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Abner Bell

To
Thomas Dryden

Know all men by these presents that we Abner Bell & Nancy Bell husband & wife of Madison County State of Iowa in consideration of the sum of one Thousand nine hundred & sixty Dollars in hand paid, do hereby sell and convey unto Thomas Dryden of Madison County State of Iowa the following described premises to wit The East half of the South west Quarter & the West half of the South East Quarter of Section No nine (9) & the North East Quarter of the North west Quarter of Section No (9) north of the South East Quarter of the South west Quarter of Section No four (4) in Township No Seventy five (75) North of Range Twenty seven (27) West And we do hereby covenant with the said Thomas Dryden that we are lawfully seized of said premises that they are free from incumbrances, that we have good right and lawful authority to sell the same and we do hereby covenant to Warrant and Defend the said premises against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

Signed this 16th day of October A.D. 1854

In Presence of

Abner Bell

Nancy Bell

State of Iowa

Madison County

On this 16th day of October A.D. 1854 before me Willis H. Compton Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally came Abner Bell & Nancy Bell his wife personally to me known to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to this above Deed as grantors and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed. In witness I have hereunto set my hand.

W. H. Compton J.P.

Filed and Recorded December 21st A.D. 1854

E. Burger

Recorder