

Shawnee Aug 8
J. M. Cornalzer
Shawnee, Kans.
Aug 6, '69

One, for approval,
petition and decree
of divorce of Susan
Vaugherty, from her
husband, Metzger,
Vaugherty, and giving
her as claimant certain
land set forth in
said decree

File

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Dept. of the Interior
Off. Ind. Affairs
August 1869

Sir

Your letter of the 3^d. instant,

Shawnee Co., Aug 6. 1869
To Hon^{ble} Chas. S. Parker
Commissioner of Ind.,
Offices Washington City D. C.
Sir

This is the first Decree ever
sent to the Department from the
Shawnee Council for Approval

They have granted other Divorce
and Decrees but the parties all
being present the man in every
cause was required and did
execute to the woman a regular
deed to the real Estate Decreed
which made it unnecessary to
send the decree to The Indian
Department for Approval

But in this cause Melzy Daugherty
has been absent from the Tribe about
five years. without making
provisions for Susan Daugherty his wife.

The Council being well acquainted with the Parties and many of them with ^{the} facts ^{and from the evidence given in the case} in the case, thought there should be some effort made to relieve said Susan Daugherty's grievances

The Land Deeded said Susan Daugherty is a part of the selection of his (Melzy Daugherty's) Deceased wife's (Julia Daugherty) Selection

Melzy Daugherty sold his Selection when a drunken spree, seven or eight years ago for what or how we never knew. He Susan's Daugherty's (his wife) Selection and squandered the proceeds of. And after carefully considering the matter after examining many witnesses they unanimously agreed to Deed the mentioned in the Petition and Deed to her and

submit the same to your Honor for Approval

If you object to the form please give us a form for such cases

The cause is hereby submitted to your Superior Judgment for consideration. Hoping that if you can not approve this you will at an early day give us a plan for such cases

We are Indians and have no forms to go by. Have to make forms ourselves as best we can

S. M. Corns
Council Clerk

State of Kansas }
County of Johnson } ss

To the Honorable Council of the
Shawnee Tribe of Indians in Council Assembled

Your Petitioner, Susan Daugherty, Represents
that she is a native born member of the Shawnee
Tribe of Indians **Situated** in this County and
State aforesaid. And has ever been and is
now a bona fide member of said Tribe of
Indians **Situated** in this County and State aforesaid

Your Petitioner further saith that on
or about the 27th day of August 1858 She
was married to one Melzy Daugherty a
native born member of the aforesaid Tribe
of Indians **Situated** in this County and
State aforesaid (According to the Customs of
said Tribe) Whom she prays to be made
a defendant to this Petition. And lived
with the said Melzy Daugherty as a
faithful wife until on or about the
3rd day of June A D 1863

When the said Melzy Daugherty is
she avers regardless of his marital duties
toward your Petitioner without good
Cause therefor wholly abandoned your
Petitioner And has since wholly refused
to provide for the support of your
Petitioner Wherefore your Petitioner

prays this Honorable Council that on the final hearing of this cause the said Defendant may be decreed to pay your Petitioner reasonable alimony and your Petitioner further prays this Honorable Council that she may have the following land decreed to her. To wit

The North East Quarter of the North East Quarter of Section Six (6) forty (40) Acres
The North West fourth of the North West fourth of Section five (5) forty (40) Acres And the North East of the North West fourth of Section Six (6) forty (40) Acres Township Thirteen (13) South Range Twenty Three (23) East Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian in Kansas
Containing in the Aggregate One Hundred and twenty (120) Acres

Your Petitioner further prays that the marriage relations heretofore existing between Petitioner and Defendant be set aside and annulled And the said parties wholly released from the obligations of the same And said Petitioner be restored to her Maiden name (Susan Bluejackill) And for such other relief as equity and conscience may require

Susan Dougherty

State of Kansas }
County of Johnson } ss Shawnee Council Room
Hempden County, Mo. May 16th

Susan Daugherty of Lawful
Age who first having been sworn according
the Custom of the Shawnee Tribe of Indians,
says the facts set forth in the above
Petition are true

Susan Daugherty
Sworn and Subscribed to before
Samuel M. Cornatzer
Council Clerk