

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Cherokee, N.C. July 14, 1908.

Mr. Harry L. George,
St Joseph, Mo.,

Dear Sir,

Replying to your inquiry of the 9th instant relative to these Indians being basket makers, will say that some of them make a good many baskets. They make them of cane and of splints. The cane baskets are the better ones.

There is but one tribe of Indians here- the Eastern Cherokees.

Very respectfully,

Wm H S. Harris
Superintendent.

Wm H S. Harris

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will can produce on
of my organiza-
Kansas City and
St. Louis

26/07.
St. Paul

Harris,

7/16/08.

United States Indian Agency,

Cherokee, N. Car.

Dear Sirs:

Many thanks for yours of July 14th. I am unable to judge what the baskets
are like that you say are made of cane and splints. I think I understand the word splints
means but do not understand the word cane. If you will let me know the price of these bas-
kets and can send me photograph of the same, I can judge better.

Can you give me any information in regard to the Seminoles of Florida. I do not
find their name in the roster of the Department of the Interior. I know there is such a
tribe in Florida and I will be pleased to have you give me such information, or tell me
where I can get same if you cannot furnish it. Thanking you, I remain,

Yours very truly,

and me
Philip C. Baskin

GENERAL COMMISSIONER

SUPPLY

HARRY L. GEORGE

ST. JOSEPH

KANSAS CITY

ST. JOSEPH

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HARRY L. GEORGE

WILL AGENT

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT

8/8/08.

St. Joseph, Mo. Wm. Harris,

U. S. Indian Agent,

Cherokee, N. Carolina.

Dear Sirs:

On the 18th of July I wrote to you in regard to the price on splint and cane baskets. I am very anxious to secure a specimen of this tribes work, and will appreciate it very much if you will give this matter your prompt attention.

Yours very truly,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Cherokee, N.C. August 20, 1908.

Mr. Harry L. George,
St Joseph, Mo.,

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to samples of the baskets made by these Indians, will say that a small one of the cane, and the splint work can be sent you by mail for fifty cents each.

They make baskets of many styles and shapes and for various purposes.

I should have answered your letter sooner, but have been very busy with Indian matters.

Very respectfully,

He W. S. Hains
Superintendent.

YOUR WILL CAN PRODUCE
VICES OF MY ORGANIZA-
e at Kansas City and

3/26/07.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Cherokee, N.C. August 29, 1908.

Mr. Harry L. George,
St Joseph, Mo.

Dear Sir,

I sent you by today's Southern Express, a cane basket containing a small cane basket and a small splint basket which has been in use for a long time in an Indian family. These cane baskets are the common pattern used by these Indians, but they also make many other shapes.; and for various uses.

Trusting that they will reach you safely, I am,

Very truly,

Re Witt S. Harris

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OH. HARRIS, JR.
CHEROKEE, N. C.

3/1/03.

Harris,

Cherokee, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

The shipment of baskets ordered the 24th of Aug. has just been received. They arrived in good order and are satisfactory,

Yours very truly,

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CHERRY COMMISSION MERCHANT

WILLIAMS

HARRY L. GEORGE

THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM
ST. JOSEPH, MO.
JAN. 1, 1903

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SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY.
(INCORPORATED)

3/26/07.

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responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such Company or person; and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained, shall extend to and inure to the benefit of each and every Company or person to whom the Southern Express Company may intrust or deliver the above described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person. In no event shall the Southern Express Company be liable for any loss or damage, unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at this office within ninety days after this date, in a statement, to which this receipt shall be annexed. All articles of GLASS, or contained in glass, or any of a fragile nature, will be taken at shipper's risk only, and the shipper agrees that the Company shall not be held responsible for any injury by breakage or otherwise, nor for damage to goods not properly packed and secured for transportation. It is further agreed, that said Company shall not, in any event, be liable for any loss, damage, or detention caused by the acts of God, civil or military authority, or by insurrection or riot, or the dangers incident to a time of war.

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FOR THE COMPANY

Charge on Value,

Freight,

Handwritten signature and date: Andrew April 1st

Mr. Hewitt S. Harris,

11/9/08.

Charokee, N. Car.

Dear Sir:

Various publications show that some time in the past the Cherokee Indians made shapes in baskets, which possibly are not now for sale. I would like to know if there is any possibility of my being able to get in touch with any one who has these shapes for sale. Several works published in the interest of basketry some years ago show that the Cherokees made baskets similar to the shapes that are made by the Louisians Indians, though not as fine in texture. I am interested in trying to secure some of these specimens which perhaps are not now made, and will be pleased to hear from you covering this matter.

Yours very truly,

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