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**What We Can Search:** Limitations of staff time prevent the National Archives from making comprehensive searches of Eastern Cherokee applications or indexes. We can search indexes if you can supply the following information: (1) full name, English or Indian, of the applicant and (2) Eastern Cherokee application claim number.

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