

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Application Number 5495

Application for enrollment
with the Indians of the State of California under
the Act of May 18, 1928 (45 Stat. L. 602)

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hereby make application for the enrollment of myself (and minor children living on May 18, 1928) as Indians of the State of California in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of May 18, 1928 (45 Stat. L. 602). The evidence of identity is herewith subjoined.

1. State the full names, ages, sex, and dates of birth of yourself and your minor children living on May 18, 1928.

<u>English Names</u>	<u>Relationship in Family</u>	<u>Ages in 1928</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Dates of Birth</u>			<u>Degree of Indian Blood</u>
				<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Year</u>	
Seepie, Edith	Wife	16	F.	Feb.	28	1912	4/4

No children

2. Residence on May 18, 1928 Scotty Ranch, Death Valley, Inyo Co., Cal.
Note:--Not living on trust property.

3. Post Office Oasis Mono California.
Town or City, Box Number or County State
Rural Route Number.

4. Place of birth of yourself and each of your minor children
Wild Rose in Death Valley, Inyo County, California.

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5. Where have you and your children resided since birth?
Inyo County, California, until year ago. Have resided at
Oasis, Mono County, California, for past year

6. Are you married? Yes

7. If a married woman, give your name before you were married.
Edith Wilson

8. Name and exact date of birth (Month, Day, and Year) of your wife (or husband).
Lester Seepie - do not know date of birth.

9. Is he (or she) of Indian blood? If so, state the name of the Tribe or Band, and
degree of Indian blood.
4/4 Shoshone Tribe
Inyo County, California.

10. What is your degree of Indian blood and to what Tribe or Band of Indians of the
State of California do you belong?
4/4 Shoshone Tribe
Inyo County, California.
Degree of Indian Blood Name of Tribe or Band

11. To what Treaty or Treaties were you or your ancestors a party, and where did you
(or they) reside on June 1, 1852? Where and when were said Treaties negotiated?
Have heard of the treaty, but do not know when or where made.
Ancestors resided in Inyo County, California, June 1, 1852

12. Give the names of your California Indian ancestors living on June 1, 1852,
through whom you claim, who were parties to any Treaty or Treaties with the
United States. If you claim through more than one ancestor living on that
date, set forth each claim separately. State your descent from said ancestor
or ancestors setting forth your relationship to them.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Tribe or Band</u>	<u>Relationship by Blood</u>
Paw-ho	Shoshone Tribe	Maternal grt.grandfather
How-vi-o-nee	Shoshone Tribe	Maternal grt.grandmother
Manwella Wilson	Shoshone Tribe	Paternal grandmother



13. Give the names of the Chiefs, Captains and Headmen of the Tribe or Band to which your ancestors belonged on June 1, 1852, who executed the Treaty or Treaties herein referred to, if you know them.

Do not know

14. What lands in the State of California do you claim were taken from you or your California Indian ancestors by the United States without compensation, or which were appropriated by the United States to its own purposes and for which the United States has refused or failed to compensate you?

Inyo County, California.

15. Give names of your father and mother and your mother's name before her marriage. If either is a white person, so state.

Father— English Name Tom Wilson 4/4
Degree of Indian Blood
Indian Name Do not know

Mother— English Name Georgia Button Tom 4/4
Degree of Indian Blood
Indian Name Do not know

Maiden Name Georgia Button

16. Where were they born?

Father Inyo County, California.

Mother Inyo County, California.

17. When and where were your parents married?

Do not know when. Married in Inyo County, California.

18. How were they married, in accordance with the law, or by Indian custom?

Indian custom

19. Where did they reside after their marriage?

Inyo County, California.

20. Where did they reside on June 1, 1852, if living at that time?

Not living June 1, 1852.

21. Dates of death of your father and mother.

Father living Death Valley, Cal. Mother living Oasis, Calif.

22. Were you or your minor children or either of your parents ever enrolled for any land or other benefits?

No

23. If so, give the number of your allotment, state where it is located, and the name of the Indian School or Agency under whose jurisdiction it now is.

Never enrolled for allotment

24. If enrolled on a Census Roll, state your Census Roll Number on the Census Roll of June 30, 1928, and the name of the Indian School or Agency under whose jurisdiction you are.

No. 1335

Walker River Agency, Nevada.

Census Roll No. June 30, 1928

Name of Indian School or Agency

25. State the amount and kind of property you now own, and what is your occupation.

No property

Occupation - Housewife

26. State English and Indian names of your grandparents on both father's and mother's side, if possible. If any are white persons so state.

Father's Side

Mother's Side

Names	Degree of Indian Blood.	Names	Degree of Indian Blood.
Do not know	4/4	Joe Button	4/4
Marwella Wilson	4/4	Mary Button George	4/4



27. Where were they born?

Inyo County, California.

28. Where did they reside during their lives, and where were they living on June 1, 1852?

Resided Inyo County, California. Paternal grandmother resided in said county June 1, 1852. Do not know whether others living that time or not

REMARKS

(Under this head the applicant may give any additional information that he believes will assist in proving his claims.)

Paw-wo and How-vi-o-nee, full blood Shoshone Indians, maternal great grandparents, resided in Inyo County, Calif., and were residing there June 1, 1852.

I solemnly swear that the foregoing statements made by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witnesses to Mark

(Signature) Edith Seepie

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th

day of September 19 30

My commission expires

James Anderson Examiner



AFFIDAVIT

(The following affidavit must be sworn to by two or more witnesses who are well acquainted with the applicant.)

Personally appeared before me Jimmie Skinner
and George Hanson who, being duly sworn, on oath depose and say
that they are well acquainted with Edith Seepie
who makes the foregoing application and statements, and have known her personally
for 16 years and 16 years, respectively; that they know that she is of
California Indian blood of the degree and lineage stated in the above application and
that the facts stated with reference to her ancestors, the parentage of her
children, their ages and degree of Indian blood, and their places of residence are
true; that they know her to be the identical person she represents herself
to be, and that all statements made by her are true, to the best of their knowl-
edge and belief, and that they have no interest whatever in her claim.

Witnesses to Mark

Signature of Witnesses

J. M. Kennell

Jimmie Skinner

His Mark

James Gregg

George Hanson

His Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of
September, 1930, 19 .

My commission expires

John Anderson
Examiner

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United States
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Indian Affairs
Field Service

~~Mono~~ COUNTY

~~Walker River~~ AGENCY

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Sacramento Indian Agency
Box 757, Sacramento, Calif.

November 9, 1931

Mr. Lester Seepie
Oasis, Mono County
California

My Dear Mr. Seepie:

It appears from the records of the enrollment of the Indians of the State of California and their descendants, under the Act of May 18, 1928, as amended, that your ~~wife~~ Edith Seepie has filed an application for enrollment in which has been recorded your name, degree of Indian blood, and tribe. It appears that you are of California Indian descent, but before you can be enrolled it will be necessary for you to file an application.

The Act of Congress above cited provides that all claimants shall file an application in writing to the Secretary of the Interior setting forth their claims and showing their legal right to be enrolled. A blank form of application has been provided by the Department for this purpose. If you desire to file a claim for enrollment, you should answer the questions on the enclosed form in accordance with the instructions on page seven, and return it to me at the earliest practicable date. While applications for enrollment may be filed at any time prior to May 18, 1932, it is desirable that all claims be presented as soon as practicable.

Under the heading of "Remarks" on page five of the application, you should set forth the names and post office addresses of several of your close relatives by blood, giving the relationship in each case, in order that your claim may be connected with other members of your family.

Very truly yours,

FRED A. BAKER, Examiner

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