

Shawnee MSB
B. R. Hardyke
Baldwin City, Kan.
Oct 31, '69

Statement concern-
ing Shawnee land
claimed by him and
sold by Nancy Miller
to J. R. Hardyke - Asks
if J. R. Hardyke is
compelled to submit
his deed for approval

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Shawnee Indian Lands
October 21st 1869

Hon. C. V. Parker;

Dear Sir:- Once more I
beg your attention for a short time: I
feel worried and anxious to know if I
will finally get my home. I came here
in 1862 and bought this claim (the
S.E. 1/4 of Sec. 24, T. 14 N., R. 14 E.,
and ever since that time I have
been improving the claim to the best
of my ability - all the time intend-
ing to make ^{this} my future home - !
Mean while an Indian woman
selected this as a head right and
sold it to Mr. S. C. Irwin, for \$575.
and I learn he asks \$10. per acre
for it. It is quite evident that Mr.
Irwin wants this for speculation,
while I want it for a permanent
home. Now I think and ~~feel~~

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that it would be injustice to ~~sell~~
~~my chosen home~~ to a speculator
 and allow him to turn me out of
 my own house, — or compel me to
 take the house off his land, — or
 compel me to pay him his price
 for the land, — or compel me
 to take for my house and improvements
 whatever he is a mind to give. — I
 have a comfortable ~~new~~ log house
 with a frame addition. The house —
 of course — is worth much more right
 here than it would be to any one else
 to tear down, remove and rebuild.
 The same with my stabling, corn
 crib, Hensery, cattle shed, &c.
 I have a good well of water; a
 number of fruit trees set out, 40
 acres under fence, and enough
 under cultivation to keep me
 busy and to make a good living. The
 house and fencing might be moved

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at a sacrifice, but the well —
 nor the plowed ground cannot, and
 the fruit trees are too large to be
 moved, and the Osage hedge is also
 too large to be moved. These must
 be left at my loss and to his favor.
 I have already spent considerable
 time and money here, all the time
 expecting to get my claim the
 same as other old settlers here;
 and now with a family depending
 on me; and after fixing up every
 thing so convenient, I can ill
 afford to sacrifice this loss of
 time, labor and the expenditure
 in improvements, to say nothing of the
 disappointment in the loss of my
 long anticipated home for coming
 days. — Now Mr. Parker, if you
 can possibly give me any further
 information or satisfaction on
 the subject — it will be most

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thankfully received. This suspense and anxiety is wearisome.

"Open rebuke is better than secret love." If I have to abandon this place - I want to know it at the first convenience, so I will have the more opportunity to make some arrangements to look elsewhere.

I am a graduate of the Indiana Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb; I can write but cannot hear. Please excuse my digressions from the general rule of business letters; and in conclusion let me earnestly ask that you inform me if possible whether I will have to give this up or whether there is a chance for me to get it. I am informed that Mr. Gruin has obtained through Nancy Ziblow a Patent for this land; if so then all it needs is your approval to make it good as a warranty deed.

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and you say that should a deed be submitted for the approval of the Secretary of the Interior from Nancy Ziblow to B. S. Abbott, (or any one else), my protest against the approval of the same will receive due consideration. This is all very good, But if no such Deed is sent for approval for several years, I must still dwell in this undecided unsettled state of mind. (?)

If possible I would like to make him, (or some one else), present the deed so that it may be decided one way or the other soon; If the deed which Mr. Gruin holds from Nancy Ziblow can be transferred to me as I feel it should be

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by right, I will pay Mr. Irwin
his money all back and pay him
10 per cent per annum interest
for his outlay in the use of his
money. I have written to
Mr. A. C. Irwin, but can
get no answer on the subject.

Respectfully Yours.

B. R. Nurdyke.

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