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David Downs
 and Admin^r
 To Simon Stiffler

Whereas at the sitting of the County Court within and for the County of Madison, and State of Iowa, on the 16th day of January A. D. 1863 in a certain petition for the sale of Real Estate wherein David Downs as Administrator of Elijah Johnson, late of Madison County, Iowa, deceased, was a petitioner, the said David Downs as Administrator obtained an order to sell at private sale, at the appraised value certain real estate of said intestate described as follows, to wit: Seven and one half ($7\frac{1}{2}$) acres in the north east corner of the South west quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of section number fifteen (15) township number seventy five (75) north of range number twenty six (26) west in Madison County, Iowa; and whereas, the said Administrator having duly advertised said real estate did on the 28th day of February, A. D. 1863, sell the same to Simon Stiffler of said County and State for the sum of 19 and 50/100's dollars, the appraised value thereof, which sale was, on the day last above named, confirmed by the said County Court, and the said Administrator ordered be executed and deliver a deed in fee simple to the said Simon Stiffler for said premises, all of which will more fully appear, reference being had to the records of said Court; Now, therefore, I, the said David Downs, as Administrator of the said Elijah Johnson, in consideration of the sum of nineteen and 50/100's dollars, and by virtue of the powers in me vested by Law, do, by these presents, sell and convey to the said Simon Stiffler the tenements so sold to him as aforesaid. In testimony whereof I, as Administrator of the said Elijah Johnson do hereunto set my hand this 6th day of April, A. D. 1863.

David Downs, Administrator.

State of Iowa,
 Madison County.
 Personally came before me, Lewis Mayo, County Judge in and for said County, David Downs, as Administrator of the estate of Elijah Johnson, deceased

personally known to me to be the identical person he represents himself to be, and whose name is affixed to the above deed as grantor, and acknowledged the same to be his voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand and official Seal, this 6th day of April A. D. 1864.

Lewis Mayo,
County Judge.

State of Iowa, }
Madison County } I, Lewis Mayo, County Judge in and for said
County, do hereby approve and ratify the foregoing
deed made by David Downs as Administrator of the Estate of
Elijah Johnson, deceased, for the property therein described
and certify that the same is within the power and
authority of said Administrator.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of my office this 6th day of April,
A. D., 1864.

Lewis Mayo
County Judge.

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