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Serinity of Kansas }
County of Leavenworth } to wit;

Cornelius C. Beth, being duly sworn, says, that he is Chief of the Stockbridges of Kansas Territory, that he has known the Munsee Nation of Indians for many years; that they emigrated from Wisconsin to Kansas then "^{the} Indian Territory" in the fall of the year 1839, that ~~they numbered~~ ^{there were} ~~at that time~~ one hundred and seventy ~~persons~~ ^{Munsees} ~~that is, that~~ ~~that~~ ~~who~~ ~~emigra~~ ~~ted~~ ~~to~~ ~~Kansas~~ ~~at~~ ~~that~~ ~~time~~ and they left ~~but~~ ^{ten} ~~ten~~ ⁱⁿ ~~Wisconsin~~ ^{Wisconsin}; ^{he} ^{further} ^{says} that the Munsees, who came to Kansas, have always ^{or tribal} ~~kept up~~ ^{maintained} a distinct national organization, separate from other nations or tribes, having their own chiefs and head men, and regulations, and still do, though dwindled down to a comparatively small number, by death in consequence of want and exposure; that some of their number have gone back to Wisconsin to his knowledge; that the Munsees, when they emigrated from Wisconsin to Kansas, bore their own expenses from Winnebago Lake to Prairie du Chien; that provisions were very high priced, at that time; ^{being} pork from twenty five, to thirty dollars per barrel, and flour eighteen dollars; and other articles in proportion ^{the United States} ~~and~~ that ~~Government~~ ^{Government} has never ^{expended} ~~expended~~ ^{as stipulated in a treaty made in 1839} ~~defended~~ ^{into} them, the Munsees, ~~except~~ ⁱⁿ ~~emigrating~~ ^{emigrating} ~~that~~ ^{by Albert Gallup and the Stockbridge & Munsee Nations of Indians} that the Munsees are poor, needy, and homeless; ~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~he ~~knows~~ Gideon Williams and Jacob Moorhouse to be their acknowledged chiefs &~~