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Baldwin City, Mo  
Feb 23, 69

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Inquires concerning  
Ostrander's Thurnes  
Land, he took claim  
in 1862

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Recd March 11, 69

*Almond*  
Royer

Land 109

Baldwin City Kansas

February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1869

Hon A. S. Taylor  
Washington }

Will you be kind  
enough to send me the records that  
has been patented on the Shawnee  
Absentee Tract? As I have a claim  
Town 14 S. R 20 E - Sec 24  
I am informed that patent issued  
on my claim to Jas Tiblow (the  
Indian) on April 20<sup>th</sup> 1867.

I am very anxious to know whether  
it is true or not, Please examine  
the Books & let me know - I took  
my claim in 1862 - Can the  
Indian select the land after his  
time was out according to Law?  
I have heard that my claim was  
sold to a speculator in Leaven-  
worth by the Indian through Agent  
Abbott at \$187½ per acre

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without my knowlege or I would  
buy this land - Now the speculator  
will not take less than \$10 per  
acre - It is bad for me  
I must lose my labor & improve-  
ment after 6 years work & time  
the speculators name is John C.  
Gruin - Has the Congress approved  
his title to this land?

I am Deaf Mute & am  
disappointed in getting home here  
for me & my family  
I am very anxious to hear about  
my claim - Please answer  
this as soon as you can

Respectfully yours

B. R. Nordyke

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