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S. E. Barnard } (Filed for Record April 24th A.D. 1902 at 2:08 o'clock P. M.  
 to } Affidavit  
 The Public } F. H. Vance,  
 State of Iowa, County of Union,) SS. Recorder.

I, S.E. Barnard, of the County of Madison, and State of Iowa, first being duly sworn upon my oath depose and say that I was well and personally acquainted with W. M. Pratt who together with his wife conveyed the E<sup>1</sup> SE<sup>1</sup> 29-74-27 to W.C. Newlon on March 26th, 1875 and I well and personally know that he is the same and identical person as William M. Pratt who entered said land on February 23rd, 1858 and to whom the same was patented on July 1st, 1859, and I further depose and say that I was well and personally acquainted with Cyril L. Grover who together with his wife conveyed the said E<sup>1</sup> SE<sup>1</sup> 29-74-27 to P.R. Hiatt on October 23rd, 1876 and I well and personally know that he was the same and identical person as C.L. Grover who was one of the grantees in a certain deed from W.C. Newlon and wife, dated April 30th, 1875 and conveying the said E<sup>1</sup> SE<sup>1</sup> 29-74-27 to said C.L. Grover and P.R. Hiatt, said deed being filed for record in Madison County, Iowa on May 31st, 1875 and recorded on page 203 of Deed record II, and I further depose and say that I was well and personally acquainted with the said P.R. Hiatt who was one of the grantees in said deed from W.C. Newlon and wife and who was the grantee in said deed from Cyril L. Grover and I well and personally know that he was the same and identical person as Paris R. Hiatt who together with his wife conveyed said E<sup>1</sup> SE<sup>1</sup> 29-74-27 to George S. Osborn on February 13th, 1878, and that wherever in the title to said land the name of P.R. Hiatt and Paris R. Hiatt appear they represent one and the same and identical person, and that wherever in the title to said land the names of Cyril L. Grover and C.L. Grover appear they represent one and the same and identical person, and that wherever in the title to said land the name of W.M. Pratt and William M. Pratt appear they represent one and the same and identical person, and I further depose and say that I am a resident of Madison county, Iowa and have been for 32 years last past and that I have lived in the neighborhood of the NE<sup>1</sup> NE<sup>1</sup> 32-74-27 and have been acquainted with the owners thereof and with the parties who have been in possession thereof, and I well and personally know that Paris R. Hiatt, Sarah F. Hiatt, George S. Osborn, J.S. McCaughan, A.R. Dabney or Pauline Dabney never had title to said land or any part thereof and that they nor neither of them was ever in possession thereof and that they nor neither of them ever claimed to have any right, title or interest in or to said land or to any part thereof, and that John C. Ryerson and his grantors have been in actual, open, notorious and continuous possession of said NE<sup>1</sup> NE<sup>1</sup> 32-74-27 for more than thirty years last past and that the said John C. Ryerson and his grantors have paid all taxes and assessments against said land and that their title thereto has never been questioned or disputed by any one and that to my personal knowledge no one has ever made any claim to said land adverse to the title of said John C. Ryerson or his grantors, the said John C. Ryerson having held said land under a complete and perfect chain of title from the United States Government until conveyed by him to Charles Elliott.

S.E. Barnard

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1902 by S. E. Barnard the affiant herein.

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E. T. Dufur  
Notary Public.