

Mr. M. Craehen will, as soon as he gets to Breathet, become acquainted with Mr. Bohannon, who has bought a tract of land of me, lying on the Middle Fork, for which Trabue's heirs have brought an action of ejection, & mark himself for the defendant and at the meeting of the Court cause, Bohannon & myself to be made defts. in the room of Kincaid, the tenant.

& when convenient write me after you see the papers. Bohannon claims the land under myself & I claim it under Crow and Adams. Get an order of survey directed to the surveyor of the County & have the connexion of Smith & Adams patent from the mouth of the Middle Fork untill the whole of the land in contest is covered by some one of the patents. Smith & Crows patent~~s~~ are older than the one Trabue's heirs pretend to claim under. Trabue's heirs have really, as I believe, no right earthly under the title they make. Please to send me a copy of the declaration that I may know who are of the plaintiffs. In the trial, take care that the plaintiffs prove themselves heirs & prove their papers by competent evidence & if they fail to make such proof to except or appeal suit as the case requires. If they prove themselves heirs & show a title from the Cmth. on them, then show Crow & Adams patents & prove that they cover the ground & move the Court to instruct if they find that Crow & Adams patent cover the tenement in the possession of Kincaid that they ought to find for the defts. their title being the best.

(Signed) R. Wickliffe.

*A True Copy*  
Attest, *A. N. Morton*  
*S. V. King*