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W.W.McKnight) (Filed for Record June 11th A.D.1907 at 2.10 o'clock P.M.
to)Affidavit(E.P.Connoran Recorder.
The Public) (Recording fee 41c By, E.P.Connoran Deputy.
State of Iowa, Madison County, ss.

I, W.W. McKnight, of said County and State, on oath say that I have been a resident of Madison County, Iowa, for more than fifty years last past; that I have been acquainted with the owners of the land now known as the Patterson farm or Lake Park farm, described as follows: commencing thirty two rods west of the north east corner of Section two (2), township seventy five (75) north, of range twenty eight (28), west of the 5th P.M., Iowa, thence south One hundred rods, thence east thirty two rods, thence south sixty rods, thence west one hundred and ten rods, thence north one hundred and eight rods, thence east twenty rods, thence north sixteen rods, thence east twenty six rods, thence north thirty six rods, thence east thirty two rods to the place of beginning; that I am the William W. McKnight to whom Ebenezer Elliot conveyed the north fractional half of the north east quarter of said section, township, and range on or about March 23rd, 1855, the deed being recorded in deed record "A" of Madison County, Iowa, at page 624 thereof, and that the said Ebenezer Elliot was at that time an unmarried man; that I afterwards conveyed the same real estate to Joseph J. Hutchings on or about May 31st, 1855; the deed being recorded in deed record "D" of said County, at page 254 thereof, and that at the date of said conveyance I was an unmarried man; that my said grantee Joseph J. Hutchings was the same identical man as the J.J. Hutchings, who with his wife, Mary Hutchings, conveyed the said real estate to B.F. Roberts on or about March 19th, 1857, the deed being recorded in deed record "F" of said County at page 372, and that said grantor J.J. Hutchings, was the same man as the Joseph J. Hutchings, to whom a part of the land described in said conveyance has been patented by the Federal Government. That I was well and personally acquainted with J.T. White and N.W. Munger, who afterward owned said land, and at different times bought and sold different portions thereof; that the name of J.T. White was John T. White, and his wife's name was F.A. White, or Frank A. White, and that N.W. Munger's name was Nelson W. Munger, and that his wife's name was Jane M. Munger, and that wherever J.T. White and N.W. Munger appear in any conveyances of any of said land they are the said John T. White and Nelson W. Munger, and that during all of the time they owned any of said land their wife's names were as above stated, and that wherever Jane M. Munger joined in any of said conveyances she was the wife of N.W. or Nelson W. Munger, and wherever F.A. White, Frank White or Frank A. White joined in any of said conveyances, she was the wife of J.T. or John T. White; that A. Walkup to whom a part of said land was conveyed was the same man as the Andrew Walkup who conveyed the same to J.T. White and N.W. Munger on or about December 24th, 1867, and that at that time said Walkup was a single man.

That I was also acquainted with T.J. or Thomas J. Dowlin who at one time owned a part of said land; that some times his name was spelled Dowlen, but that in all of said conveyances T.J. or Thomas J. Dowlin or Dowlen was one and the same man; that I was personally acquainted with Bella Potter, who at one time owned a part of said real estate; that wherever in any conveyances thereof, there appears the name Bela Potter, the said Bella Potter is meant, being only an oversight in spelling, and that during all of the time she owned any part of said real estate she was a single woman; that the name of the wife of said John T. or J.T. White was also sometimes written Frances A. White, instead of F.A. or Frank A. White, but that one and the same woman was meant. That I was personally acquainted with L.S. Houlette who at one time owned a part of said real estate; that wherever in any of said conveyances the name appears as L.S. Houlett the said L.S. Houlette is meant, it being only an oversight in spelling, and referring to one and the same man. That I was personally acquainted with J.M. Pitzer who at one time owned a part of said land, and to whom L.S. Houlett executed a mortgage thereon on or about January 12th, 1881, and which is recorded in mortgage record 14 of Madison County, Iowa, at page 173 thereof, and which was canceled by J.S. McCaughan, as attorney for said J.M. Pitzer, and I know that said J.S. McCaughan was authorized to cancel mortgages, and execute papers for said J.M. Pitzer. That I know that Samuel S. Patterson who at one time owned said real estate, and bought and conveyed the same at different times in various tracts, was during all of the time that he owned any of said land a single and unmarried man, a widower; that I know that Robert A. Patterson and R.A. Patterson, to whom said land was conveyed in different tracts at different times, was one and the same man, and the man who afterwards conveyed the same to A.R. Mabney. That I further know that the name of the wife of the said T.J. or Thomas J. Dowlin or Dowlen, at the time he owned parts of said real estate, was Julia A. Dowlin or Dowlen; that I know that Robert Herron, who at different times owned parts of said real estate, was on March 8th 1873, a widower. That Catherine Weber, who joined with Mathias Weber in a conveyance of a part of said land on or about February 23rd 1878, was at that time the wife of said Mathias Weber.

That wherever the name of Robert Herron appears as grantor or grantee of any of said land, Robert Herron is meant, it being an error in spelling and they being one and the same man. That J.T. Houk, Martin Sheopflin, John Bertholf, and John Schnellbacher, to whom a part of said land was conveyed by said Robert Herron and others on or about March 8th, 1873, the deed being recorded in deed record 7 of said County, at page 360 thereof, were at that time trustees of the Evangelical Association of Winterset Circuit, Des Moines Conference, of North America, and that said conveyance was only to them as trustees for said Church; that the John Schnellbacher, J.T. Houk, and John M. Bertholf, who joined in a conveyance of said land to Mathias Weber on or about Sept 17, 1875, the deed being recorded in deed record 11 of said County, at Page 524 thereof, were the same as the grantees in the last mentioned conveyance, and with Elisha Tumbleson and James Breakenridge (spelled in the conveyance as Brackenridge) were the trustees of the same Church, to whom the conveyance above referred to was made, and of the same Church to whom said Mathias Weber and wife on or about February 23, 1878, again conveyed said real estate; that there was formerly on said tract a church belonging to said denomination, but that more than twenty years ago the land was sold, even though the conveyance was not recorded, to N.W. Munger and others, and the Church removed, and that since that time the said parties neither as individuals or as trustees have had any possession of said land

W.W. McKnight
Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by the said affiant this June 5th, 1907
W.S. Cooper Notary Public in and for Madison County, Iowa.

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