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John D. Todd } I now all men by these presents that we
 Deed to } John D. Todd and Elizabeth A. Todd of
 David Martin's Madison County State of Iowa in consideration
 of the sum of Three hundred Dollars in hand paid do
 hereby sell and convey unto David Martin of Madison
 County and State of Iowa the following described premises
 to wit the North East quarter of the North East quarter
 of Section No. Five (5) in Township No. Seven (7) North
 of Range No. Twenty Seven (27) West containing forty (40)
 Acres more or less according to the original surveys
 and we warrant and defend the said premises without
 any exception whatever and do hereby warrant and defend
 the said premises against the lawful claims of all persons
 whomsoever Signed this first day of March A.D. 1856
 in presence of

Moses Stump

William Erickson

John D. Todd

Elizabeth A. Todd

State of Iowa } on the first day of March A.D. 1856 before me
 Madison County } the undersigned a justice of the peace
 in and for said county personally appeared John D. Todd &
 Elizabeth A. Todd personally to me known to be the identical persons
 whose names are affixed to the above deed as grantors and acknowledged
 the same to be their voluntary act and deed.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name
 this day above written J. H. Edwards Justice of the Peace

Signed and sealed to the at 8 o'clock P.M. March 1st 1856

J. M. Hickock Recorder