

Kansas City Mo.

Orphan's Home Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1868-

Dr Doctor,

I have yours of the 14<sup>th</sup>  
enclosing copy of Col Davis' Letter.  
I took it to Mr Holmes - yesterday  
but could elicit nothing satis-  
factory - further than what has  
been written.

He says both deeds were sent  
at the same time - which  
I believe is the case - And that  
he followed the instructions with  
regard to it. It seems the  
copy of the letter you have of  
his - is the only one which he  
has rec'd from H. - relating  
to the Deed in question.

When I first got the old deed of John  
Martin - and found a mistake in it,  
(that is in the Township (12) when it  
should have been 11 - and not in the

range as Mr Holmes erroneously  
still contends) I took the matter  
to Dr Lykins who wrote & perhaps  
sent the old deed (by Mr Coats  
then on his way to Washington)  
to Mr Van Horn who was  
then then at that City. This (enclosed)  
letter came in reply. with the  
instructions for a new deed  
which instructions together with  
the old deed were handed by me  
to Mr W. Holmes - He then wrote  
out the new Deed and I had it  
properly signed by Jno Dougherty  
before the 15th at Desoto Kansas.  
He has misplaced the Instruc.  
tions and has not found them  
nor do I suppose they will be found.  
He still says nothing will be  
done unless some one is there  
at the City - when he knows by  
going to the Clerks you will

find both deeds with a Copy  
of the correspondence between them.  
He is not willing to get the  
matter up - and since he has  
seen the letter from Mr Davis -  
he has concluded to write them  
to send the deeds back here -  
so that they can take a 'fresh  
start'.  
He has no idea of being knocked  
out of his fee \$25 after keeping us  
out of the deed for over two  
years -  
So there may be some clashing  
if two persons write about  
the same thing - but may  
be it will only wake them  
up at Washington -  
If you have my letter written  
in Dec 1865 or perhaps in Nov - you will  
then learn positively what the mistake  
is in the Deed - I am very con-  
fident of being right.

Since writing the within - I exam-  
ined my memorandum book - & find  
the following.

1885

Nov 25. "Recd today the deed of Jno Dougherty  
from Mr Martin; passed it over to Mr  
Holmes for recording and finding out the  
Taxes."

Dec 14. Found mistake in deed and  
sent to Washington by Mr Coates to  
have it changed from Township 12.  
to 11.

This was done before I rec'd  
the instructions - and I know  
it to be correct. with regard to  
the mistake - you can hand the  
enclosed to The Col. & they <sup>at W.</sup> can  
trace the matter up at Washington.  
Let me know with what success  
at the same time I will keep you  
posted here -

Yours affectionately  
J. P. Gandon