

Shawnee Agency

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1868

We Graham Rogers and Charles Tucker  
the two Chiefs of the Shawnee Tribe of Indians  
within said Agency in the State of Kansas  
do hereby certify that Thomas Big Knife  
the grantor mentioned in the accompanying  
deed is the identical person to whom the  
land in said deed was originally patented.  
that he is competent to manage his  
affairs and to dispose of his property  
and that we think it advisable that  
the land should be sold. He inheriting  
large tracts of lands from deceased  
relatives being crippled in his limb  
and incapacitated to do much manual  
labor the sale of the same would be  
to his benefit and comfort. We most  
respectfully ask that he be allowed to  
dispose of his property. As in mentioned

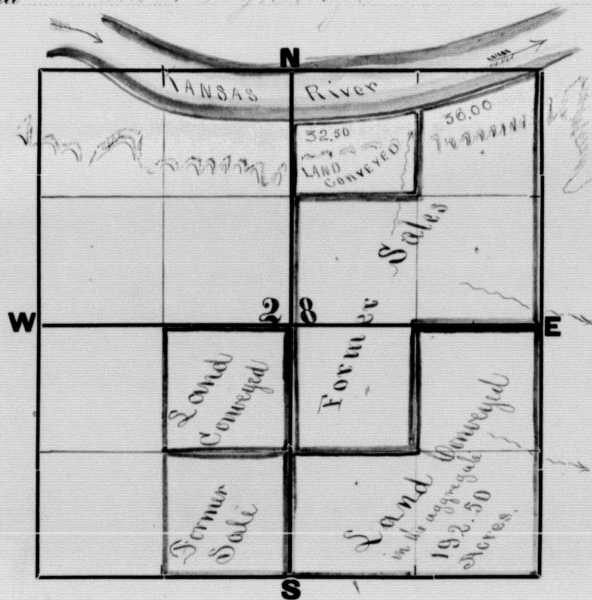
Graham Rogers 1<sup>st</sup> Chief  
Charles Tucker 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief

I H. L. Taylor, United States Agent for the  
Shawnee tribe of Indians in the State of Kansas,  
do hereby certify that the contents, purport and  
effect of the accompanying deed of conveyance  
made and executed by Thomas Big Knife,  
a Shawnee Indian was duly explained to  
and fully understood by the said grantor;  
that the consideration specified therein is  
a fair price for the land and the same  
has been paid to the grantor in my presence  
in Legal tender notes of the United States,  
that the conveyance is in every respect free  
from fraud and deception. I would  
further state that he is a man in my  
judgment every way competent to attend  
to his own affairs. He is still the  
possessor by inheritance of large tracts  
of land. In view of the above facts  
I would respectfully ask that the Rules  
and Regulations be relaxed so far as  
to permit the approval of the within  
deed.

H. L. Taylor  
US Ind Agent

# PLAT

Showing the Land Conveyed by *Thomas Bigknife*  
a *Shawnee Indian* to *Hamp. McBride*,  
also showing the Land previously conveyed in same Section  
by the said *Thomas Bigknife*



*The NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Sec 28*  
*" E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Sec 28*  
*" SW 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec 28*  
*" NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec 28 all in Town 11*  
*South Range 25 East of the Sixth Principal*  
*meridian in Kansas*  
*containing in the aggregate*  
*192.50<sup>100</sup> acres*

I, *Chester Ruthruff*, do hereby certify that the foregoing  
diagram is a correct plat of the land embraced in the accompanying Deed, made and executed by  
*Thomas Bigknife*, a *Shawnee Indian*; also, of the land  
previously sold by the said *Thomas Bigknife*

Dated this *1<sup>st</sup>* day of *December*, A. D. 186*8*.

*Chester Ruthruff* SURVEYOR.