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Advancement of cause.

The Court of Claims shall advance the cause upon its docket for hearing, and shall have authority to determine and adjudge the rights, both legal and equitable, of the said Ponca Tribe in the premises: *Provided*, That the court shall hear and determine any legal or equitable defenses, set-offs, or counterclaims including gratuities which the United States may offer against the said Ponca Tribe nothwithstanding lapse of time or statutes of limitation, and any tribe or band of Indians deemed necessary to a final determination of any suit hereunder shall be joined as the court may order. The suit or suits instituted hereunder shall be begun within five years from the passage of this Act by the Ponca Tribe of Indians as parties plaintiff against the United States as the party defendant. The petition or petitions may be verified upon information and belief as to the facts therein alleged by the attorney or attorneys employed by the Ponca Tribe under contract approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, as provided by existing law; and no other verification shall be necessary: *Provided*, That upon the final determination of such suit or suits the Court of Claims shall have jurisdiction to decree the fees to be paid to the attorney or attorneys not to exceed 10 per centum of the amount of the judgment rendered in favor of said Indians and in no event to exceed the sum of $25,000, together with all necessary and proper expenses incurred in preparation and prosecution of the suit; and the same shall be paid out of any sum or sums found due said tribe.

Provisos. Procedure.

Time for filing.

Verification, etc.

Attorneys' fees by decree of court.

Approved, January 9, 1925.

January 9, 1925. [H. R. 8545.] [Public, No. 313.]

CHAP. 59.—An Act Conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to determine and report upon the interest, title, ownership, and right of possession of the Yankton Band of Santee Sioux Indians to the Red Pipestone Quarries, Minnesota.

Yankton Sioux Indians.

Court of Claims to determine interest of, in Red Pipestone Quarries, Minn.

Vol. 36, p. 284.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and it hereby is, conferred upon the Court of Claims to determine and report from the finding of facts reported by said court as authorized by section 22 of the Act of April 4, 1910 (Thirty-eighth Statutes at Large, page 284), the interest, title, ownership, and right of possession of the Yankton Band of Santee Sioux Indians in and to the land known as the "Red Pipestone Quarries," described in said Act of April 4, 1910; and said court shall determine what amount, if any, is legally and equitably due from the United States to the said Yankton Band of Santee Sioux Indians for the said quarries, and enter judgment thereon.

Interest of other Sioux Indians to be determined.

SEC. 2. That the court is hereby further authorized to determine what, if any, other band or bands of Sioux Indians have an interest in and to the said Red Pipestone Quarries, and the amount thereof, if any.

Approved, January 9, 1925.

January 10, 1925. [H. R. 162.] [Public, No. 314.]

CHAP. 68.—An Act To amend the Act establishing the eastern judicial district of Oklahoma, to establish a term of the United States District Court for the Eastern Judicial District of Oklahoma at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

Oklahoma eastern judicial district.

Term of court at Pauls Valley.

Vol. 40, p. 604, amended.

Post, p. 945.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a term of the United States District Court for the Eastern Judicial District of the State of Oklahoma shall be held annually at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, for the trial of civil and criminal cases, at such