

James B. Abbott  
Wash, June 11, 69

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Land 144

Washington D.C. June 17-1869

Sir

I herewith transmit, for the approval of the Secretary, of Interior Eleven Deeds of Conveyance as per schedule enclosed.

In submitting these deeds, it is proper to state, that the land embraced in the deeds made by Joseph Dix, was conveyed by Caleb Harvey to the same persons, under the supposition that he (Harvey) was the sole heir of Blackwitt. - But upon the return of Joseph Dix, the Grandson of Blackwitt, - and who was supposed to be dead, the purchasers from Harvey became alarmed, and the subject was referred to the Council. - Harvey acknowledged the Right of Dix to the land, and by the advice of the Council agreed to refund the money consideration to the purchasers, and Dix agreed to deed to each of the purchasers the land they had severally purchased of Harvey. -

But before Harvey could dispose of land sufficient to realize the sum required, to refund to the purchasers, he was taken sick and died. The only course left by which justice could be done to all parties, was to administer upon the Estate of Harvey, and all interested parties have expressed themselves well satisfied with the results.

It will be seen by the records in your Office, that some of the deeds made by Harvey as heir of Blackwitt, have been approved by the Secretary; -

but as the land embraced in said approved deeds is conveyed to the same parties by Dip, I am led to think that there can be no difficulty in approving the Dip deeds.

Owing to the long, and tedious suspense experienced by the purchasers, aggravated by the fact that they are all men of limited means, I most respectfully ask for them, an easy, and favorable consideration of the deeds herewith transmitted.

Very Respectfully  
Your O<sup>b</sup>t. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Jas B. Allen

Wm. E. Parker

Comm. Ind. Affairs

Washington D.C.

Schedule of 14 Shawnee Indian Goods transmitted  
for Approval in letter to Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
by James D. Abbott, June 17. 1869.

Martha & John M. Reed	to	<del>St. J. Murphy</del>
<del>William R. Doshman</del>	"	<del>Christian Strebel</del>
Heir of Blackwell	"	William R. Rutter
" " Blackwell	"	James Ritchie
" " Blackwell	"	A. J. Donnelly
" " Blackwell	"	A. W. Matthews
" " Blackwell	"	Scott & Rudy
" " Blackwell	"	William R. Rutter
" " Blackwell	"	William R. Rutter
" " Blackwell	"	Thomas Lindley
Estate of Caleb Harvey	"	J. A. Fletcher
" " Caleb Harvey	"	James Berkshire
" " Caleb Harvey	"	Robert Connor



# SHAWNEE AGENCY.

*H. S. Taylor*  
 I, **James B. Abbott**, 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

*Joseph Dit*  
 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, that the same has been Paid to the grantor in my Presence in

*Legal tender notes* of the United States, and that the conveyance is, in every respect free from fraud and deception.

Witness my hand this *2<sup>th</sup>*

day of *December* A. D., 1868

*H. S. Taylor*

United States Agent.

# SHAWNEE AGENCY.

*November 27<sup>th</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 *Joseph Dit* the Grantor mentioned in the accompanying Deed of conveyance is the *Sole living Blackwolf* identical Individual to whom the land in said deed was originally granted by Patent No. *\_\_\_\_\_*, 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.

Dated this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *Nov* A. D. 1868

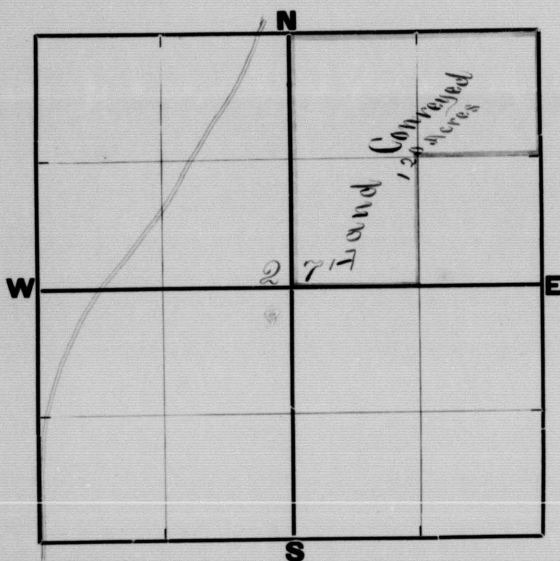
Witness,

*Graham Rogers* First Chief.

*Charles Tucker* Second Chief.

# PLAT

Showing the Land Conveyed by Joseph Dix, Sol<sup>r</sup> heir of  
Blackwolf (decd) a Shawnee to A. M. Mathews  
also showing the Land previously conveyed in same Section  
by the said Joseph Dix



The W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec 27 and the  
NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec 28.  
Township 15 South. Range 23. East of the  
Sixth Principal meridian in Kentas.  
Containing in the aggregate  
120 acres

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

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, A. D. 1868.

Chester Ruthuff SURVEYOR.

Shawnee Agency,  
Nov 27<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1870.

Wm. E. S. Parker  
Sir

We the two Chiefs  
of the Shawnee tribe of the State  
of Kansas, would respectfully  
represent that in July 1863 Capt  
Harvey a Shawnee Indian made  
an application of the Chiefs of  
the tribe for a certificate to en-  
able him to convey the land  
embodied in the patent of  
Blackwolf (dead) as his sole heir.  
That at that time it was fully  
believed by the Chiefs that Har-  
vey was the sole heir and  
a certificate was issued ac-  
cordingly,

In something less than two  
years from the date of the certifi-  
cate Joseph Dix a grand-  
son of Blackwolf (who it was  
supposed to have been dead)  
returned to the tribe whereupon  
Harvey gave up all claim  
to said land and agreed  
before the Council to refund  
all money received from the

sales made by him which agree-  
ment has been complied with  
by his heirs since his death.

We would therefore, in consid-  
eration of the facts in the case,  
respectfully recommend the appro-  
val of the deeds executed by  
Said Dix and that all deeds  
executed by Said Henry for  
any portion of Said land, and  
which have received the appro-  
val of the Secretary of the In-  
terior, would recommend that  
said approval be cancelled.

Very Respectfully

John O. L. Lunt  
Graham Rogers 1st Chief  
Charles Tucker 2nd Chief  
Shawnee Tribe of  
Indians

Hon. E. S. Parker  
Comm. Indian Affairs  
Washington  
D.C.