

Shawnee R 290  
Mr. E. G. Ross,  
Wash. D. C. May 2, 1868.

Enclosed letter of T. W. Warren,  
rel. to his occupation of certain  
Absentee Shawnee Lands, &  
improvements thereon; protests  
against issue of patent for  
same to Geo. Ironside, alleged  
Absentee Shawnee, who claims  
it.

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Hon. E. G. Ross.

Dear Sir -

I live on the Abanito

Shawnee Reserve, I am here ten years, and have got considerable improvements. A few years ago, one George Ironsides, a drunken worthless fellow, come here from Canada and claimed to be a Shawnee Indian, and selected the quarter section of land that I live on (N. E. 9<sup>th</sup> sec 7 - Town 14 - Range 21) he made two or three Applications for a Patent, but was refused each time, by the Indian Department, on the ground - I believe, that he was born and raised in Canada, and is a British Subject. The records in the Indian department will show the reason. As a last resort, he is giving Governor Shannon half the land, if he can get the Patent for him. Mathew King, who claims to be a Christian, is also helping Ironsides. He cannot get a patent by lawful means, but Shannon, King and others may get it for him, by some unlawful means.

or bribery, I would be likely to loose my home, and  
improvements. I think you could prevent the  
patent being issued: or help me in some way.  
I do not like to trouble you about such business, if  
I could help it, but you understand more about  
those reservations, and Indian business, than  
any other person in Washington, that I could write  
to — General Beatty that was recently elec-  
ted to Congress from Ohio, is a friend and  
relative of mine, and would willingly assist me  
in the matter, if it lay in his power to do so —  
I lived in Sandusky when you lived there —  
although not acquainted with you, I knew your  
Brother very well. Some of your friends in  
Sandusky, are also my friends and relatives,  
the Johnsons, and Beattys — Hoping to  
soon hear from you — I remain your Obedt<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. W. Warren

P. S. There is another family of the Ironsides,  
Cousins to George, who also made selections, all the  
ironside selections stand about the same, if one gets  
a patent, all will, and deprive several settlers  
of their homes and improvements —

J. W. W.