

Washington D.C.
April 28th 1869

The Graham Rogers and Charles Tucker the two Chiefs of the Shawnee Tribe of Indians in the State of Kansas do hereby certify that we are personally and well acquainted with William H. Booth, whose name appears in the accompanying papers, and that he is a white man, who married a Shawnee Indian Woman and by virtue of said marriage, had patented to him, as the head of a family, under the Treaty of May 10th 1854 Six hundred acres of Shawnee Indian land, being the selections for himself his wife Jane Booth and an Infant Child, and that said Booth has sold One hundred and twenty acres of said land, and immediately after the last payment of annuities to the Shawnees in January 1868 he abandoned his wife and children, went to New Mexico, and there married a Mexican woman, as he himself admits, upon which grounds, Mrs Jane Booth his late wife

filed her petition for divorce in the District Court of Johnson County, State of Kansas, and which said Court upon full hearing of said cause did find the allegations of said petition to be true and did on the 16th day of June A.D. 1865 decree a divorce of said parties, and by said decree did award as alimony to the said Jane Brook all the right title and interests of said William H. Brook in and to the portion of said Six hundred acres of land remaining unsold.

In order that the said decree may avail to the interest of said Jane Brook, and the title of William H. Brook may be extinguished, the the Chiefs aforesaid do act, that the Government as Guardian of the interests of our people, approve said decree, and thereby perfect the title of said Jane Brook to the remaining lands, as under existing rules and regulations, the said William H. Brook can dispose of said lands, and thereby defraud the said Jane Brook, and avoid the force of said decree,

The further state that Jane Brook aforesaid has now a large family, dependent upon her, and is without means for their support and

education, except as she can obtain
it from the avails of ~~the~~ lands above
mentioned

Graham Rogers First Chief
Charles Tucker Second Chief