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William Clarkson & I know all men by their ~~names~~ ^{names} that we
 D^r Samuel Bird & William Clarkson and Eliza Clarkson
 his wife of the County of Mahaska and the
 #639 of Iowa for the consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars
 in hand paid do hereby sell and convey unto Samuel Bird of
 the County and State aforesaid the following Severed Land
 Situate in and lying in (Madison County and State of Iowa
 viz. The West half of the South East quarter and the East
 half of the South West quarter of Section twenty-four in
 Township twenty-four North of Range twenty-nine West
 Containing one hundred & sixty acres and we warrant
 the title to the same to the said Samuel Bird against
 all persons whomsoever Executed this fifteenth day
 of March A.D. 1855.
 William Clarkson
 Eliza Jane Clarkson

State of Iowa
 Mahaska County) I am this the 15th day of March A.D. 1855
 before me the undersigned a Justice
 of the peace in and for said County appeared
 the above named William Clarkson and Eliza Jane Clark-
 son personally known to me to be the identical persons
 whose names are affixed to the foregoing deed of conveyance
 as grantors and acknowledged the same to be their
 voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein
 expressed in witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal at Mahaska
 filed and recorded May 11 1855
 at 11 o'clock A.M. C. Burger Recorder