

Hiram C. Best & wife

To { Deed

James Hart sr.

This Indenture made this first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one, between Hiram

C. Best and Sarah J. Best of the Township of Harlem, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois of the first part; and James Hart Sr. of the township Florence, County of Stephenson, and State of Illinois, of the second part; Witnesseth; That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Five hundred dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed, and do hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns, forever, all that tract or parcel of land situate and being in the County of Madison and State of Iowa, and known and described as follows, to-wit; The North half of the South West quarter of Section N(12) Twelve in Township N Seventy six (76) N. of Range N Twenty seven (27) Containing Eighty Acres according to the Government Survey. Together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining; To have and to hold the above described premises unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever. - And the said Hiram C. Best - the parties of the first part, for themselves and their heirs, Executors, and Administrators, do covenant and agree, to and with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that they are well seized of the above premises above conveyed, as of a good and indefeasible inheritance in the Law, in Fee Simple, that the same are free from all incumbrances, whatever; and that the aforesaid premises, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns, against the claim and claims of all and every person whomsoever to the whole or any part thereof, they will forever warrant and defend by these presents.

In witness whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Hiram C. Best 
Sarah J. Best 

State of Illinois } ss
Stephenson County }

J. George Purinton a Justice of the peace in and for said County, do hereby certify, That Hiram C. Best personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing deed, as having executed the same, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and

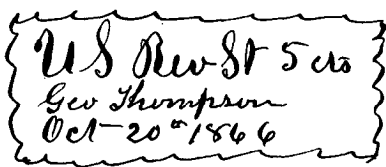
delivered the same as his free and voluntary act, and for the uses and purposes therein set forth, — And the said Sarah J. Best personally known to me to be the wife of the said Hiram C. Best, and as the person who subscribed said deed, as such, having been by me made acquainted with the contents and meaning of said Instrument of Writing, separate and apart from her husband, acknowledged that she had executed the same, and relinquished her dower to the Lands and Tenements therein mentioned, voluntarily, freely, and without compulsion of her said husband, and that she did not wish to retract the same. Given under my hand and Official Seal at Freeport this First day of March A.D. 1861

George Purinton J.P. 

State of Illinois }
County of Stephenson } ss

I, Geo. Thompson Clerk of the County Court in and for said County, do hereby Certify that Geo. Purinton Esq. whose name is subscribed to the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed Instrument in writing, was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Justice of the peace, in and for said County, duly commissioned, sworn, and acting as such, and authorized to take the same; and further, that I am well acquainted with his hand writing, and verily believe that the signature to the said proof or acknowledgment is genuine; and further, that the annexed instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the State of Illinois. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at Freeport in said County this 20th day of October A.D. 1866

"SS"



Geo. Thompson Clerk

Filed for Record Oct 25th 1866 at 4 O'clock P.M.

O. A. Moser Recorder