

## William Donaldson to Thomas Nesbit Stinson

William Donaldson, writing from the Shawnee Indian Reserve in Johnson County, Kansas Territory, informed Thomas N. Stinson that an Indian agent, William Gay, was taking a census of the Shawnee Indians in Kansas. He indicated that the census would be used to determine government payments made to Shawnees. Donaldson reported that a number of adopted Shawnee tribe members who had been receiving government payments had been struck from the payrolls. Stinson, whose wife was Shawnee, had been adopted by the tribe and apparently was receiving government payments. Donaldson reported that Stinson's name had not yet been removed from the payroll.

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Adopted Shawnees cut off from pay roll.

April 4<sup>th</sup> 1855

Mr. J. Stinson

Your letter reached me in due time your request to me. I will answer in this way. Our Agent Mr. W. Gay is just taking the Census of our People and regulating the Pay Roll in such a manner that it will be a future guide both as how we are to receive our money and lands. There has been several of the adopted Shawnees struck off the pay Roll, and we have had a good deal of difficulty about it. The Agent is trying to carry out the stipulation of the Treaty to the very letter, much to the dissatisfaction of some of the Council and Chiefs and much to the surprise of some of our adopted Whites. When they find they are struck off entirely from the Roll, your case has come up several times in the Council, and it has been proposed to strike you off, but every attempt has failed so far. I suppose you know where your enemies are or can judge very nearly. But rest easy as to that. you have friends who will not allow the outrage of having their connections erased from our Roll. We will give your name in due time with your family, black and child will be enrolled but I fear not his wife. You need come down if you are not obliged until payment which will be in about three weeks.

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I suppose we will after enrolling your name  
and Mrs Stinson leave the room for your  
children blank which you can fill up  
when you come to payment, no more  
at present yours

Wm Donaldson

By Wm King

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