

Shawnee Q 46  
J. M. Cornitzer  
Shawnee, Kan.  
May 25, 1899

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Submits evidence  
in connection with  
his protest against  
approval of deed  
to deed executed  
by Roland & Mary  
W. Leavitt and  
Abraham Grandstaff

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To the Hon. E. S. Parker  
Commissioner of Ind. Affs  
Washington City D. C.

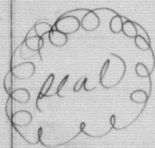
Sir  
a few months ago I wrote to the then  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs my  
objections and reasons why a certain  
Deed or Deeds Executed by Roseann and  
Mary McLane to one Abraham Grandstaff  
Should not be approved. In his reply  
He stated my objections had been placed on  
file and suggested I should send to that  
Office something from the Court Showing  
that I had Authority to Object to the  
Approval of the Deed referred to. I herewith  
transmit all that I presume is necessary  
to prove that Mary McLane is a minor  
of the Shawnee Tribe of Indians. And I  
am her legally appointed Guardian. If  
the said Deed or Deeds have not been Approved  
you will please not Approve them. If Graham  
Rogers our Chief is in Washington when  
you receive this please speak to him in regard  
to matter. It was at his request I accepted the  
Appointment of Guardian for Mary McLane  
Hon. E. S. Parker Commr Ind. Affs J. M. Cornatzer

State of Kansas } In the Probate Court within  
Wyandott County } and for said County  
The State of Kansas to all persons to  
whom these presents shall come Greeting;

Know Ye, that whereas it has been made to  
appear to said Court that Mary M'Lean minor  
child of Sophia M'Lean dec'd has arrived at  
the age of over fourteen Years, And that she  
chooses S. M. Conatzer to be her Guardian, and  
which selection has been approved by the Court.  
And whereas the Letters of Guardianship heretofore  
issued to George Big Knife has been revoked by said  
Court. And whereas it has been shown to the Court  
that said minor has property in said County that  
requires care and attention, And that S. M. Conatzer  
is a fit and proper person to act as Guardian of said  
minor and property, And that he has executed and filed  
in the Probate Court of said County the requisite Bond.

It is therefore Ordered that the said Samuel M.  
Conatzer be and he is hereby appointed Guardian  
of the person and property of said Minor, hereby  
him the said Guardian to safely keep the property  
of said Minor, which shall come to his possession,  
and not to suffer any waste or destruction of  
the same, And also to render a just and true  
account of all moneys and property received by  
him, and the application thereof, and of his Guardianship  
in all respects, to any court having cognizance

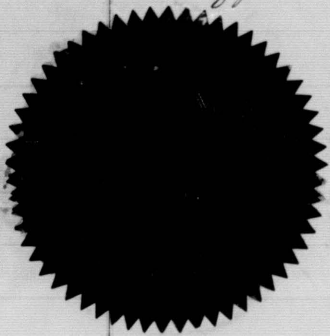
thereof, when thereunto required



In Testimony whereof J. W B Bowman  
Judge of the Probate Court within and for  
Wyandott County have hereto set my hand  
and affixed the seal of said Court at  
Office this 15th day of October AD 1868  
W. B. Bowman Judge

State of Kansas }  
Wyandott County }

I. Isaac B Sharp Judge of the  
Probate Court within and for said County and State  
do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is  
a true and correct copy of the Letters of Guardian-  
ship issued by said Court to Samuel M. Lenatzer  
as Guardian of Mary McLean a minor, as the same  
now appears of record in said Court, and that  
said Letters are unrevoked and in full force  
and effect



In Testimony whereof I. Isaac B  
Sharp Judge of the Probate Court  
aforesaid have hereto set my  
hand and affixed the seal of said Court  
at Office this 30th day of April AD 1869  
Isaac B Sharp  
Judge