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### Knox Co., TN Reeds and Cherokee Ancestry Question

In comments below, I cite information from my "A Study of Reeds in Early Knox Co., TN" document, along with the {page numbers} where that information can be found. That study is on my genealogical website at: [http://dougshow.my.capecom.org/fourth-site/reeds\\_early\\_knox\\_cotn\\_showalter.pdf](http://dougshow.my.capecom.org/fourth-site/reeds_early_knox_cotn_showalter.pdf)

The following web page is helpful for understanding the significance of the so-called "Guion Miller Roll" compiled in 1906-1909, which sought to discern who at that time was qualified to receive money from the U.S. government due to their Cherokee ancestry.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cherokee/miller.html>

As stated on the above web page:

*The Guion Miller Roll is the most important source of Cherokee genealogical research of any of the rolls, because the application required extensive information to be supplied by the applicant. Between 27 Aug 1906 and 18 May 1909 there were 45,940 applications filed from the United States, Canada, Mexico and-- Syria! It listed an estimated 90,000 individual applicants.*

*Each qualifying applicant received a warrant worth \$133.33 for their share of the one-time payment due to them. In order for an application to be accepted on this roll, the applicant had to prove descent from a person who was shown on the 1835 roll of Eastern Cherokees (also known as The Henderson Roll), which listed the citizenship of the tribe at that time. In order for them to have been listed on that roll as "citizens", they had to have lived in the Eastern Cherokee Nation.*

Note: See page 6 of this document for information on the above mentioned 1835 Cherokee Roll. I will note that I was not able to find **Abraham Reed Sr.** listed on it.

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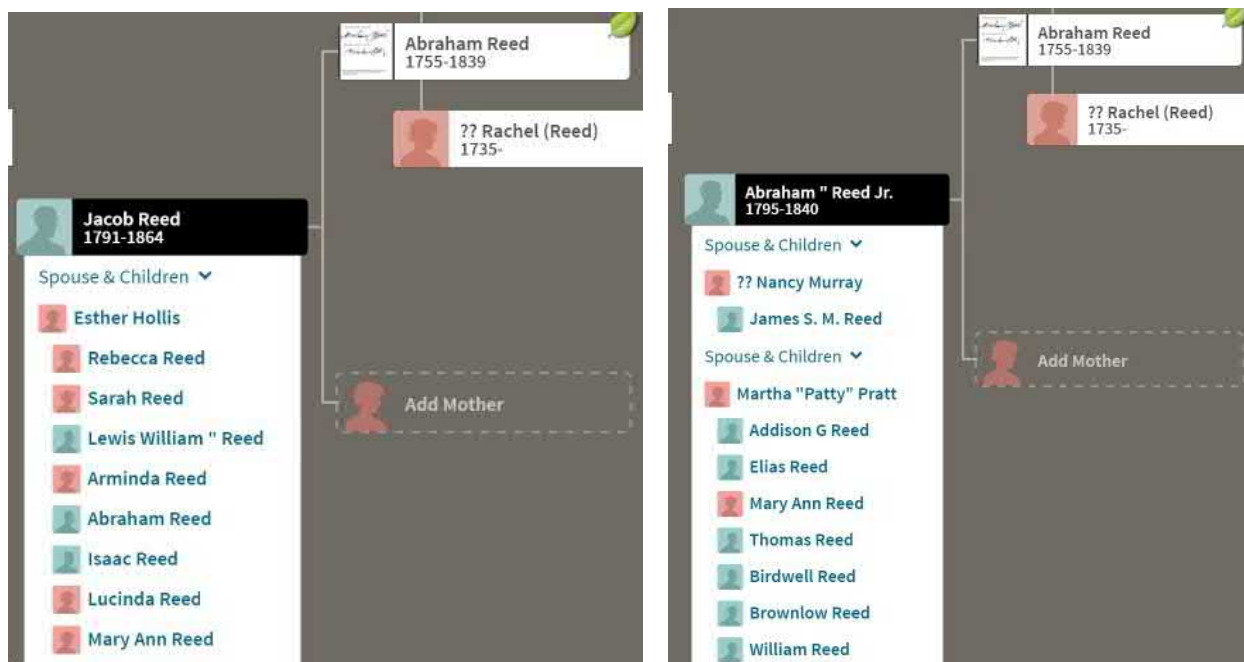
I thank Mike Reed for finding three Eastern Cherokee Applications to the 1906-1909 Guion Miller Roll which were submitted by children of **James S. M. Reed** and wife **Arminda (Reed) Reed**. Those were applications from **Isaac N. Reed** [no. 42305], **Lettie (Reed) Little** [no. 8190], and **Nancy J. (Reed) Bandy** [no. 45138].

In her 1908 Eastern Cherokee Application **Nancy J. (Reed) Bandy** indicated [question #12] that her parents, **James S. M. Reed** and **Arminda Reed**, were both born in **Knox Co., TN**.

→ I believe **Arminda** (b. abt 1825-1882/83) was a daughter of **Jacob Reed** and **Esther Hollis**

who married in 1812 in Knox Co., TN. Jacob and Esther were 4<sup>th</sup> great grandparents of mine and both were potential contributors to my X-DNA.

→ I believe **James S. M. Reed** (b. abt 1820-1872) was an older son of **Abraham Reed Jr.** and his possible first wife, **Nancy Murray**.



Reviewing the 9 Reed households I found in Knox Co. in 1830 {see pp. 10-11}, I find that **only one** of them is a candidate for having a male child in it who was born abt 1820. That is the household of **Abraham Reed Jr.** In that household there is one male child age 5-9 and one male child age 10-14, both of whose names have been unknown to this point.

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**James S. M. Reed** and **Arminda Reed** were married on 12 Nov 1840 in Knox Co. {p. 14} The bondsman for their marriage was **William Wilson**, apparently the same person who served as a bondsman for the marriage of my ancestor **Sarah Reed** when she married **John R. Baker** the following year, in 1841 in Knox Co., TN. {p. 25} I believe **Sarah** was an older sister of **Arminda** and both were daughters of **Jacob Reed** and wife **Esther Hollis**.

The 1860 census for Township 5 S Range 2E, Franklin, Illinois [p. 543] shows [see below] **James S. M. Reed** at age 40 and his wife **Arminda** at age 39, with both having been born in TN. There were 7 younger persons in their household at that time, including children **Isaac**, **Lotta** [sp], and **Nancy**.

66	100	James S. M. Reed	40	M	Farming	300	200	Summed
		Aminda	39	F	H. K.			Do
		Willis	16	M	Services			Do
		James	14	M				Do
		Isaac	12	M				Do
		Alba	9	F				Do
		Lella	7	F				Merwin
		Sammy	4	F				Do
		Charles	3	M				Do

In **Isaac N. Reed's** 1907 Eastern Cherokee application [no. 42305], Isaac indicated [question #22] that his Indian ancestors were:

*“Great Grandfather, Abram Reed, a full blood Cherokee, also Grandfathers, Abram Reed and Jacob Reed.”*

22. To assist in identification, claimant should give the full English and Indian names, if possible, of their parents and grandparents back to 1835: *First Grandfather, Abram Reed, a full blood Cherokee, also Grandfathers, Abram Reed and Jacob Reed*

→ I believe that Isaac's reference above is to:

Great Grandfather: **Abram [Abraham] Reed (1755 Bedford, VA - 1839 Monroe, TN)**, the Revolutionary War Soldier

Grandfathers [both of whom appear in the 1830 Knox Co., TN census]:

~ [Father of **James S. M. Reed**]

**Abram [Abraham] Reed Jr.** (b. abt 1795, TN - d. 1840 or later, Knox Co., TN) James likely was a child of Abram Jr. by his likely first wife, **Nancy Murray**, whom Abram Jr. apparently married on Sept 17, 1815 in Knox Co., TN. Abram Jr. apparently married a second time, in 1826 in Knox Co., TN, to Martha “Patty/Patsy” Pratt.] {p. 2}

1830 Knox Co., TN census [p. 394]:

1830 United States Federal Census for Abraham Reed												
Tennessee > Knox > Hill Station												
Abraham Reed	2	1	1			1					1	1

~ [Father of **Arminda Reed**]

**Jacob Reed** (b. abt 1791, TN - d. abt 1864, Knox Co., TN) and wife **Esther Hollis**. {p. 2}

1830 Knox Co., TN census [p. 360]:

1830 United States Federal Census											
Tennessee > Knox > Not Stated											
Jacob Reed	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1

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NOTE: There is **no** indication in the above three Eastern Cherokee applications that the wife of their great grandfather **Abraham (Sr.)** or the wives of their two grandfathers, **Abram** and **Jacob**, were also Cherokees.

Great grandfather **Abraham (Sr.)** apparently married a woman named Sarah by 1807 and had about 6 children with her from about 1807 to 1819. Presumably he was married before that time to at least one other woman, who was the mother of **Abram** and **Jacob**, and Abraham's possible other son, **Isaac** (b. 1796 TN - 1878 Pike, MO).

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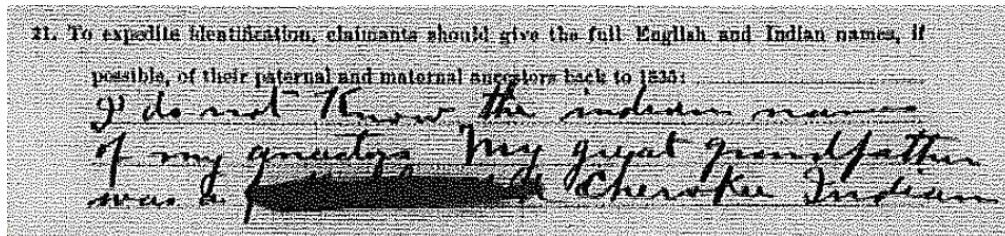
In a letter written from Denver, CO on 26 Dec, 1907 to a commissioner of the Department of the Interior, which appears as part of her Eastern Cherokee application [no. 8190], **Lettie (Reed) Little** wrote:

*"... the only way that I claim a right to share in the fund to be distributed among the Cherokees is because both of my Parents was related to the Cherokee tribe."*

if you will please see my affairs there and look them over you will know how they read maybe they will be satisfactory. never heard my Parents speak about any of them being on any roll. the year of 1834. is before I was born, and the only way that I claim a right to share in the fund to be distributed among the Cherokees is because both of my Parents was related to the Cherokee tribe. yours with regards. Mrs. Lettie Little.

As she noted on her Eastern Cherokee application [question #10], her parents were **James M. Reed** [son of **Abram**] and **Arminda Reed** [daughter of **Jacob**]. As she also noted in that application [question #21]:

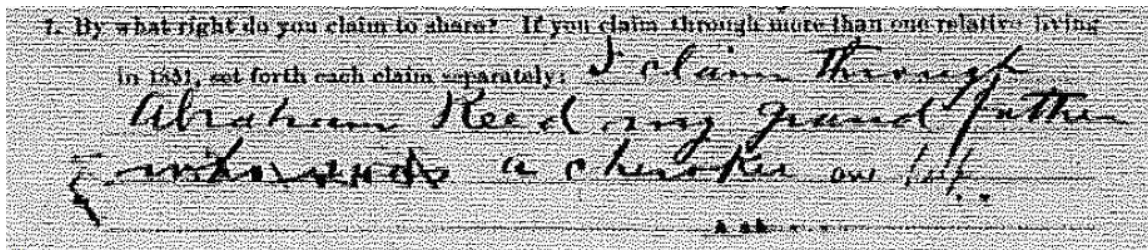
*“I do not know the names of my indian ancestors. My great grandfather was a [words crossed out] a Cherokee Indian.”*



It appears to me that the words crossed out above, may have been the words “full blooded.” I would note that Lettie’s brother **Isaac Reed** described their great grandfather as a “full blood Cherokee.”

Elsewhere in Lettie’s application [question #7], the words “one-half” appear to be added to Lettie’s comment that:

*“I claim through Abraham Reed my grandfather who [crossed out word] a cherokee one-half.”*



That “one-half” makes sense, as I believe her reference there is to the father of **James S. M. Reed**—her grandfather. It also suggests that James’ mother, the wife of his father **Abraham Reed Sr.**, was not a Cherokee.

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I don’t think it is surprising that all three of the Eastern Cherokee applications submitted by these children of **James S. M. Reed** and **Arminda Reed** were **rejected**. The fact is that none of those applicants could cite Native American names for their Reed ancestors and, apparently, their great-grandfather, **Abraham Reed Sr.**, could not be identified as one of the persons listed in the 1835 Cherokee Roll. Such identification apparently was required for one’s Eastern Cherokee application to be accepted in that 1906-1909 period--see p. 1 of this document.

As the inspector of Lettie's application wrote at that time [page 1] :

No.	8190	Action	Reject
Name	Lettie Little	and children	Residence
Reasons	It does not appear that applicants ancestors were parties to treaties of 1825- 36-37 nor enrolled with Cherokee.		
			3780 Franklin St

At this point, no descendants of **Abraham Reed Sr.** other than his great grandchildren **Isaac**, **Lettie**, and **Nancy**, are known to have submitted this Eastern Cherokee application in 1906-09.

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### The Henderson Roll - 1835 Roll of Cherokees

**Abraham Reed Sr.** does not seem to appear in that 1835 Roll, unless he is listed under a Native American name not recognized as being him.

Here is a PDF from the National Archives and Records Administration which contains information on both that 1835 Roll and also later Cherokee rolls compiled up through 1884.

<https://www.archives.gov/research/microfilm/ml773.pdf>

Here is a link to a transcription of the 1835 Roll of Cherokees for the states of Georgia, Alabama, and North Carolina.

[https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps\\_pid=IE1988300](https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE1988300)

~ No **Abraham Reed** is listed here.

Here is a web page with links to the names found on the Tennessee version of that 1835 Roll, as well as those found on the Georgia, Alabama, and North Carolina versions.

<http://cherokeeremoval.org/CENSUS.htm>

~ The Tennessee version of this 1835 Roll only contains one person with a surname like Reed, namely a **William Reed**.

The above website also has informative pages on the history of the infamous "Trail of Tears" which Cherokees were forced to endure in 1838. Here is another informative website on that subject.

<http://www.intimeandplace.org/cherokee/index.html>

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As part of Lettie's Eastern Cherokee application, she sent a letter [see image on page 4 of this document] which said,

*"Never heard my Parents speak about any of them being on any roll. The year 1854 is before I was born. . ."*

Another roll of individuals with Cherokee ancestry was created in 1851. It is known as the "Siler Roll." Considered incomplete, that roll was supplemented in 1852 by the "Chapman Roll" and in 1854 by the "Act of Congress Roll." Apparently, those rolls were used in addition to the "1835 Roll" in compiling the 1906-1909 "Guion Miller Roll," which **Isaac, Lettie, and Nancy** applied to.

Here is a link to the 1851 "Siler Roll"—or a portion of it:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20051125172432/http://members.aol.com/lredtail/siler.html>

Here is a link to the 1852 "Chapman Roll":

[http://www.tngennet.org/cherokee\\_by\\_blood/chapman.htm](http://www.tngennet.org/cherokee_by_blood/chapman.htm)

Here is a link to the 1854 "Act of Congress Roll":

[http://www.tngennet.org/cherokee\\_by\\_blood/aoc.htm](http://www.tngennet.org/cherokee_by_blood/aoc.htm)

Thus far, I haven't found **Abraham Reed Sr.** in any of the above, at least in the Tennessee listings.

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