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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 "<sup>the</sup> Indian Territory" in the fall of the year 1839, that ~~they numbered~~ <sup>there were</sup> ~~at that time~~ one hundred and seventy ~~persons~~ <sup>Munsees</sup> ~~that is, that~~ <sup>who</sup> ~~emigrated~~ to Kansas at that time and they left but ~~ten~~ <sup>ten</sup> Munsees in Wisconsin; <sup>he</sup> further says that the Munsees, who came to Kansas, have always <sup>or tribal</sup> kept up 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 none 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; pork <sup>being</sup> from twenty five, to thirty dollars per barrel, and flour eighteen dollars; and other articles in proportion <sup>the United States</sup> ~~and that~~ that ~~Government~~ <sup>they</sup> has never <sup>expended</sup> refunded <sup>into</sup> them, the Munsees, <sup>as stipulated in a treaty made Sep. 1839</sup> ~~that~~ by Albert Gallup and the Stockbridge & Munsee Nations of Indians, that the Munsees are poor, needy, and homeless; and ~~that~~ that he knows Gideon Williams and Jacob Moorhouse to be their acknowledged chiefs &