

Shawnee Q341
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McKeesport, Pa.
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Reply to herico letter
w. J. J. & concerning
protest against
approval of peace
from Susan B. P. K.,
a Shawnee Indian

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Mecklin July 16th 1867

E. S. Parker

Sir your letter
of July 3rd has been received.
Stating that a deed for the
Susan Buck land has been deed^{ed}
to Corn Husse the 21st of April
I wish to state the manner in
which we bought the land and
as near as I can the way he bought
it & to know of you if we have
no claims of grievance.

First Susan Buck while living
sold a valuable tract of land
that claimed she was the sole
heir of her Brother to two men
in Kansas City afterward it
appeared that her Brother had
cohabited with a Shawnee
woman & she kind the land

according to Indian usage or
custom then about that time
Susan married a white man
and afterward died. The two
men spoken of went before the
Indian Council & proved up
their claim against Susan Beck's
estate the council gave them
the land in her own Patent & to
make their money out of it it
would amount to as much.

They accordingly went on ^{buy} advised
and sold it & had to ~~buy~~ it themselves
to save themselves. Afterward Major
Abbott their agent went and
offered them \$190 for the land for
one Tom Kennedy this refused to take
it but sold it to me for \$2500.
Some two years after I have owned
it three years or it has been that
long since I bought it. I should
have forwarded the original deed

to Washington for approval but
was told that the department
would not sign a deed for more
than one half the land until
a certain treaty then pending
between the Shawnees & the
United States was ratified.

I understand the parties who have bought
the land want to make me a Kipsome
speculator. I am not I bought it for
a home but when the war closed
I returned to Mo to look after my
property that had been almost
destroyed in my absence all my
buildings burned & fencing destroyed.
I am an unflinching Union man
from Ohio to Mo before the war
and had to leave Mo secretly to
save my life.

Now the way they brought will show
enough to satisfy any one I think
Tom Burr was one of the appraisers

when I bought it. Their whole proceedings were done in the most secret manner, until after their deed was approved, keeping it from the nearest neighbour, never going into Probate as is the law for minors. Not one dollar of the money paid which I have understood is contrary to the instructions of the Agent. My understanding is Josephine Buck is from six to ten years old.

I bought a piece of land of a minor Shavon. The Guardian had to be recommended by the council appointed by the Probate Judge. The land appraised. The sale approved by the Judge and Agent before I could get my deed that was in 1863. I just got my deed approved about 2 months ago by paying \$100.

I wish to know of you if you please whether the Sale to Hughes can be proven to be grandlarceny if it can or will be recalled and let the property revert back to the heir of Susan Buck if one should not be liable either. Also if you please if the sale to Hughes should stand whether or not I can stop my claim in his hands. It is but Justice and that is all I want. The three men I sold to have fenced all the land & broke over hay and built upon it. It looks like a man ought to have something for his labour. Please excuse the length of my letter it is very long but too short to explain the half. Please answer and very much oblige

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Your Most Obedient Servant
John B. Humphreys