

Kansas City Mo. Novr 26th 1867.

Hon^{ble} J. C. Browning. Secy. Interior



Dear Sir

I have just learned that a Deed from Sallie
Bailey, to some parties in Johnson County, whose
names I have been unable to learn (as it is kept
dark) to some part or all of the Lands patented
to Frank E. Bailey, by the U. S. Govt. under treaty
of May 1854, are now or will be attempted
to have ^{approved} ratified, by the Comr & Secy. of the Interior
to which I solemnly protest against, for reasons
hereinafter stated.

The Lands patented to Frank E. Bailey are
an adopted Shawnee. The head of a family consist^g
of himself, Sallie Bailey & John H. Bailey, are these

3 1/2 of S W 1/4 Sec 4.	Tp 13 R 25	} F. E. Bailey allotment
W 1/2 of S E 1/4 " 4	" " " "	
N E 1/4 of N W 1/4 " 9	" " " "	

W 1/2 of S W 1/4 " 9	Tp 13 " 25	} Sallie Bailey allotment
N 1/2 of N E 1/4 " 8	" " " "	
S E 1/4 of A W 1/4 " 9	" " " "	

S E 1/4 Sec 5	Tp 13. R 25	} John H. Bailey allotment
S W 1/4 of S W 1/4 " 4	" " " "	

The two, first, above described, 200 acre lots
to wit allotment of F. E. Bailey & Sallie Bailey
was sold to Ezra Hookman, and a warranty
Deed, made, by said F. E. Bailey & wife Sallie

in Nov 1857. for which said Hickman paid Bailey
\$10. p acre. \$4000. in Merchandise at cash prices
said deed was ack before a civil officer, & recorded
in Johnson County. Kan. in same month & year.
the Consideration pd was 25 pct more than the land
is worth to day. In addition in the fall of 1860
H. E. Bailey the Patentee of said land made out a deed
according to the Rules & Regulations of your office. to the
said 400 acres. before ^{designated before} Agt. Hanson. acknowledge same
Hanson made out Certificate. & Showers ~~affid~~
Certified as required. this deed with the accompanying
papers. was put in hands of Hickman who put
them in the hands of a party to be forwarded to
Washington. & were lost or mislaid. but the fact
can be established beyond question.

In 1864. H. E. Bailey. went to New Mexico & from
thence to California. in 1866 Sallie Bailey. obtained a
Divorce. from H. E. Bailey her husband on ground of
Neglectful absence. more than one year. & obtained a Decree
of Specific alimony to the last named 300 acres
of land. being the only property left.

at Last Term of Johnson County Del Ct. Feb 67
Sallie. Bailey. brought suit against her husband
H. E. Bailey & E. R. Hickman their Grantee to
modify the Decree of Alimony. set aside former
Conveyances. & Decree. same to her to which I as
Atty for Hickman interposed a Demurrer. which
was sustained. by the Court

on Ground that Ct had no Jurisdiction in
reversing a Decree of Divorce & Alimony & other
matters. I suppose they now wish to obtain
Secretly through your Department what they
fail to do here.

If your office should ever
hold the Conveyance, of H. E. Beily, wife to
Hickman to be irregular. It is covered by an actual
Deed made to same in 1860 according to Rules
at any rate. your office has & will
recognize the clear Equity of Hickman & our
sure will not. Act upon any Deed to
any other party, to that Land until the
whole facts are duly investigated.

We are willing to Submit the facts in the case
to your office & abide the issue

Do me the kindness to acknowledge receipt
of this & that the same is put on file in your
office

may also state that at same
time, in Nov 1857. Mrs Lish. conveyed to Hickman
his allotment, for \$2000. & consideration paid. Since
which time, Lish has had a Deed to 100 acres of it
approved in your office

Yours Respectfully & Truly

Wm Holmes

N.B. Can vouch for truth of all foregoing statements,
personally Wm Holmes