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This indenture made this twenty ninth day of
 January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and fifty seven Eight between Jeremiah
 Cress and Nancy Cress parties of the first part and
 William M McKnight of the second part Witnesseth that the said party
 of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of two thousand
 Dollars paid by the said party of the second part the receipt of which is
 hereby acknowledged do by these presents grant bargain and sell unto the
 said party of the second part his heirs and assigns that certain tract or parcel
 of land known as follows to wit being the south half of the half of the south
 west quarter of the North west quarter of section number seventeen (17)
 of Township number seventy six (76) North of range number twenty six (26) West
 in Madison County and State of Iowa containing ten acres more or less
 Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances therunto
 belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold the said premises as above
 described with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his
 heirs and assigns forever And the said Jeremiah Cress for himself and his
 heirs executors and administrators doth hereby covenant to and with the
 said party of the second part his heirs and assigns that he is lawfully seized
 of the above granted premises in fee simple and has good right to sell and
 convey the same in manner and form aforesaid and that they are free from all
 incumbrances and the said parties of the first part for themselves their heirs
 executors and administrators the above bargain and sell in the most

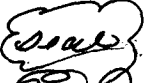
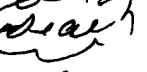
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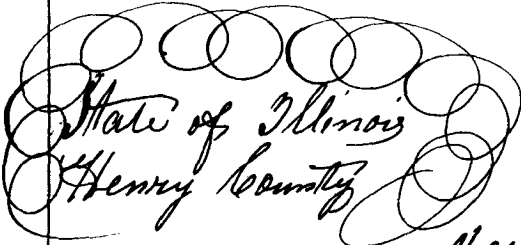
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peaceable possession of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof shall and will warrant and forever defend In Witness whereof the said parties of the first part has hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Jeremiah G. Greer 
Nancy G. Greer 


State of Illinois
Henry County

I Mark L. Easton A Notary Public in and for said County do certify that on this day personally appeared before me Jeremiah G. Greer and Nancy G. Greer whose names appear subscribed to the foregoing deed of conveyance as having executed the same and who are personally known to me to be the real persons who and in whose name the acknowledgement is proposed to be made and acknowledged the execution thereof as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed and Nancy G. Greer wife of the said Jeremiah Greer having been by me made acquainted with the contents of the said deed and by me examined separate & apart from her said husband whether she had executed the same and relinquished her Dower to the lands & tenements therein mentioned acknowledged that she had done so voluntarily and freely and without compulsion of her said husband and does not wish to retract given under my hand and seal of office at Newnan this 29th Day of January A.D. 1858



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Filed June 7th 1859 at 5 P.M.

Mark L. Easton Notary Public
David Bishop Recorder