

THREE MILLION CLAIM AWAITS MISSING INDIAN WOMAN, SEARCH IS VAIN

**Royalties of Oil Tract Allotment
Pile Up While Creek Nation
and Courts Scratch Heads
Over Who's Who.**

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 8.—Did Emma Coker ever exist? One court has ruled that she did not, two have held that she did and there is one, the United States supreme court, still to pass on this mooted question. And while the case is winding its way through the judicial labyrinth something like \$7,000,000 is tied up with its ownership in doubt.

When the Cushing oil pool was discovered in 1912, it was found that one of the most valuable tracts was an allotment held in the name of Emma Coker. At once a frantic search was begun for the Indian woman, says the Kansas City Star. Lease seekers, lawyers and the agents for the big oil companies scoured the Creek nation in a vain hunt. Emma Coker was not to be found, yet the records of the 1885 payroll of the Creeks, the one on which the allotments were based, showed that there had been an Emma Coker, the wife of Charlie Coker. Moreover, a check of the Creek nation's census rolls showed such a person to exist. But where had she disappeared?

Says She Is Emma.

Then along came Hettie Lena Coker also the wife of Charlie Coker, who said she could throw some light on the case. She asserted she and Emma Coker were one and the same; that an error had been made in the payrolls and that it had persisted in the census rolls also. She pointed out that Emma Coker was listed as the daughter of Loske, a Creek woman who had married a Seminole.

Value Keeps Mounting.

And all the time the value of the allotment was mounting upward into the hundreds of thousands. Entered the government then with the declaration that Emma Coker never had existed at all and that her allotment should be declared void and turned back to the Creek tribe. Numerous heirs or alleged heirs began to appear. Sons, daughters, brothers and sisters of Emma Coker came to light but Emma Coker still remained missing. Charlie Coker long since had passed on to the happy hunting grounds, so the one person who could state definitely whether Emma ever had been his wife was not available as a witness. It was proved, however, that old Charlie had been somewhat of a brawler and had entertained no monogamous notions regarding the marriage state. He had had several wives and those who maintained Emma Coker really had existed said that she might very well have been one of them.

Dozens of persons have been drawn into the case, until the number of parties directly interested now covers a full typewritten page of legal size paper. Through an agreement with the government the allotment was leased and drilled upon, the money derived to be held under the trusteeship of F. V. Faulkner, who is said to have bought off most of the alleged heirs to the tract.

SON RENOUNCES CLAIM TO THOUSANDS IN FAVOR OF WITHERLESS CHILD

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—A little girl, "Heaven," who hasn't yet been told that her mother died a short time ago in a hospital, was adopted by her grandmother. The child is Vivienne Gertrude Huseby, and the grandmother, who willed the child her property and many thousands of dollars besides, is Mrs. Marie Buleki of 3022 Blaine place.

Mrs. Buleki's son, who has grown to manhood, renounced all his claim to his mother's fortune in favor of pretty Vivienne.

"He says he is a man, and can care for himself," the grandmother told Judge Victor Arnold. "We want to feel that the child will be cared for if anything happens to us, and we want her to have the money."

Vivienne sat upon a chair out of hearing when Mrs. Buleki told Judge Arnold that her daughter, Vivienne's mother, had recently died. "The child doesn't know yet," she said. "I have not been able to tell her." The father, who has been living at the grandmother's home with his little daughter, sent his written consent to the adoption, but did not appear.

"You've raised one family," commented the court, "and now you want to raise another. Is that right?" "Yes," smiled Mrs. Buleki.

Vivienne was then called to answer a few questions, and she blushed furiously in her spotless white frock and bobbed hair. "Do you want to live with your grandmother?" asked Judge Arnold.

"Yeth, thir."

**167 JAPANESE BABIES
BORN IN ONE COUNTY
OF CALIFORNIA IN 1919**

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 8.—The county recorder's books show that one out of every three babies born in San Joaquin county during 1919 was Japanese. Of the 480 babies born in the county during the year, 167 were Japanese.

REALTY TRANSFERS

DEEDS.

Nicholas Wierk to Minnie Luthje, \$4000, Lots 21 and 22 of Grand View Orchard tracts.
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