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In assn with John Baldrige deceased a Cherokee for Subsisting his family consisting of 14 in number from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1838, inclusive making

|                                       |             |               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 116 days and 1624 rations             | 16¢         | 259.84        |
| To Foraging 9 head of horses for same | 04¢ per day | <u>417.60</u> |
|                                       |             | 677.44        |

The above named John Baldrige with other thirteen members of his family was captured at his residence on the first of June 1838 by the U. States troops then employed under the direction of General Scott in collecting the Cherokees for their removal West of the Mississippi

They were marched two days along with the troops and then left for some cause not known to provide for themselves. They could not return to the residence whence they had been forcibly removed, and now compelled to provide support for themselves.

They continued to do so (never receiving any rations from the U. States contractor) until the 24<sup>th</sup> of September following when they were numbered in James Brown's detachment of Cherokee Emigrants and departed for the West

The claim is the Subsistence furnished by Capt John Baldrige for his family and their animals from the time they were left by the troops until they were mustered into a detachment

The Said John Baldrige died a short time prior to the departure of the detachment which he had joined to Emigrate West, and in consequence of which the widow & heirs of the deceased to wit – the widow gave me a power of attorney to attend this claim against the United States which is respectfully submitted for consideration

/248/ Signed Seal

Polly Baldrige {Seal}  
 Thomas Baldrige {Seal}  
 Green Baldrige {Seal}  
 Delilah Baldrige {Seal}  
 William Baldrige {Seal}  
 Eliza Baldrige {Seal}  
 Peggy Baldrige {Seal}

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Cherokee Agency Bayou Minard

January 8<sup>th</sup> 1842

William Baldrige, Cherokee Indian, aged about twenty one years son of the before named John Baldrige deceased personally appeared before me this day, and solemnly declared in the nature of an oath that the foregoing account is just and true And that the Statement attached thereto is correct

Declared before M. Hughes (?)  
for Cherokees

Cherokee Nation