

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Estate of Buffalo Calf
Seneca, Oklahoma.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Quapaw Indian Agency
Wyanocotte, Okla.

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Estate of Buffalo Calf (Quapaw)

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, recommending finding herewith, as in accordance with the laws of Oklahoma, and the facts as presented in the case.

It appears from the evidence adduced at the hearing that the allottee died intestate May 25, 1897, at the age of 66 years, leaving as his sole heirs at law, his three sons, Joe, Frank, and Thomas Buffalo, entitled to a 1/3 interest respectively, subject to the dower right of his wife, Mary J. Calf (or Mah-ski), according to the law of descent of the State of Arkansas, then in force in the Indian Territory.

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Digest of the State of Arkansas.

"Sec. 3534. In all cases not provided for in this Act, the inheritance shall descend according to the course of the Common Law."

Thomas Buffalo died October 25, 1897, ^{same year} unmarried and without issue, when, in accordance with the laws of Arkansas then in force in the Indian Territory, he inherited interest in his father's allotment, being an ancestral estate, passed to the heirs of his father, Joe and Frank Buffalo, subject to the original dower interest of Mary J. Calf, increasing the interests of Joe and Frank Buffalo to a 1/2 respectively.

Joe Buffalo died March 25, 1907, ^{13 yrs. later} survived by his wife, Sinnie Brown Buffalo, and six children, Arthur, Henry, Clara, Hazel, Nora, and Willis Buffalo, and according to the law then in force in the Indian Territory, his inherited 1/2 interest descended to these six children in equal portions, or a 1/12 respectively, subject to the dower interest of his wife, Sinnie Brown Buffalo.

Frank Buffalo died May 2, 1898, ^{died 1 yr. after father} survived by his wife, Alice, and one son, John Buffalo, when his inherited 1/2 interest descended to them in equal shares, or a 1/4 respectively, according to the law ^{of descent of the} then in force in the Indian Territory ^{State of Arkansas,} subject to the dower right of Mary J. Calf.

Alice Brown Buffalo died September 4, 1900, ^{2 yrs. after Frank} unmarried at the time, when her inherited 1/4 interest passed to her son, John Buffalo, her sole heir, increasing his interest from a 1/4 to a 1/2.

Mary J. Calf died December 7, 1912, when her dower interest in the estate of her husband, Buffalo Calf, was extinguished.

Sinnie Brown Buffalo died January 7, 1913, ^{one yr. after mother in-law} when her dower interest in the 1/2 of the allotment of the allottee was extinguished, leaving her six children by Joe Buffalo,

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Approved:

It appears from the evidence adduced at the hearing held October 6, 1914

that the heirs to the estate of Buffalo Calf, deceased allottee No. 89-90

of the Quapaw Tribe and their respective shares were

as follows:

- John Buffalo, son of subsequently deceased son (Frank Buffalo) 1/2
- Arthur Buffalo, son of subsequently deceased son (Joe Buffalo) 1/12
- Henry Buffalo, son of subsequently deceased son (Joe Buffalo) 1/12
- Clara Buffalo, dau. of subsequently deceased son (Joe Buffalo) 1/12
- Hazel Buffalo, dau. of subsequently deceased son (Joe Buffalo) 1/12
- Nora Buffalo, dau. of subsequently deceased son (Joe Buffalo) 1/12
- Willie Buffalo, son of subsequently deceased son (Joe Buffalo) 1/12

The Superintendent reports no personal property and no homestead rights involved.

Fifteen dollars fee to be collected by the Superintendent under provisions of Act of August 1, 1914 (Public No. 160).

(Signed) D. Sweeney

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Assistant Secretary.

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SUMMARY OF HEIRSHIP CASE OF
BUFFALO CALF
DECEASED QUAPAW ALLOTTEE, NOS. 89 & 90.

From the evidence adduced from the testimony taken at a hearing held at this office October 6, 1914, shows that Buffalo Calf died May 25, 1897, survived by his wife, Mary J. Calf and three children, viz: Joe Buffalo, Thomas Buffalo and Frank Buffalo.

At the date of his death, the laws of Arkansas governed and under the provisions of Section 2522 of chapter 49 of Mansfield's Digest, this allotment passed in equal portions to his three surviving children, subject to widow's dower.

Thomas buffalo died October 25, 1897, unmarried and without issue. At the date of his death, the laws of Arkansas governed and under the provisions of Section 2531 of chapter 49 of Mansfield's Digest, his share of his father's allotment as an ancestral estate passed to the heirs of his father from whence it came or to Joe Buffalo and Frank Buffalo, subject to the original dower by Mary J. Calf. Thus at this time, Joe Buffalo was entitled to one-half of the allotment of Buffalo Calf, subject to the widow's dower and Frank Buffalo entitled to one-half, subject to the widow's dower.