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# The Mixed Blood's Direction

*A Newsletter for The Plaintiffs of Felter-vs-Kemphorne*



## COUNSEL OF RECORD REPORT # 20

I am writing my Report from my home office in south Sacramento, CA. It has been a long time since I visited with all of you in Roosevelt. I am keeping my hopes up that I will be up there soon to advise all Felter plaintiffs on a "winning" legal strategy. In other words, I am confident that U.S. District Court Judge Roberts will rule in our favor and reject the defendant United States motion to dismiss this major termination case.

I am extremely pleased that the signed Petitions to Repeal the Ute Partition and Termination Act are flowing in from all over. In a previous Report, I expressed the need to immediately begin efforts to demand that the United States Congress repeal the UPA. My reason for advising on taking this direct approach was to gain momentum with a "Campaign to Repeal the UPA" while we await a legal decision from Judge Roberts. There is nothing THAT keeps us from going forward with Congress and keeping the case in front of the Court at the same time. I urge all of the Felter plaintiffs to join in with the rest of the Mixed-Blood Groups to force the U.S. Congress to repeal P.L. 671 or complete the termination of the rest of the Bands as quickly as possible.

We all agree that P.L. 671 is a racist piece of legislation that has held the original 490 terminated Mixed-Bloods and their descendant's hostage. This racist Act of the United States Congress has destroyed so many lives and immorally deprived so many of us of our identities as "American Indians" while other reaps immense financial benefits at our expense. It is time that all Americans join with us in rectifying this massive injustice forced on us by P.L. 671 and wipe this immoral law off the Book of Congress. All the terminated Mixed-Bloods must be returned to federally-recognized status along with their descendants.

I am pleased to hear that we are diligently working together in this recent effort to petition Congress about the need to repeal P.L. 671 immediately and to educate the American Public that such a wicked and corrupt law stains our Great Nation. Everyone agrees that it was the just and fair thing to end the dark era of slavery that was legal in the United States of America until the Courts of Law and Congress realized the shamefulness of this inhumane practice. Likewise, we must keep our efforts, no matter how controversial, to let the American Public and all other Nations on Earth know about a law, P.L. 671 that protects "cultural genocide."

What we must force out into public is the fact that, a well-orchestrated deception was put in place in 1954 resulting in misrepresentation that the 490 "mixed-blood" members of the Uinta Band of Utes "voluntarily" voted to terminate themselves. This outright lie was handed over to the U.S. Congress who never knew their vote to enact to the UPA was obtained by fraud and deceit perpetuated by federal officials and tribal officials of the other Bands, the Uncompagne and White River.

Recently, Utah Senator Orrin Hatch responded to a letter written to him by Alvin Denver. In the letter, Sen. Hatch repeated the lie that the Mixed-Blood Uintas all voluntarily stood up and voted at a legally convened meeting to hand over the Indian identity and status to the Bureau of Indian Affairs there at that time. If this is the actual truth of the matter, where are the historical records that will prove this beyond a shadow of a doubt? Most assuredly, a "powerful" U.S. Senator could demand that the Department of the Interior produce historical records/archives to prove what he is saying is true. It is my firm belief that Sen. Hatch could force the truth to come out about this outright fraud of our U.S.

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## Report to the Mixed-Blood Uinta's

The first part of June Dennis Chappabitty the Attorney for Felter v. Kempthorne attended National Congress of American Indians in Reno Nevada. One of the reasons Dennis attended was to present a Resolution to NCAI to Repeal Public Law 671 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Congress. As many of you know this is the Law that Terminated the Mixed Blood Uinta s and this is the Law that lets the Ute Indian Tribe still be Federally Recognized, even though they were suppose to be terminated within a seven to ten year period from the time we were terminated. This never happened because of President Nixon's "Self determination" without termination policy. This applied to all Indian tribes except the Ute Indian Tribe of Utah as their termination is still alive and breathing.

When Dennis got to NCAI he talked to Curtis Cesspooch who is the Chairman of the Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee and also a "Uinta" band member. He asked Curtis if He could talk to him about the Resolution; Curtis's replay was "there is nothing to talk about..." with that in mind Dennis approached one of the attorneys for NCAI and told him he had just spoken with the Chairman of the Ute Tribe and he assumed he would not be supporting our Resolution, and asked if he could still present the resolution. The Attorneys answer was no... if the Ute Tribal Council will not support it... then we cannot act on it. That was it for the Resolution at NCAI. Again it was dead before it could even be brought up. This was the second time we tried in NCAI. When Dennis called and told me what happened... It made me fire mad... I thought why are we still sitting here fifty five years down the road and letting the Ute Indian Tribe tell us we're not Indian? If they like P.L. 671 so well, maybe its time their termination is completed.

With this in mind I called Sonny Denver and a few others and we decided to call an Emergency Meeting to decided whether the original 490 and their descendents was in favor of preparing a petition to present to congress to have Public Law 671 repealed or completed. We sent out Notices to all original 490 and their descendents that we had current addresses on, and then ran a public announcement on the radio for a week, along with a notice in the local paper. The meeting was opened to all 490 terminated Ute's and their children regardless if they were in other groups etc.

We were pleased at the turnout of the people who were there. Many expressed their concerns and asked a lot of questions. It was decided by those in attendance who voted that a petition be prepared calling for the Repeal or Complete of P.L. 671, and that it be circulated for all terminated mixed blood's and descendents to sign. It was also decided that all petitions should be signed and submitted by or before August 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are now writing letters etc. to Congressmen and Senators in asking for their support to stand behind us to have P.L. 671 repealed or completed. I have been in contact with former Senator James Abourezk, who was the chairman of the "American Indian Policy Review Commission" that investigated American Indians issues... One issue, being Terminated Indians. Senator Abourezk has been very helpful, but is preparing to retire from his Law Practice, but Senator Abourezk referred me to Senator Nick Rahall of West Virginia who've I faxed a ten page letter on July 15<sup>th</sup>. I imagine it will take some time for him to go through documents etc. On July 22<sup>nd</sup> I faxed letters to Congressman Jim Matheson of Utah, and Senator Orrin Hatch, informing both to what our intentions are.

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Congress but he is afraid of the truths that will be uncovered. Each of you must keep up the pressure on Sen. Hatch to take the honorable approach and finally get to the bottom of what actually happened in 1954.

I want to thank everyone who has helped in this recent petition to repeal the UPA. It takes a great deal of time and effort to succeed in getting the word about what is happening in Utah out to everyone who has a Compassionate Heart to join in our humanitarian efforts. It is a cruel joke that the "Humane Society" was established in 1954 as a national animal-protection organization that confronted cruelties which lay beyond the capacity of local humane societies and state federations. While Americans concerned about the cruel treatment of animals were establishing a national organization to do something about it, our own Congress and federal government were cutting the hearts of humans and throwing them out for the vultures to scavenge. I suppose if you had fur or feathers on instead of the skin of a Uinta, Sen. Hatch might be more sympathetic and listen how we could repeal the UPA in the interest of all humanity.

In my last Counsel of Record Report #19, I urged all of you to "Pray to the Great Spirit and keep you're Head up in Battle and never give up!!" We need to keep up our positive energy about our "Journey for Justice."

Dennis G. Chappabitty

# MEETING NOTICE”

## FOR ALL TERMINATED 490 & DESCENDENTS

**“There will be a Ceremonial Sweat, Pot Luck Supper, and Short Meeting and Drum Group, Honoring our Ancestors, Special Guest.”**

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

**WHERE:** SONNY DENVER S RESIDENCE... WHITEROCKS ROAD (2 MILES NORTH OF HIGHWAY 40)

**2:P.M.** Sweat will conducted by “Jr reed” & “Bennie (blue thunder) LeBeau”

**5:P.M.** Gather for prayer & honoring those 490 who have journeyed on.

**5:30 P.M** Special invited speakers.

**6:P.M.** Pot luck supper (please bring: \_\_\_\_\_ enough to feed six people)

**7:P.M.** Report on petition drive on the repeal or completion of public law 671, 83<sup>rd</sup> congress and what will be our next step.

**8:P.M.** Open discussion on petitions etc.

**9:P.M.** Drum group ... prayer songs...Closing prayer.

Please try and be in attendance. These meetings are for you to keep updated on what’s going on. These are important gatherings. Please be there! We ask that all descendents be in attendance.

Please, no small children... no drugs or alcohol. Bring a chair, mosquito spray, and plenty of ice cold drinks. Punch, coffee, water, juice & \ watermelons, eating utensils & ice will be available, but if you need special diet drinks etc. Bring them.

**See you at the meeting... please be on time.**



*“It is good to dream, but it is better to dream and work. Faith is mighty, but action with faith is mightier.”*

*when all the trees have been cut down... when all the animals have been hunted... when all the waters are polluted... when all the air is unsafe to breathe... only then will you discover your cannot eat money.  
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## Prayer List

Naturitch K. Nielsen...Stomach Problems, was in the hospital  
322 Lagoon St, Unit 56-15, Roosevelt, UT 84066

Lisa Sixkiller...Sick, causes unknown, having tests done  
P.O. Box 8, Myton, UT 84085

Charles Daniels...Surgery, still recuperating.  
P.O. Box 297, Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

Lacey Peterson...Bad Grease Burns  
P.O. Box 1901, Roosevelt, UT 84066

Cal Hackford...Sick because of a bad woodtick bite.  
HC 67 Box 250, Whiterocks, UT 84085

Donal Kolb...Not feeling well has been in the Hospital in Salt  
Lake City. 5095 S. 2500 W. Roy, UT 84067

Bernard Lucero...Not feeling well  
P.O. Box 319, Neola, UT 84053

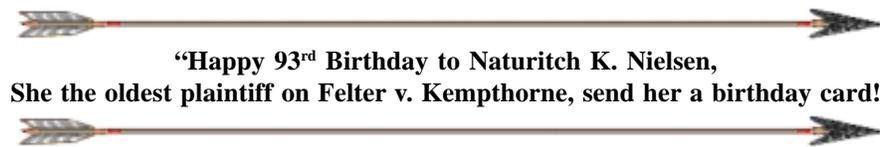
Yvette D. Hadlock...Skin problems  
P.O. Box 285, Neola, UT 84053

Kaden Peterson...Infant son of Bert Peterson, on going illness  
P.O. Box 1901, Roosevelt, UT 84066

Robyn A. Bumgarner...Adjusting after surgery  
1801 Dalton, Tulare, CA 93274

Brittney B. Rust...Gall Bladder Surgery  
345 N. Lagoon St. # 110-8, Roosevelt, UT 84066

Kelly Bumgarner...Biophy  
1801 Dalton, Tulare, CA 93274



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To all of you who have not gotten your Petitions in, please get them in ASAP. If you feel you don't want to support the Repeal or Completion of P.L. 671 then it is up to you to live with the decisions you make, as the rest of us will be going forward.

Because of the large interest in the petition drive we have decided to extend the deadline for the petitions to be in to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Also Congress is on summer break, until after Labor Day, so we thought we would take the extra time in order for our members to get their petitions in, but please do this as quickly as possible.

We will be holding another meeting at Sonny Denver's on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. There are plans to hold a "Ceremonial Sweat", Pot Luck Supper, a meeting to discuss the Repeal and matters associated with the repeal. We will end the meeting with our Drum Group, and the Smudging of our people. We will also be honoring all the 490 who have passed on. J.R. Reed and Bennie (blue thunder) LeBeau will conduct the Sweat Ceremony, along with blessing the people and smudging of our food. Both J.R. Reed and Bennie are Spiritual Leaders and Descendents of the Terminated 490 and we are very proud of them. Thank you for all the support giving me and for supporting the repeal of public law 671.

Thank You Grandfather, may this become a reality soon! And thanks to Sonny Denver providing a place for us to meet.

If anyone needs a "Petition" please contact me at:

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or email me at: mykewass@ubtanet.com or call me at: 435-722-3220 or you can print a copy off

At: [www.undeclaredutes.net](http://www.undeclaredutes.net)

Please everyone pray that we will soon receive a positive decision from the Judge on Felter vs Kempthorne. Please pray for Dennis and for all who work so hard for you, we need your prayers. Please "keep the fires burning"

Blessings!!

Oranna B. Felter

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