via records. Jane and Lewis received numerous homestead land grants. She moved into Indian Terr. in the late 1880s, during Land Rush days. She was a White settler residing in western Chickasaw Nation, near the Okla. Terr. and Texas border.

Alford was born in n. Mississippi, in lands seized from Chickasaws and given to White homesteaders. Ancestors received earlier bounty lands in the east. Brancy's ancestors moved into n. Alabama in the areas seized from the Chickasaws and Cherokees and opened to Euro-American settlement.

William and Julia married in federal court in Indian Territory, 1894. They were not tribal members and were likely involved in the Land Rush. They returned to Missouri by 1895, and then moved to Arkansas. They returned briefly to Picher, OK (not Cherokee Nation) by 1930, where William was working as a zinc miner. By 1935, they had moved to California where they remained.



Charles E. Ferguson  
1878 IN-1959 MO

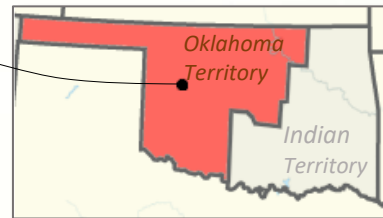
Elizabeth Fortner  
1882 IL-1950 MO



Residing in:

- 1901 - Laclede Co. MO
- 1902 - Oklahoma Terr. (settlers)
- 1904 - MO
- 1910 - Laclede Co. MO
- 1920 - Newton Co. MO
- 1930 - Newton Co. MO
- 1940 - Newton Co. MO
- 1950 - Newton Co. MO

NOTE: Ferguson family moved west, to Okla. Terr., likely in an attempt to gain lands, c. 1902. Their luck in the Land Rush is UNK, and they returned to Missouri by 1904.



Quote: "Rae tells THR that she was raised by her mother's side of the family, who hailed from northern Oklahoma and southern Missouri and taught her that they were of Cherokee descent. "When my mother was a child, she and my grandmother and great-grandmother were participating in cultural and community events and felt a sense of belonging and identity, so my mother always carried that with her," she says. "It really informed my growing up. There were important conversations as I was becoming a young adult that I had with my grandparents and my great-grandmothers that were a call to action to make a difference for Native people." - The Hollywood Reporter, 2023

Heather Rae Bybee  
b. 1966 CA

Claims:

\* Daughter of a "Cherokee mother" via maternal grandmother/great-grandmother.

† Descendant of Tobias Lassiter who was said to be "part-Cherokee" (misreported in media).

