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Joshua L. Thompson of Madison County, Iowa
 do hereby sell and convey unto John Richard
 his wife of Madison County State of Iowa in con-
 sideration of the sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars and have
 paid to him all and complete John Richard
 of Madison County and State of Iowa the following
 described premises to wit: The East half of the West half
 of the South west quarter of section twenty three and
 the West half of the South west quarter of section
 twenty six in Township seven and five Range twenty one
 in Madison County Iowa and me do hereby warrant
 and defend the said premises against the lawful
 claims of all persons whomsoever Signed this Eleventh
 day of May A.D. 1857 In presence of

W. J. McPherson

L. L. Howard
Harriet L. Howard

State of Iowa
 Madison County
 A.D. 1857 before me Henry B. Cummings a Notary Public
 in and for said county personally came John Richard
 & Harriet L. Howard his wife to me personally known to
 be the identical persons whose names are affixed to the
 above deed as grantors and acknowledged to the same to
 be their voluntary act and deed with my hands and
 Official seal the day and year above written

H. B. Cummings
 Filed May 12th at 4 o'clock P.M. Notary Public
 1857

L. M. Federick
 Given to the City of