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Report No. 323.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

GEORGE F. BLOOM AND HENRY S. BLOOM.

MARCH 9, 1848.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. ALEXANDER EVANS, from the Committee on Public Lands, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of George F. Bloom and Henry S. Bloom, of the county of Will, and State of Illinois, report:

That the petitioners set forth that they reside upon a certain piece of land in said county known as the "*Chevallier reservation*," being one section of land reserved in the treaty concluded October 20, 1832, at Camp Tippecanoe, between Jonathan Jennings, John W. Davis, and Marks Crume, commissioners of the United States, with the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians; and that the petitioners are informed that the "reservee" is dead, and they pray that an act may be passed, granting them a pre-emption of the north half of said section.

Your committee further report, that, by the second article of that treaty, there was reserved for Jean B. Chevallier one section near Rock village, (which is the reservation alluded to by the petitioner,) and for his sisters, Angelique and Rosette, one half-section each, adjoining his.

Your committee are at a loss to know what right the petitioners can have to the said reservation, although, as they state, they reside upon the same; for all that appears, by any sort of evidence, the said Jean B. Chevallier may be living; or, if dead, he may have left heirs in the direct line; or if he died without descendants, it appears, by the treaty itself, that he left relations in the collateral line, to wit: his sisters, Angelique and Rosette, whose descendants, in case of their death and the death of Jean B. Chevallier,

without other heirs, would unquestionably be entitled to this section of land.

Your committee, for these and other reasons, report unfavorably upon the memorial of the petitioners, pray to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and recommend that the same be laid upon the table.