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Testimony in case of
Elyza Jones
in a Reservation.

Reservation
Claim of
The Heirs of
Elizabeth and Thomas
Jones
Statement of
Mary Jones.

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No. 9

In the Claim of the Children and heirs of Elizabeth Jones, for whom a reservation was taken by her husband Thomas Jones, in Tennessee river, under the Treaty of 1817 as per Register of Reservations No. 58. and filed by David Jones, Administrator Mary Jones, appears before the Commissioners this 1st day of April 1865 and being identified as one of the Children of the Reserve, makes the following declaration:

The reservation entered by my father Thomas Jones for my Mother Elizabeth, was in Jackson County, Alabama, on Jones Creek, near Kings Cove on lands Ceded by the treaty of 1817. My father was a white man and my Mother a Native Cherokee - My Mother and her family had been living on the place which was afterwards entered for the reservation between three and four years before the treaty of 1817. The place had been improved some little before Mother and father moved there, but the owner 1st Brum had abandoned it and it was the custom in those times for any person to take possession of an abandoned place - My Mother had ~~four~~ children at the time of the Treaty - five of them lived with her - the other two, James Jones and myself were both married at the time of the treaty and settled to ourselves - I lived two miles and a half from my Mother's place. - Several years after the treaty I can't name exactly how many - there were several white men, named Hamilton King, John Kellyson, one Smith, Tom Gunter, Bill Gunter and Charles Reed and some others all living in the neighborhood were in the habit of coming to Mother's house and tormenting her in every way they could devise - they invariably appeared at night and would stand the house - in some instances broke in the doors & windows with heavy rocks - At one time the door being broken in, a blow was thrown which struck father upon