

Shawnee No 356
James S. Wetmore
Neesh, July 4, 69

Asks for certificate
that certain deeds
from Sally Bailey
a Shawnee Indian,
to Saml Pitt, are
recorded and prop-
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The Honorary Attor-
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Office, 25th P. St
Washington D.C.
July 7, 1869

Col E. Parker

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.
Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, Power of Attorney in my favor from Samuel Pitt, and to state that said Pitt has purchased 600 acres of land from Sally Bailey, a Shawnee Indian.

A deed for 200 acres was made to Adelia Pitt, wife of Samuel Pitt, before the Indian Agent, for the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect 5. & S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect 4, T. 13, Range 25, (East 6th Prin^l meridian). This deed was approved by Secretary Browning March 1st 1869, but the approval was not recommended by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, as is customary.

The deed for the other 400 acres ~~to~~ Samuel Pitt was made at Olathe, Kansas, last fall, by Sally Bailey, for the N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 4, E.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 4, N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 9 and N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 8, T. 13, Range 25, made and acknowledged before the Probate Judge of Johnson County, Kansas, was a simple warranty deed, without any certificate from the Agent, Council, or Surveyor. The approval of H. F. Otto, Acty Secy, was obtained to this deed, Sept 29th 1868, but no recommendation of the approval from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs appears on the deed: hence, the approval of this deed over

is a breach of the Rules ^{and} Regulations governing the
sale of Indian Lands in Kansas.

Other parties claim to have an approved
deed for this same land. The Shawnee Agent
claims that Pitts deeds, as approved, are recorded
in the Books of the Indian Bureau. Mr Pitts
is not satisfied with the Agents statement, and
I therefore respectfully ask that I may be
furnished with a Certificate from the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs, that these deeds are recorded
and properly approved.

Very respectfully

Your obt servant,

James C. McGraw
Atty for Sam Pitts,