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Sarnia, 24th Decr 1881

To

The Hon.

The Comr. of Indian Affairs.

Sir,

About the year 1868 my wife, Emily Balster purchased Lot 2 & 3 Range 4, Jones Survey, Chippewa Indian Reserve, Sarnia. My said wife deceased on 22nd February, 1879 without making any will. My present circumstances render it difficult for me to raise money to pay the balance due to the Indian Department except upon the the Land and I am desirous that to enable me to give Mortgage security it should be placed in my name. I might explain that I am a Widower, my occupation that of watchmaker and Jeweller. My family of three who are all living with me consist of:-

My daughter Minnie Lucenda unmarried
~~My son Frank Edward~~ aged 22 years

My son Frank Edward " 20 " 10th mo

My daughter Nettie May 14 "

The Children are all willing that the title to the land should be vested in me as is shown in the annexed declaration. I have made at my own sole expense very considerable improvements

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