

Now, therefore, be it known, that I,
Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United
States of America, in consideration of the premises, divers
other good and sufficient reasons me thereunto moving, do
hereby commute the sentence of the said Solomon
Kotema to imprisonment for life in the
United States Penitentiary at Fort Leaven-
worth, Kansas.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed
my name and caused the seal of the Department of
Justice to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this twenty-eighth
day of **October** in the year of our Lord
One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Two
and of the Independence of the United States the
One Hundred and Twenty-seventh.

T. Roosevelt

By the President:

James M. Beck
Acting Attorney General.



Theodore Roosevelt,

President of the United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas

Solomon Hotema was convicted in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas of murder, and on November twenty-ninth, 1901, was sentenced to be hanged on February fourteenth, 1902; and,

Whereas, the said Solomon Hotema sued out a writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States, which court, on June second, 1902, confirmed the judgment of the lower court; and,

Whereas, on October twenty-eighth, 1902, the said Solomon Hotema was sentenced in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas to be hanged on December fifth, 1902; and,

Whereas, it has been made to appear to me that the said Solomon Hotema is a fit object of executive clemency;

(c o p y)

UNITED STATES COURTS,
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS,

Beaumont, Texas, Nov. 22, 1902.

The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

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Respectfully,

D. E. Bryant,

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In correspondence on this subject quote
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November 26, 1902.

Hon. D. E. Bryant,
United States District Judge,
Sherman, Texas.

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Hubert
Attorney-General.

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U. S. PENITENTIARY
JAN 23 1903
ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

EXHIBITED BY DELIVERING TO
BOD ... OF THE WITHIN NAMED DE-
FENDANT.. TO THE WARDEN OF THE
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY AT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, THIS . 22nd

DAY OF *Jan* 19⁰³
A. J. Houston
MARSHAL

BY *R. L. Smith*
DEPUTY MARSHAL

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BY

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United States -:-
 v. -:- Pending at Paris, Texas.
Soloman Hotema -:-

In the above styled cause said defendant has been heretofore convicted, and the death sentence has been passed upon him, and the President of the United States has commuted his sentence to imprisonment for life, and the Attorney General of the United States has directed that said Hotema shall be confined in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, as per letter dated November 26, 1902.

Therefore, this is to command the United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas, to take said Soloman Hotema and deliver him to the keepers of the said Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., there to be confined during the term of his natural life.

This December 15, 1902.

A. S. Bryant.
Judge.

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Solomon Katema

Reg. No. **483** Color... **Indian**
 Name *Solomon Katema*
 Crime *Murder*
 Sentence *Life*
 Sentence commenced
 Full term expires
 Short term expires
 Fine & Costs
 Place convicted
 Residence
 Discharged

J. M. Nye
 Record Clerk

Died, April 23, 1907.



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By J. M. Nye

Died

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA.

Name *Solomon Hatema* Reg. No. **483** Color *Indian*

Aliases

Crime *Murder* Sentence *Life* yrs *+* mo *+* days

Date of Sentence *Dec 15 03* Date of Reception *Jan 2 1904*

Sent from *Eastern* District of *Texas Paris*

Good conduct time expires

Criminal History

Residence (Home) *Leaton I. I. (Choctaw Nat.)*

| ORDER | SCARS, MARKS, MOLES, ETC. |
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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY,
ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Name Solomon Notema No. 483

Alias Color Indian

Received Jan 23 = 02

Military or Civil

From Eastern Dist Texas

Crime Murder

Sentence Life

Date of Sentence Dec 15 = 02

Full Sentence Expires

Good Time Sentence Expires

Trade Farmer

Education reads + writes

Religion Presbyterian

Nativity Indian Ter

Nationality Indian

Habits Drink smoke chew

Parents Living No

Left Home When 25

Married Yes

Children 2

Father Born Where Miss

Mother Born Where Miss

Remarks

Age 51 Apparent Age

Height

Weight

Color of Hair

Color of Beard

Color of Eyes

Nose

Chin

Complexion

Teeth

Build

Peculiarities in Build, etc.,

Marks, Scars, Moles, etc.,

Description Taken 1 By

Solomon Hatema a prisoner in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, do hereby authorize the Warden of said Penitentiary, by himself or his authorized representative to open and examine all letters, papers and other mail matter and all express packages which may be directed to my address so long as I am a prisoner in said Penitentiary.

Dated at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, this 23 day of Jan 1903

S. E. Hatema

I, J. M. Nye of the United States Penitentiary do hereby certify that the above and foregoing was read and fully explained by me to the above named Solomon Hatema before he signed the same and that he signed the same voluntarily in my presence this 23 day of Jan 1903

J. M. Nye
of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Special Remarks:

Mrs Nancy Hatema, wife
Lenton
Choc Nat Ind Ter

Lenton Ind Ter

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY,

ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Record of *Solomon Hatema*

483

Alias

No.

Color:

Indian

Crime, *Murder*

Sentence, *Life* years,

months,

days, H. L. Fine \$

Cost \$

Committed

Execution

To date from, *Dec 15 = 02*

Convicted, *Eastern Dis*

Jess Paris

Sentence expires "Full Term,"

"Good Time,"

Received at Prison, *July 23 = 03*

Occupation, *Farmer*

Age, *51*

DATE.

VIOLATIONS.

Dark Cell
Days.

Loss Days.

483

Caddo, Indian Territory,

January 24th, 1903.

E. F. Nicholds, Attorney,

To

S. A. Hawk, Warden.

Enclosing power of attorney for

Sol Hotema to sign.

E. F. NICOLDS
ATTORNEY

CADDO, I. T., Jan. 24th. 1903.

Warden of U.S. Penetentiary

Atlanta Ga,

Dear Sir:- Enclosed we beg to hand
you a Power of Attorney for Soloman Hotema to sign authorizing the Trust
Co. to allot his ^{lands} as the law in such cases provides. If you will attend to
this matter for us we will appreciate it very much and you may draw on
Co. for your trouble in the matter, thanking you in advance I am

Yours truly,

E. F. Nicolds

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SEND THIS COPY TO WARDEN'S OFFICE.

United States Penitentiary

ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Physician's Examination of Convict.

Reg. No. 483
Name, Solomon Holema
Age, 57
Race, Indian
Nationality, American
Height, _____ ft. _____ in. Weight, _____
Occupation, Farmer
Temperament, Melancholic
Heart--Action, _____
Sound, Normal
Rhythm, Distinct
Pulse--Sitting, 72
Standing, 75
Respiration--Sitting, 18
Standing, 20
Chest--Quiet, _____
Inspiration, 41
Expiration, 38
Range, Flat
Inguinal Canal--Right, closed
Left, _____
Uses Tobacco, yes Liquors, yes
Alimentary Canal, Good
When last Vaccinated, Had Small pox

(OVER.)

Evidence of Previous or Present Disease.

*Partial Paralysis
of left Leg.*

Heredity,

Remarks,

Date of Examination,

7-24-03

[Signature]

PHYSICIAN.

J. S. EASBY-SMITH.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Office of the Attorney in Charge of Pardons,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 26, 1903.

Mr. S. A. Hawk,
Warden, United States Penitentiary,
Atlanta, Ga.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 23rd instant, I send you a new letter of transmittal of pardon warrant in Hotema case, to which are attached copies of correspondence concerning the change of designation of place of imprisonment.

Respectfully,


Pardon Attorney.

Department of Justice,

Washington, January 26, 1903

To the Warden,
U. S. Penitentiary,
Atlanta, Ga.,

Sir:

Herewith receive Warrant for commutation of sentence
of Solomon Kotema to imprisonment for life (designation
of place of imprisonment having been changed by the Attorney
General at the request of the prisoner on account of ill health,) which please deliver to him and report receipt at proper time to this Department, retaining this letter as your authority.

By direction of the Attorney General.

Very respectfully,

J. I. Casby - *Im*
Pardon Attorney.

[OVER.]

Department of Justice.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

Penalty for private use, \$300.

S. A. Hawk, Warden.

483,

Solomon Hotema

Sentence Life

Date of Sentence Dec 16, 1901.

J. M. Nye

Solomon Hotema

483

No 483

Jan'y 27th 1903

On entering the Penitentiary the following articles are ~~presented~~ is all I had in my possession.

S. E. Hotema

United States Penitentiary

ATLANTA, GA.

Persons desiring to visit prisoners must fill out and sign the following:

Date Sept 8th 1903
Name of prisoner Sol Holmes
Prisoner's Reg. No. 483
Related to prisoner as Friend
Residence Atlanta Ga
Visitor A.R. Holderly

Approved

C. E. McLaughlin
Deputy Warden

Time of visit 10:55 A.M.

Length of visit 15 minutes

C. E. McLaughlin
Deputy Warden

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United States Penitentiary

ATLANTA, GA.

Persons desiring to visit prisoners must fill out and sign the following:

Date April 7 1907
Name of prisoner Rev. Solomon Hotema
Prisoner's Reg. No.
Related to prisoner as Friend
Residence 147 Capitol av.
Visitor J. L. Morris

Approved C. E. McLaughlin
Deputy Warden

Time of visit 4 P.M.

Length of visit 15 min

C. E. McLaughlin
Deputy Warden

United States Penitentiary

ATLANTA, GA.

Persons desiring to visit prisoners must fill out and sign the following:

Date July 25, 1904
Name of prisoner J. E. Hotema
Prisoner's Reg. No.
Related to prisoner as Friend
Residence 147 Capitol av
Atlanta Ga
Visitor J. L. Morris

Approved

C. E. McLaughlin
Deputy Warden

Time of visit 4 P.M.

Length of visit 30 minutes

C. E. McLaughlin
Deputy Warden

☆ **SPECIAL PERMIT TO WRITE.** ☆
 UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.
 Sept. 17-03
 NO. 483 is permitted to write a SPECIAL LETTER
 C. C. McCLAUGHRY
 Deputy Warden.

☆ Attach this permit to your letter before giving it to officer. ☆

United States Penitentiary
 ATLANTA, GA.

Persons desiring to visit prisoners must fill out and sign the following:

Date Dec. 6 1906.
 Name of prisoner Solomon Holmes
 Prisoner's Reg. No. 483
 Related to prisoner as Friends
 Residence 147 Capitol av. A. N. Sharp
 Atlanta, Ga. Visitor

C. C. McLaughry
 Deputy Warden
 Warden

Approved

Time of visit 4:10 P.M.
 Length of visit 15 minutes
 Guard

LETTERS SENT.

No. 483

Year 1911

Name William Hotema

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

THE H. G. RAZALL MFG. CO., STATIONERS, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

PATENTED OCT. 18TH, 1898.

| WRITTEN TO | Relative | POST OFFICE | State. | Jan. | Feb. | March. | April. | May. | June | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
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| Mrs Nancy Hotema | Wife | Lenton | GA | 24 | | 2 | 27 | | | 21 | | | 11 | | 6 |
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| Wm Birby | fr | Atoka | " | | | | 23 | 25 | | | | | | | |
| Frank Hotema | son | Lenton | " | | | | | | 8 | | | | | 8 | |
| Nora Reynolds | fr | Hugo | " | | | | | | 22 | | | | | | |
| Daniel Wilson | neph | " | " | | | | | | | 7 | | | | | |
| Rev J. Gibbons | fr | Grant | " | | | | | | | | 31 | | | 22 | |
| Frank Hotema | son | Lenton | " | | | | | | | | | 13 | | | |
| Moses Kaniabi | fr | Lenton | " | | | | | | | | | 27 | | | |

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 Tokli Toko yamma ko oklu isanali
 Kaka Hajitunaha Aya Kiu oklu
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 li hokamok beta hatok Toklu Akberula
 Kiu ulhpi sa ohani tok ut anohunli
 Tok yohmi ho erro kuan che li kat
 wadunupa hakana hatok ut manu
 ishti hushaya he yokana Kiu
 Kiu yokshani motli hote shanchi li
 tok oki ohli okana iti hupishili
 ahalitapa chawatw Principal chief
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 Wata halt uchi yamma itanohu
 Chito usha ho unt lah hash Pisat
 iti anunupa hanli li tok oki yohmi ho
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 tok hapoke motli shanchi tok yohmi
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 hash ishtia he Kiu illohoni Cha
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 Epikensa Toka usha motli hoke
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 kat ulhta ha he Kiu prella tok oki
 uchi tok yohmi hash Pisatant
 Aka itik lu fihna thiri li ho ora
 na kat oichli ha chi Kiu anunupa
 A silha ibohli kat Pih nana kat

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oki' Achi Tok Atlantia yamma

hatok kaniommi' hash chi' pilacha
hemlu tok yohmi' ku mara ka
Ayiti ha mokfelli' kat oklophi'
chi' tok kiyu mayu hash metka
chi' tok yohmi' kii' Pih mara
hokuta mlh tu ha chi' baria
kii' Pih isolohu oholo' kat
aishli' moohli' toki' yohmi' hash
amunpa ha itapila chi' kat
Achi tok ash chi' kasi' kash ita
ma tok yohmi' hash amunpa
slapa hemok ma jissulh toha
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pulla hokimli' achi' toko' pit
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ishit hangumashki' itibupishih'
sholitapama nitak kanioma kash
inli' kii' falumot ishlahokma
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te pisa hemlu hokama tokali' hokimli'
yohmi' kii' ama yokash chi' ti' kii'
Amo halokpe' u' u' li' tok u' ish
hoklu hem tokali' chi' shki' ohmi' li'
shki' ohli' itibupishih' ma chi' tok
ka set chi' bafayuh kat chi' pila
hunchi' hokma ish falumot ishlahi'
chi' chila ohmi' shki' Cuenelex Hoto be

13 Septemba 1904
Rev. S. E. Holmes

ami himoka Sio Chotema ka mama
hash benilit unampu Lawa Kiyau
ka pit chimaleski. Yohmi kat itiba
Pishili ~~Maat~~ ~~Stae~~ i Choker
Chishok tala ilopoko ohan tala toka
hashi uchoffa utampu ho chan tala
Choku itebi Sotoma toka chan tala
Chatok himoka itama ha chita per
by tian asha chi ho Ayituna ha
ilapa hatate ut atokale Lawa fihna
hash mayu beka ho okela imayo
Septemba Mitok hallo u tuchina
chi thustay ya itofumat chi ho
mayu hoki. Choku Lokali ilapa
obika Lawa fihna tokash himoka no
yokopa Chohmi hokin li oho a Belly
Jpekuan okilla hash tuna hi
Kiyau ka amma Aho a ho mayu
hoki Yohmi kat Mitok Chikasi kash
Shihok tohu Ayituna billinkasi
yamma laeles Jhuus u chi ho
ohantu chatak yammam obiku chi kati
fihna ho illi tok Mitok hallo nakfish
ash ohli himanasi ka haliso
pisa chi Mission School apih li chi
tok ~~aldu~~ Mitok tuchina kash yohmi
ho himok mantay ya haliso pisat
ish mayu chi pulu ilohmi hoki

Chishoktok elapat itarraha uchokoma
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 kiyu ku tokali ho Pihinsali chatok
 oklu iti hashuya ohoba ha Pihinsa
 li kat ulpisa skimoharu aihli
 chatok yohmi opowuchit koliso
 foki tok ut ashu yohani ma yamma
 ko oklu asanali hotokolci yohmi
 ka iti bapishi Serr Jyer a ima
 Chilikut ilapoka achili Tok vbanampa
 hat mana a fihru mana ishahli
 ilapa ma katohme ho oroksi ka
 hash hohlu chi cho hotok ut Chokfi
 a opawa mat ka fisa cho ka katoh
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 Chikus klavst ut ohanchi mat
 anma yokash Chokfalhu ba Apisa
 Chi a Chokma sin hoki Ananchi tok
 kiyu ho ohmili hoki opisu chi ut
 kasha hokana Kanishani kakash
 haffanta hi kiyu yamma keri ho
 itilawi hoki hemanabi ka vbanampa
 hoklo bana kat ilapa ayasha kiu mana
 kiu isokhanklo kasha ho itilawi
 ho Pihinsali kat Sarokhanklo
 fihru hoki ima hanchi hi toka yamma
 aihli ku vbanampa hat tokali kat
 uchokma fihru ho oklu mayu ho
 emayu hoki illitibapishi Serr Jyer
 ut mana vmmama Chokmi oroksi ho

Septembru 3 1904

Rere S. E. Hatema
hemunasi ka che holi'so
Chili' kut ilapoko Abali'
Shki' hatak ut Ahantu
maha faksimut anampa
okpala ut unna tulu he
bana hatak oku himoka
unampa aihli Kiyu Kiu
Janatulu hakh. ohantuli
beka haki yohani' kut
ohayo hoka unampa
Lawu Chinto aihli
hakh ishlu Soma Taya
la ho Ahantuli' haki'
ohayo Emma Hart

hokchifo gannat
guel Waca imohayo
ilapoka anampa hat
ish tu siwa tayru lu⁵
Ahamtali kat kolla
fepna Ahamtali hoki
ohli ho anampailapat
ish tu siwa tobu hokata
aiohli hoki gohmi mat
Tanne Aama imohayo
aiuna ho anampa
ish tu siwa tayru lu
hokir li kai gannan
na siwa halaya kiya
kat aihli

ohli anampa hat
ilapok bano ho chi
mu li ka ilapoka achi
kat aihli achi kat
Emma yana ishi li
kat aihli mokli
hoki

chekame
leamulis Hotoke

Department of Justice
United States Penitentiary
Atlanta, Ga.

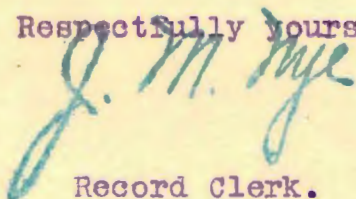
September 6th. 1904.

Mr. Coenalis Hotohe,
Bennington, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed you will find two letters written by you and directed to S. E. Hotema an inmate of this Penitentiary. These letters are returned to you as no letters are delivered to prisoners that are not written in the English language. If you will write the letters in English and return them they will be delivered.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "J. M. Mye". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Record Clerk.

Instructions to Friends:

Prisoners will be permitted to receive the following articles from friends; Weekly newspapers, religious books and papers, magazines, family photographs, pinⁿ towels, comb, brush, tooth powders, a small round hand mirror. Money may be sent to prisoners by draft or postal order. Money so sent will be kept in the office to the prisoner's credit and paid to him upon his release, or it may be sent on his order, upon approval of the Warden to relatives or friends. No article except those above mentioned will be admitted. All letters to prisoners should be addressed in care U. S. PENITENTIARY, Atlanta Ga.

Instructions to Prisoners:

Write plainly. Confine all letters strictly to family, friendly or business matters. Prisoners in first grade may write once in two weeks and prisoners in second grade, once in four weeks. Prisoners in third grade are not permitted to write to any person.

PUT FULL ADDRESS OF YOUR LETTER HERE: GIVE TOWN, COUNTY AND STATE. [STREET AND NUMBER IN CITIES.]

Name Rev. S. L. Bacon

No. _____ Street.

Town Hugo

County Choctaw Nation

State Ind Terry

PUT YOUR NAME AND REGISTER NUMBER HERE:

Name S. E. Koteena

Register No. 483

Jan 15th 1907

My Dear Brother,

I desire to have a long talk with you today but must say, it is impossible with pen and Ink. I am still alive today as a living monument and evidence of God's great love for sinners, it will be 2 years the 23rd of this month since have been placed in this prison and although do not feel deserve it am thankful to say that according to His mercy have not been sick, and in good health and getting along very well under the circumstances and truly hope that you and yours are the same. Have learned through the So. western Pres. of your ordination and installation for gospel ministry and I herewith congratulate you and pray that the Lord may prolong your days in His service and bless you. Read the 2nd Tim 4 Ch- 2- to 5 inclusive. I also regret to learned that the Lord has called our dear

Brother W. C. Wilson to rest from his labors.
Dear Brother, seek the Lord's guidance in
all your undertakings, let Christ be all
in all, and also do all you can for our
friends in temporal things under the
New order of things. 87 Prisoners from
the Territory come here on the 6th instant
the 7 of which were Indians but don't
know any of them. Charley Turnbull
who used to live about Lake west was
among the crowd. We are having a plenty
of bad weather since the first of the month.
Rain, sleet, bluster, and most of the time
the ground is frozen, various details
sometime had to stop. In clearing for
improvement they hauled a lot of logs
near the tool house, which reminds me
of my home, as you know I would always
have a lot of fire wood piled up around
the house, but don't know how my family
are, these bad weather. Address your
letter c/o William H. Moyer as the rules
requires instead of U.S. Penitentiary
and tell friends how to address their's
May the Lord be with and bless you and
yours. Your brother in Christ
S. E. Hotema

Received by Mail, ~~Express, Freight, Messenger~~

Atlanta, Ga.,

Aug-17 1905

The following articles for Convict

S. Hotema

No. 483

1 Choctaw Testaments

Sent to Deputy Warden's Office by No.

732 Fletcher

Ordered: _____

Deliver to the Convict _____

~~Return to sender inadmissible~~ _____

~~Hold until Convict's discharge~~ _____

~~Destroy perishable and inadmissible~~ _____

F. A. Chappell
Capt of watch

Deputy Warden.

Received the above,

Solomon Hotema

No. 483

Witness to above signature, or _____

Disposition ordered by the Deputy Warden fully explained to the Convict.

Send this paper to the Record Clerk.

Guard.

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY.

Received by Mail, ~~Express, Freight, Messenger~~

Atlanta, Ga.,

Aug-11 1905

The following articles for Convict

Solomon Hotema

No. 483

1 Choctaw Hymn book

1 Universal Salvation of Infants book by Calvin et al.

Sent to Deputy Warden's Office by No.

732 Fletcher

Ordered: _____

Deliver to the Convict _____

~~Return to sender inadmissible~~ _____

~~Hold until Convict's discharge~~ _____

~~Destroy perishable and inadmissible~~ _____

F. A. Chappell
Capt Deputy Warden.

Received the above,

Solomon Hotema

No. 483

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Send this paper to the Record Clerk.

Guard.

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY.

Received by Mail, ~~Express, Freight, Messenger~~

Atlanta, Ga.,

Nov-20 1905

The following articles for Convict

Solomon Hotema

No. 483

1 Choctaw Spelling book

Sent to Deputy Warden's Office by No.

732 J. M. Nye

Ordered: _____

Deliver to the Convict _____

~~Return to sender inadmissible~~ _____

~~Hold until Convict's discharge~~ _____

~~Destroy perishable and inadmissible~~ _____

C. C. McClung
Deputy Warden.

Received the above,

Solomon Hotema

No. 483

Witness to above signature, or _____

Disposition ordered by the Deputy Warden fully explained to the Convict.

Send this paper to the Record Clerk.

Guard.

I. L. STRANGE

C. G. BOZARTH

STRANGE & BOZARTH
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
OFFICE SECOND FLOOR WRIGHT BLDG.
HUGO, OKLAHOMA.

May 16, 1918.

U. S. Penitentiary,
Atlanta, Georgia,
Gentlemen:

About 1899 or 1900 one Solomon Hotema, a Choctaw Indian, was sent to the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia to serve a term for murder.

In connection with other matters pending in Court here it is necessary for us to know the approximate date of his conviction.

Will you kindly furnish us with the date he was received at your institution; also any further information you may have which would tend to show or have a bearing on the date of his conviction, trial, etc.

I enclose a self addressed envelope for reply,

Respectfully,

C. G. Bozarth

#483

United States Penitentiary
RECEIVED
MAY 28 1918
RECEIVED
ATLANTA, GA.

Department of Justice

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

December 9, 1905.

The Deputy Warden:

In response to the request of Solomon Hotema, #483, for an interview with me in regard to the disposition of his body after death, please inform him that I will see him in my office tomorrow (Sunday) morning a half past eight o'clock.

Warden.

NOTE: Wishes his body shipped to Rev. J.P.Gibbons, Hugo, I.T.

FILE WITH PAPERS OF
NO. 483
WILLIAM H. MOYER,
Warden.

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Mr. Mayor, Warden

Please wish to have
an interview
with you, in
regard to dis-
position of my
body in case of
my death -

Solomon Sturmer

Respectfully transmitted to
the warden.

C. C. McLaughlin
Deputy Warden

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SICK CALL
 PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE
 LEAF No. 1
 AGE 51

No. 488
 NAME S. Hotuma
 UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA.

Life YEAR 1905
 SENTENCE: YRS. 5 MOS. — DAYS —
 DATE REC'D IN PENITENTIARY 1-23-03
 EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE —

PREVIOUS HISTORY

FAMILY HISTORY

| DATE | DIAGNOSIS | TREATMENT | REMARKS | DISPOSITION |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| Aug 14 | Corn | Rx 1 | | R. D. |
| 21 | " | Rx 1 | | " |
| 26 | " | Inspection | | " |
| Sept 1 | Insect bite (?) | Linniment - R22 - C.C.Rs | | " |
| 5 | Enlarged ^{left} axillary gland | Antiphlogistic | | " |
| 13 | do. | See Hoop chart | Recovered H.R. D. 10/20 (2 decayed with extr.) | Hoop |
| 13 | | | | |
| Oct 29 | Sore gums | sop. sol. Lintiment | | R. D. |
| Nov 6 | " | do. - syringe | | " |
| 9 | Corn | Corn medicine | | " |
| 18 | Constipation | Hq Cl 9 + V | | " |
| 22 | " | do | | " |
| Dec 9 | " | Salt | | " |
| 20 | Corn | Corn med | | " |
| JAN 15 1906 | Rheumatism | Linniment | | " |
| 21 | " | Elix S. S | | " |
| APR 15 1906 | " | Linniment | | " |
| 30 | Constipation ^{grippe} | Hq Cl - Glycerin sol | | " |
| JUN 6 1906 | Migraine | Hq Cl 9 + V | | " |
| 7 | " | S. D. Headache Salt | | " |
| 15 | Constipation | Hq Cl | | " |
| 29 | Rheumatism | Linniment | | " |

| DATE | DIAGNOSIS | TREATMENT | REMARKS | DISPOSITION |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------|---|-------------|
| JUN 28 1906 | Biliary colic | Hot Cl | | R.D. |
| 29 | Constip. | Salts | c. c. p. | , |
| SEP 8 1906 | Bronchitis | J Hot Cl | Tuber | , |
| 19 | Pulmonary Phthisis | See chart | From Hospital to Home 10/19/06 Died April 23rd, 1907 | Died |

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY.

Received by Mail, ~~Express, Freight, Messenger,~~

Atlanta, Ga., JAN 2 1906 19

The following articles for Convict

Solomon Notema

No. 483

1 Book (My King)

Sent to Deputy Warden's Office by No. 732

Myer

Ordered:

Deliver to the Convict

~~Return to sender inadmissible~~

~~Hold until Convict's discharge~~

~~Destroy perishable and inadmissible~~

C. C. McLaughrey
Deputy Warden

Received the above,

Solomon Notema

No. 483

Witness to above signature, or

Disposition ordered by the Deputy Warden fully explained to the Convict.

J. P. Tucker

Sent this paper to the Record Clerk.

Guard.

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY.

Received by Mail, ~~Express, Freight, Messenger,~~

Atlanta, Ga., Sept 2 1906

The following articles for Convict

Solomon Notema

No. 483

8 Paper Bound Religious Books

Sent to Deputy Warden's Office by No. 794

Willis Sharp

Ordered:

Deliver to Convict

~~Return to sender inadmissible~~

~~Hold until Convict's discharge~~

~~Destroy perishable and inadmissible~~

C. C. McLaughrey
Deputy Warden

Received the above,

Solomon Notema

No. 483

Witness to above signature, or

Disposition ordered by the Deputy Warden fully explained to the Convict.

G. P. Lane

Sent this paper to the Record Clerk.

Guard.

United States Penitentiary

ATLANTA, GA.

Persons desiring to visit prisoners must fill out and sign the following:

Date March 1, 1906.

Name of prisoner Solomon Stotema

Prisoner's Reg. No. 483

Related to prisoner as friend

H. Morris
Mrs. H. Morris VISITOR.

RESIDENCE 147 Capitol Ave.

Misses Morris
Mrs. Codrington
Miss Hughes
Stoutson

Approved. A. C. McLaughlin

WARDEN.

Time of visit 4:15 P.M.

Length of visit 25 minutes

S. Hawkins
GUARD.

WILLIAM H. MOYER,
WARDEN.
FRANK ROGERS,
CHIEF CLERK.

FNA

Department of Justice
United States Penitentiary
Atlanta, Ga.

October 3, 1906.

Estate of Dr. D. S. Arnold, D. D. S.,
Century Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

On July 2, 1906, I mailed to the late Dr. D. S. Arnold a check for \$13.50, \$12.50 of which was in payment for work and materials for Solomon Hotema, a prisoner in this Penitentiary. This amount of \$12.50 included payment of \$1.00 for pulling one tooth; \$1.50 for one filling, and \$10.00 for materials for plate. Hotema was to pay an additional \$10.00 when the plates were delivered satisfactorily fitted. These plates have never been delivered and it thus occurs that the estate of Dr. Arnold is indebted to Solomon Hotema in the sum of \$10.00, the amount advanced for materials.

If, however, the unfinished work of the late Dr. Arnold is to be transferred to some other dentist, then the plates can be finished and delivered to Hotema and the balance of \$10.00 which was to be paid when the plates were delivered and satisfactorily fitted will be paid by Hotema.

Please give this your attention and advise me.

Very respectfully,

Warden.

Department of Justice
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Dec 22. 06

Mr. McClaughey.
Deft Warden

Please - Have ad-
vanced the Dentist
the Ten Dollars for
the last June, but
have recently
heard that the Dentist
died. and now,
Mr. McClaughey
can you tell me
whether I could
recover that amt
or not.

Belamon Holmes

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Dec. 21-'06

Respectfully referred
to the warden

C. C. McLaughry
Deputy Warden

FNA

April 20, 1907.

Mrs. Nancy Hotema,

Anton, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It becomes my painful duty to inform you that your husband, Solomon Hotema, a prisoner in this penitentiary, is very seriously ill with very little, if any, hope that he will ever be any better. The nature of his disease (tuberculosis), and the progress it has made within the past few weeks, practically preclude the possibility of his recovery.

He is in our hospital and we are doing everything that possibly can be done for his relief, but we can do very little more than give him temporary relief. I advise you, therefore, that you may expect to hear news of his death at almost any time.

In case of his death, do you desire his body sent home, or would you prefer to have it buried in our cemetery? It can be prepared for shipment and sent to you at your expense, but I am not able to tell you what the expense would be.

Please let me hear from you on this subject.

Very respectfully,

Warden.

Department of Justice,
United States Penitentiary,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Reg. No. **483.**

Name, **Solomon Hotema.**

Alias, **S. K. Hotema.**

Date released, **April 23 rd. 1907.**

How released, **Death.**

Criminal History.

WILLIAM H. MOYER,
WARDEN.
FRANK ROGERS,
CHIEF CLERK.

Department of Justice
United States Penitentiary
Atlanta, Ga.

A. I. FOWLER,
PHYSICIAN.

April 24th, 1907.

Sir:

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This is to certify that Solomon Hotema, No. 483, a
patient in the Tuberculosis hospital, died last night at
10 o'clock of phthisis pulmonalis.

Respectfully,

A. I. Fowler
Physician.

The Warden.

Nancy Hotema
Lenton Ind.

Mr William H. Meyer
Atlanta
Ga

Lenton Ind. Ind.
4/24/07.

William H. Meyer.

of Solomon
Hotema should die I want his
remains sent to Grant Ind. Ind.

Nancy Hotema

Old Goodland Boarding School,

S. L. BACON, SUPERINTENDENT

HUGO, I. T. April 25, 1907

Mr William A. Meyer
Atlanta
Ga.

Sir,

I received a sad news from you, about my husband being very low. In reply would say, If he died, I want him to send to me, at Hugo. If for his own expense, I send Fifty Dollars one time and Seventy five Dollars another time. I think he has enough money to be send home on. Do please inform me just as soon as you received this letter.

Yours Respectfully
Nancy H. Steen

FNA

April 26, 1907.

Mrs. Nancy Hotema, Executrix,
Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Referring to my letter of the 20th instant, I regret to advise you that your husband, Solomon Hotema, died in the hospital of this penitentiary at 10:00 o'clock P.M., April 23, 1907. Within a half hour after his death I telegraphed you and asked if you desired his body returned to you. To this time I have received no reply, either to the letter or to the telegram; and it becomes my further duty to advise you that he was buried in the prison cemetery at this institution at 4:00 o'clock yesterday after-noon.

I enclose herewith a will which he executed in the presence of three witnesses at this penitentiary on April 22, 1907, and in which he appoints you executrix. I am sending a copy of this will to Rev. J. R. Gibbons, Hugo, Indian Territory, as requested in his letter.

At the time of his death he had to his credit on the books of this penitentiary \$78.90, which he directs shall be paid to you. I am enclosing receipts, in duplicate, for that amount and, if you will sign both of these and return them to me, I shall be pleased to send you a check covering the amount.

On the 24th instant I shipped a box by Southern Express, charges prepaid, addressed to Frank Hotema, Lenton, via Hugo,

Mrs. N. H.

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4/26/07.

Indian Territory, containing books, comb, brush, and other small articles which were the property of Solomon Hotema. That is all the property he had in our possession, excepting the cash balance, which will be paid to you upon receipt of the enclosed vouchers. If the box does not arrive, please notify me and I will have it traced for you.

Very respectfully,

Warden.

FNA

April 26, 1907.

Rev. J. R. Gibbons,
Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear sir:

Pursuant to the request of Solomon Hotema, who died in the hospital of this penitentiary at 10:00 o'clock P.M., April 23, 1907, I am enclosing to you a carbon copy of his will, which was executed in the presence of three witnesses at this penitentiary on April 22, 1907. The original will has been sent by me this day to Mrs. Nancy Hotema, executrix, Lenton, Indian Territory.

Please acknowledge receipt of this copy.

Very respectfully,

Warden.

Received in Warden's Office
8 pm April 27, 1907 -
Body buried at 4 pm Apr.
25, 1907.

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Mr William H. M.
U.S. Penitentiary
Atlanta
Ga.

Hugo May 1st 1907

Mr William H. Moyer
Atlanta
Ga

Dear friend

The carbon
copy of the will of
Solomon Hotema
received in good
order Respectfully
yours J. P. Gibbons

FNA

May 31, 1907.

Mrs. Nancy Hotema,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Madam:

Enclosed herewith is check for \$78.90, this being the full amount of money in my hands belonging to Solomon Hotema at the time of his death.

Respectfully,

Warden.

The Southeastern Freight Association.

E. H. Hinton,
Chairman.

Office of the Chairman,

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16th, 1907

Mr. William H. Moyer,
Warden, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.
Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of Oct. 3rd, 1906 addressed to the Estate of Dr. D. S. Arnold, D.D.S., Century Building, Atlanta, Ga., and to telephone conversation and my visit to your Chief Clerk a short time since.

I enclose herewith my check as Administrator on the ^{Third} ~~Atlanta~~ National Bank for \$10.00 on account of an advanced payment for that amount made in behalf of Solomon Hotema for materials for a plate which was not completed on account of the death of Dr. Arnold.

I will appreciate it if you will kindly take care of the lathe left by Dr. Arnold until such time as I can determine what disposition shall be made of it.

Kindly sign the attached receipt and return it to me, to oblige

Yours truly,

W. H. Halsey
Administrator.

425 Equitable Bldg

November 18, 1907.

Mrs. Nancy Hotema,

Linton, Oklahoma (I.T.).

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith is a check dated the 11th instant, numbered 32, signed by W.H.Halsey, Administrator, on the Third National Bank of Atlanta, payable to my order for Solomon Hotema, for ten dollars (\$10), which I have endorsed to the Administrator of the Estate of Solomon Hotema, or order.

Some time before his death, your husband employed Dr. D.S. Arnold, a dentist of Atlanta, to do some dental work for him, and paid him ten dollars in advance. Before the work could be done the dentist died. On October 3, 1906, I filed a claim for your husband for the amount advanced, and in the settlement of the estate of Dr. Arnold the claim was allowed and is paid by the enclosed check.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the enclosed check so that the records of this penitentiary will be complete.

Very respectfully,

Warden.

FNA

November 18, 1907.

W. H. Halsey, Esq.,
Administrator Estate of D. S. Arnold,
#425 Equitable Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing your check #32, dated the 11th instant, payable to my order, for Solomon Hotema, for \$10.00, and, in accordance with your wish, I have signed and herewith return the receipt, which was also enclosed. I will see that the amount reaches the administrator of the estate of Solomon Hotema.

I will also see that the lathe, or foot engine, left here by Dr. Arnold is taken care of until you direct its disposition.

Very respectfully,

Warden.

WILLIAM H. MOYER,
WARDEN.
FRANK ROGERS,
CHIEF CLERK.

Department of Justice
United States Penitentiary
Atlanta, Ga.

Received of William H. Moyer, Warden, United States
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, Seventy-Eight and 90/100 dollars,
this being the amount in his hands belonging to Solomon Hotema,
deceased.

Mrs. Nancy Hotema
Executrix of the Estate of Solomon Hotema,
deceased.

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WILLIAM H. MOYER,
WARDEN.
FRANK ROGERS,
CHIEF CLERK.

Department of Justice
United States Penitentiary
Atlanta, Ga.

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Mrs. Nancy Hotema X
Executrix of the Estate of Solomon Hotema,
deceased.

Department of Justice

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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The Warden, -

Hotmia is gradually losing ground and it may be advisable to inform his people that unless an unexpected change for the better occurs, he will not live very long.

Resps.

A. J. Fowler
Physician

GEORGE W. RICHARDSON,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
OFFICE IN DAVIS BUILDING
HUGO, OKLA.

March 15th, 1910.

Warden, Atlanta Prison.

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

I will thank you to advise me that if Soloman Hotema a full blood Choctaw Indian convicted of murder in the U.S. Court at Paris Texas some ten or twelve years ago and sent to the Penetentiary at Atlanta, is yet an inmate of your prison, if not do you know of his present whereabouts.

It has been rumored here, this being near the scene of the murder that he was pardoned by President McKinley: Again it is claimed by some that he is dead, and just recently certain News Paper reports have it that he is still an inmate of your prison but is dying from Tuberculosis.

I will thank you very much for any information you may give me relative to him.

Thanking you in advance for any information relative to this inquiry, I am.

Yours very truly,

Geo. W. Richardson

- Dr. Edward M. Green -

NELSON & HALE

NOTARY PUBLIC
IN OFFICE

LAWYERS
HUGO, OKLAHOMA.

PHONE NO. 233
ROOMS 38, 36, 37
BRADER BLDG.

March 15th 1910.

Warden of the U S Penitentiary.

Atlanta Georgia.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herein a newspaper clipping, which will no doubt be self explanatory to you: However, I write to ask whether or not Solomon Hotema is now confined in the prison there, or is he in fact dead?....

Will you kindly advise me in regard to this matter..

Yours respectfully.

J. J. Terry
Hugo, Oklahoma.

FNA

March 17, 1910.

George W. Richardson, Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
Hugo, Oklahoma.

Dear sir:

Replying to the question contained in your letter of the 15th instant, I advise you that Solomon Hotema died in the tuberculosis hospital at this penitentiary on April 23, 1907.

Very respectfully,

Warden.

FNA

March 17, 1910.

Mr. J. J. Terry,

Hugo, Oklahoma.

Dear sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant, with which you enclosed a newspaper clipping saying that Hotema is not dead, and ask me whether or not he is confined in this prison, I advise you that Solomon Hotema died in the tuberculosis hospital at this penitentiary on April 23, 1907.

Very respectfully,

Warden.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF PRISONS
INTRA-BUREAU CORRESPONDENCE

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

TO: Warden, Premises

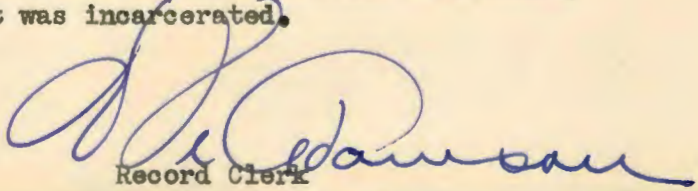
Date:

RE: SOLOMON HOTEWA, No. 483

IN REPLY REFER TO: Record Clerk

Solomon Hotema, a Choctaw indian, was received at this institution January 23, 1903, by transfer from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Subject was 51 years of age upon commitment to Atlanta. Originally, he was convicted of Murder in the Eastern District of Texas, Paris, Texas, on November 29, 1901, and was sentenced to hang February 14, 1902. Subject sued for a writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the judgment of the lower court was confirmed, the second date of the execution being set for December 5, 1902. On October 28, 1902, his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, by President Roosevelt, who designated the United States penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, as the place of imprisonment. On account of his physical condition, the Attorney General changed Hotema's place of confinement to the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, to which institution subject was transferred. Hotema died of Tuberculosis in this institution on April 23, 1907, and was buried in the institution cemetery on April 25, 1907.

Subject's file contains little more of interest other than the fact that it appears that the Paris, Texas, "News" was interested in the case of this inmate, as is indicated by one brief clipping from that publication contained in the files. No doubt a search of the files of that publication would reveal the offense and full details surrounding the offense for which this subject was incarcerated.


Record Clerk

Warden, Prisons

SOLOMON HOTEM, No. 483

Record Clerk

Solomon Hotem, a Cheatew Indian, was received at this institution January 23, 1903, by transfer from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Subject was 51 years of age upon commitment to Atlanta. Originally, he was convicted of Murder in the Eastern District of Texas, Paris, Texas, on November 29, 1901, and was sentenced to hang February 14, 1902. Subject sued for a writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the judgment of the lower court was confirmed, the second date of the execution being set for December 5, 1902. On October 26, 1902, his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, by President Roosevelt, who designated the United States penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, as the place of imprisonment. On account of his physical condition, the Attorney General changed Hotem's place of confinement to the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, to which institution subject was transferred. Hotem died of Tuberculosis in this institution on April 28, 1907, and was buried in the institution cemetery on April 25, 1907.

Subject's file contains little more of interest other than the fact that it appears that the Paris, Texas, "News" was interested in the case of this inmate, as is indicated by one brief clipping from that publication contained in the files. No doubt a search of the files of that publication would reveal the offense and full details surrounding the offense for which this subject was incarcerated.

Record Clerk

TJ

May 18, 1918.

Mr. C. G. Bezarth,
Attorney at Law,
Hugo, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I have your communication of the 16th, instant, asking for certain data in regard to one Solomon Hotema, a Choctaw Indian, who was sentenced to life imprisonment at this Institution for murder.

In response to your communication I beg to advise you that Solomon Hotema was received at this Penitentiary on January 23rd, 1903, and from our records on file here it appears that this man was convicted of murder in the Eastern District of Texas, and on November 29th, 1901, he was sentenced to hang on February 14th, 1902, after which he sued for a writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the judgment of the lower court was confirmed, and he was again sentenced to hang on December 5th, 1902, but on October 26th, 1902, this sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by President Roosevelt, who designated as a place of confinement the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, but on account of the physical condition of this prisoner on November 26th, 1902, the Attorney General changed the place of confinement to the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

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C. G. Bozarth, 5/18/18.

Further than this I am unable to give you any information regarding his case except that this prisoner died at this Institution from Tuberculosis on April 23rd, 1907.

Respectfully,

FOR THE WARDEN,

Chief Clerk.

Solomon Hotema 483-a

Glyde Carley

P. O. BOX 1521

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

April 20, 1940

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JOSEPH W. SANFORD,
WARDEN.

Received
WARDEN'S OFFICE

APR 23 1940

The Warden
Federal Prison
Atlanta, Georgia

STATE PENITENTIARY
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

4-23-40

As a free-lance writer and amateur historian, I am gathering a historical article for a magazine on the Reverend Solomon Hotema and his career. I am sure you can help me in this, if you will.

Hotema was a Choctaw Indian of considerable education, and an ordained Presbyterian minister. He preached and also organized a very worthwhile school at a place called Cold Springs, near Hugo, Oklahoma, about the year 1899. During that year he was involved in the killing of some Indians who were suspected of "witchcraft", and after trial was sent to the prison at Atlanta, condemned to death.

President Theodore Roosevelt later commuted his sentence to life imprisonment, and according to what records I have, Hotema died of tuberculosis in Atlanta Prison in 1907.

Are there any records on Hotema still among your files, or any pictures? If so, can you suggest any way that I might inspect the records and pictures (short of a trip to Atlanta), that would guarantee their return to you intact? Might you not send them in care of the U.S. District Attorney here in Tulsa? Can you say what Government agency or department in Washington might have records on Hotema? Do you have pictures of the Atlanta Prison as it appeared in 1907 or thereabout, and do you have any picture of the prison cemetery, where I understand Hotema was buried in an unmarked grave?

Please pardon my flock of questions, but this is really quite important to me. Won't you kindly let me hear from you? I would be glad to pay any reasonable cost of having records typed, photostats made, etc.

Sincerely,

Glyde Carley

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JOSEPH W SANFORD,
WARDEN.

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Let me see
the file

JWS

Please furnish file
for the Warden
—vsa

Glyde Carley

P. O. BOX 1521

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

May 6, 1940

Received
WARDEN'S OFFICE
MAY 9 - 1940
U. S. PENITENTIARY
Atlanta, Ga.

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WARDEN

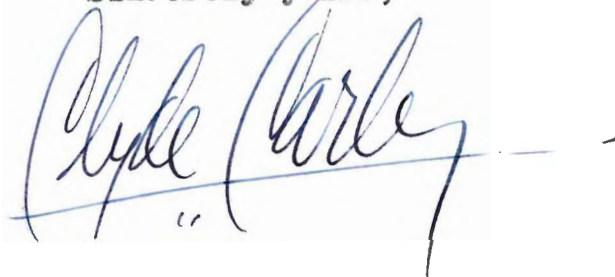
The Warden
Federal Prison
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Won't you kindly reply to my letter of
April 20, 1940, with regard to the Reverend Solomon
Hotema, who was serving a life sentence in your
institution until he died in 1907?

Your courtesy will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



The Adams

Give me
necessary info-
on this man

CONFIDENTIAL
MAY 8 - 1943
JOSEPH W. SANFORD,
WARDEN.

May 10, 1940

Released

Mr. Clyde Carley
P. O. Box 1521
Tulsa, Oklahoma

WARDEN'S OFFICE
To CENTRAL FILE

RE: Solomon Hotema, No. 403-A

Date MAY 10 1940

By JWS

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of April 20, 1940 requesting information and photographs of the institution, etc., and also your follow up letter of May 6, 1940. Reply to your letter was delayed because of the necessity of searching our records and obtaining information from the vault where old records are stored.

The records of this institution show Solomon Hotema, a Choctaw Indian, was received at this institution on January 23, 1903 by transfer from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Subject was 51 years of age upon commitment to Atlanta. He was convicted of murder in the Eastern District of Texas, Paris, Texas, on November 29, 1901 and was sentenced to hang February 14, 1902. His sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and this institution designated as the place of confinement. The records further indicate that subject died at this institution on April 23, 1907 and was buried in the institution cemetery. If you require further information it is suggested that you write the Director, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

I may say in answer to your inquiry that there is little information that we can supply. No pictures of the Atlanta Prison as it appeared in 1907 or thereabouts are available. No picture of the prison cemetery is available. It appears, however, that a newspaper published in Paris, Texas, "The News," was interested in Hotema's case and it is possible that reference to the files of this publication may be of assistance to you. //

Yours very truly,

Joseph W. Sanford
Warden

JWS:PPC
CC: Director

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Frances Imon

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WARDEN'S OFFICE

HUGO, OKLAHOMA 74743

May 16, 1967

Warden's Office
Federal Penitentiary
Atlanta, Georgia

483-A (Rel) *Don Sam*
Don't all such
info confidential
when newspaper asks, etc)

RE: Solomon E. Hotema

Gentlemen:

I am seeking to obtain any and all information possible pertaining to a fullblood Choctaw Indian by the name of SOLOMON HOTEWA who was committed to the Atlanta Penitentiary in expiation of the crime of murder which was committed on April 14, 1899.

See

I do not have committment date but I do have record that he died there and was buried in the penitentiary cemetery in or about April, 1907.

Any information you have is desired and, if there are charges, they will be paid gladly upon receipt of amount and information available.

Quantity of information can't be too small or too large.

Yours very truly,

Frances Imon

Frances Imon
Box 5
Hugo, Oklahoma 74743

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PAROLE OFFICE
MAY 23 1967
U. S. PENITENTIARY
Atlanta, Ga.

May 31, 1967

Miss Frances Imon
Box 5
Hugo, Oklahoma 74743

Re: Solomon Hotema
Reg. No. 483-A
(Deceased)

E. Pt.

Dear Miss Imon:

Records of former prisoners as old as the one about which you have inquired contain little data except statistical information. Even so, we could only furnish record data in response to ~~an inquiry of the kind you have written.~~ *your*

The records of this institution show Solomon Hotema, a Choctaw Indian, was received at this institution on January 23, 1903 by transfer from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. He was 51 years old upon commitment to Atlanta.

Hotema was convicted of murder in the Eastern District of Texas at Paris, Texas on November 29, 1901 and was sentenced to hang February 14, 1902. His sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and this institution was designated as the place of confinement.

The records further indicate that Hotema died at this institution April 23, 1907 and was buried in the institution cemetery.

It appears that a newspaper published in Paris, Texas, "The News", was interested in Hotema's case and it is possible that reference to the files of this publication may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

O. G. Blackwell
Warden

*J.P.
O.P.*

SLC:VD

Advisory Asst.
U. S. Penitentiary Atlanta, Ga.
TO CENTRAL FILE

MAY 31 1967

BY *pc*

Frances Imon

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June 3, 1967 WARDEN'S OFFICE
E. P. A.

Mr. O. G. Blackwell, Warden
United States Penitentiary
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

RE: Solomon Hotema, Deceased
Reg. No. 483-A

Dear Mr. Blackwell:
Your letter dated May 31 covering the above named prisoner
supplied considerable help and I want to thank you.

The dates of admission, age at time of commitment, conviction
and sentence date all ~~xxx~~ are vital parts of my research.

In research---I call it "window peeping on the past"-----there
is nothing too apparently insignificant for examination and
it usually fits in somewhere.

And your tip to examine the files of the Paris, Texas, News
is great because in my freelance operation I sell them a
good deal of copy and one of their employes and I are
colaborating in the Hotema research with the thought of
writing a book, Hotema's "witch executions" apparently being
the last in the Choctaw Nation and Indian Territory----perhaps
they were the last on the North American continent.

In the event we publish you shall have a complimentary copy
autographed yet by the authors!

Thank you, again, for your help.

Yours very sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Frances Imon

Frances Imon
Box 55
Hugo, Oklahoma 74743

RECEIVED

JUN 7 - 1967

RECORD OFFICE
U. S. PENITENTIARY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

RECEIVED
PAROLE OFFICE

JUN 7 1967

U. S. PENITENTIARY
Atlanta, Ga.

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Durant, Oklahoma 74701

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FEB 22 1971

WARDEN'S OFFICE

February 16, 1971

*Asst
Ch C & J
I am interested in
our response
JM*

The Warden
Federal Penitentiary
Atlanta, Georgia 30300

483-A (Rel.)

Dear Sir:

If your records concerning "Judgment and Commitment" go back as far as 1903, I would like to secure copies of such papers for an inmate named Solomon E. Hotema. He was a Choctaw Indian, first sentenced to death for murder at a trial in the Eastern District of Texas at Paris, Texas, in the winter of 1901-1902. His sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, however, by Theodore Roosevelt.

His personal letters in my possession indicate that he arrived in Atlanta in January or February, 1903, and that he died in prison in "late April", 1907. If the records still exist, I would appreciate securing Xerox copies of them and would, of course, pay any necessary costs.

Thank you for any assistance you can give me.

Very truly yours,

James D Morrison
James D. Morrison
Professor of History

JDM:sa

March 2, 1971

Mr. James D. Morrison
Professor of History
Social Science Department
Southeastern State College
Durant, Oklahoma 74701

RE: HOPEMA, Solomon E.
Reg. No. 483-A
(Deceased)

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Records of former prisoners as old as the one about which you have inquired contain little data except statistical information. Even so, we could only furnish record data in response to your inquiry.

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Mr. James D. Morrison
Durant, Oklahoma

March 2, 1971
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Sincerely yours,

J. J. CLARK
Warden

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PAROLE OFFICE
TO CENTRAL FILE

MAR 2 1971

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