

Council Room } August. first. A.D. 1864

To The Honorable Secretary of the Interior
and Honble Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington City. D. C.

We The undersigned. Head chiefs, & members
of the Shawnee Council, of the "Shawnee
Tribe of Indians, in the State of Kansas
would respectfully represent the following
Reasons, which accompany Two Deeds sent
herewith, for approval. to induce you to depart
from the Rules & Regulations, to be observed
in conveyances by Shawnee Indians, adopted.

May. 27th 1861. And make the two cases
(To wit. Deed from Maria Suggett. Caroline
Leonatzer, and Samuel M. Leonatzer. Guardian for
Margarette W Boyle, ~~Sole Heirs~~, of James Suggett
deceased to the entire Tract. in said Suggett's Patent
and a deed from Jane Suggett. Sole Heir.
of Wm Suggett. Deceased, to the entire Tract
contained in said Wm Suggett's Patent. in said
deed described. 200 acres.) Exceptional cases
from the Rules, &c We therefore submit
the following facts.

1st in regard. To the 400 acres embraced in the
Deed. from M. Suggett. C. Leonatzer & S. M. Leonatzer
Guardians of M. W Boyle. Maria Suggett. the widow
of deceased. who Heirs 1/2 of the 400 acres. is an elderly
woman. having but one child living. Mrs Caroline
Leonatzer. wife of Samuel Leonatzer. with whom she

has been living since the decease of her husband
& must be dependent to a great extent upon the
kindness & good will of her daughter & son in law
for a home & protection. The Residence of her late
husband, & improvements connected therewith is
on the Land now owned as heir of ^{Wm} Suggett
Jame Suggett & is the same land in Deed from
Jane Suggett to Thomas Casad. both the mother
& sister in law refuse & say they never will live upon
the premises again. This notion is probably the result
of a Superstitious feeling created by the death of
several members of the family; & a Tragedy which
took place in the House during the raid in this war.
2nd The other two heirs in the conveyance of the 400
acres are Caroline Comatzer & Margarette M. Bayle
the former is the wife of S. M. Comatzer who is in
Independent Circumstances, Her husband being the
owner already of more land than he desires to
hold, & is a man of good habits & fine business capaci-
ty, the latter is a minor, and is a member of the
family of John Bayle who is her father & with whom she
lives, & who received Land in her father's Patent, her
mother now dead was a daughter of James Suggett
formerly wife of John Bayle who gave her a good home
3rd Said Land of 400 acres lies in such a form
and in such a relation to the 200 acres in James
Deed that it is not susceptible of division between
the 3 heirs without decreasing the relations

value. of Each. division. & Separating. the 400. acre lot from the 200. which. lies. enclosed. on three Sides by the 400. acres, it was all selected. as a complete Tract. together but. is incapable of Separation without. depreciating. the value of each Tract.

4th about $\frac{2}{5}$ of the Entire. Tract. of the 200. & 400 acre Tracts. is timber Land. & no one living on or near the Tract. having any interest. in preserving the standing & growing timber. there is a constant waste of the timber by. Trespassers

5th There are two dwelling. Houses. upon. the two Tracts. the old dwelling of deceased. stands. upon a part of the 400 acre Tract. with about a 2 acre lot fenced around. The new. & late dwelling of deceased. stands upon. the 200 acre ^{Tract} & about 60 acres. under fence. The latter House is a good frame House. These Houses have tenants occupying them but yielding no rent. Such is the insecurity now & has been. during the Rebellion. that. provident lessees. will not take leases. upon such property. paying rent. last year. one entire ~~string~~ ^{part} of the fence was burnt up by Prairie-fire. and there is a strong probability. that. the situation of the premises is such. that the tenements & rails. &c. ~~may be~~ destroyed by fire at any time. which probable event would depreciate the entire. Tract not less. than 25 per cent.

The 200 acre Tract. conveyed by Jane Suggs, wife
of Mon^{ie} Suggs, deceased. He died leaving Jane his
wife, & one child. ~~He died & left the child~~ ^{died} She inherits
as heir, the 200 acres. Her relation to the ~~estate~~ ^{Land} is
fully set forth in the general Statement, heretofore
made in the previous part of this paper. Its value
is greatly enhanced by its relation to the 400 acre
Tract, & it & that would both be less valuable
by Separation. Finally we are fully persua-
ded, it would be to the interest of each &
all the parties, for the Deeds to be approved
by the Department. And if it is thought
advisable by the Department, for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the
proceeds of the Land coming to Maria Suggs
and Jane Suggs, to be set apart, & safely
invested, on interest, secured by personal
& Land security. Such as the Department
would approve, it would meet the approbation
of the Council, & the parties. But we are
satisfied the present sale, sent for approval
will be for the best interests of the parties
All of which is respectfully Submitted

Charles Blugacket

Graham Rogers

Samuel Rogers

Charles Tucker

Wm Rogers, ^{his} Mark
Hose^{ts} & Silverheels
Joseph ^{part} White.

Matthew King & Map

Councilmen

I have read the above and
concur in the statement and
recommendation,

J. P. Bellhop.
U. S. Agent