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To all men by these presents
 I sell to know all men by these presents
 William Sherman of Pownhall County State of
 Maine in consideration of the sum of Eight
 Hundred and Forty Dollars in hand paid by William
 Gerard of Pownhall County State of Maine do hereby
 sell and convey unto the said William Gerard his
 heirs and assigns the following described premises
 situated in the County of Madison State of Maine
 To wit the North East quarter of the North West
 quarter and North West quarter of the North East quarter
 of Section Twenty, & the South East quarter of the
 North West quarter of Section 21, all in Township
 No. Seventy four (74) North & Twenty six (26) East
 Line 3 acres in a square in the North East corner of the
 North East quarter of the South West quarter of Section
 Twenty (20) also Fifteen acres in the South side of South
 East quarter of the North East quarter Section Twenty
 (20) all in Township Seventy four (74) North of Range
 Twenty six (26) West 10 1/2 miles long by 20 1/2 miles wide

And I do hereby covenant with the said William
 Gerard discharging and assigns that I am lawfully
 seized of the said premises that they are free from
 incumbrances that I have good right and lawful
 authority to sell the same and I do hereby cove-
 nant to warrant and defend the said premises
 against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal the day of July A.D. 1856.
 Attest My seal and hand William Standen

I, Judge of Law,
 Poweshiek County, I do hereby certify that before me
 A. B. Ogden County Judge in and for said County person-
 ally appeared the above named William Standen who is
 personally known to me to be the identical person whose
 name is affixed to the above conveyed as grantor and
 acknowledged the execution of the same to be his voluntary
 act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned
 Given under my hand and seal of office at Marion
 Iowa this 22nd day of July A.D. 1856.

Seal

A. B. Ogden Co. Secy

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