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 James S. Early & Elizabeth S. Early of Halifax County, and Patrick Melch State of Virginia in consideration of the sum of Eighty five Dollars in hand paid by Patrick Melch of Warren County State of Iowa do hereby sell and convey unto the said Patrick Melch the following described premises situate in the County of Madison to wit the North West fractional Quarter of the North West Quarter of Section 35 One (1) in Township 36 Seventy Six & North of Range Twenty Six 26 West of the 5th Pm Iowa containing Forty Eight (48) 1/2 28 1/2 acres according to the original Survey and we do hereby Covenant with the said Patrick Melch that we are lawfully seized of said premises that they are free from all incumbrance 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 except for taxes and the said Elizabeth S. Early hereby relinquishes her right of Dower in and to the above Described premises in witness whereof we have hereunto set our

and dole this twentieth day of February A.D. 1856 James S. Casley (Seal)
 in presence of Wm. H. Mellingham Elizabeth S. Casley (Seal)

William Casley

State of Virginia } I do hereby certify that before me George C. Holt Esquire
 Halifax County } one of Deeds W. for the State of Va. in and for said State
 personally appeared the above named James S. Casley and Elizabeth S. Casley
 who are personally known to me to be the identical persons whose names are affixed
 to the above conveyance as grantors and acknowledge the execution of the same to
 be their voluntary act and deed for the purposes there mentioned given under
 my hand this 9th day of February 1856 George C. Holt Esq. (Seal)

Filed for record this 29th day of March A.D. 1858 at 12 o'clock M.

David Bishop, Recorder