

Notary Public in and for Madison County, Iowa.

William Hartsook (Filed for Record December 7th A.D. 1907 at 2.15 o'clock P.M.)  
 to Affidavit ( E.F. Connoran  
 The Public. ) Recording fees \$ Recorder.

State of Iowa, Madison County, ss.

I, William Hartsook, of said County, and State on oath say that I have continuously resided upon my farm in Section twenty seven (27), in township seventy five (75) north of range twenty eight (28), west of the 5th P.M. Iowa, for more than fifty four (54) years last past; that I was well and personally acquainted with Benjamin Titcomb, who on or about November 2nd, 1854, entered from the Government the south west quarter (1/4) of the North west quarter (1/4) of Section twenty five (25) in the said township, and range, and who on or about November 2nd, 1854, also entered from the Government the south east quarter (1/4) of the north east quarter (1/4) of Section twenty six (26), in the said township and range; both of which tracts were afterwards patented to said Benjamin Titcomb; that I was also well and personally acquainted with Joseph Titcomb to whom on or about June 17th, 1874, N.H. Peters conveyed the north west quarter (1/4) of the north west quarter (1/4) of section twenty five (25) in the said township and range, and to whom Martin V. Hanks on or about September 28th, 1869, conveyed the north east quarter (1/4) of the north east quarter (1/4) of Section twenty six (26), in the said township and range; that I was also well and personally acquainted with Mrs. Fanny D. Titcomb who on or about March 5th 1883, conveyed all of said land unto J.S. Rhodes. That all of said parties were my near neighbors; that said Benjamin Titcomb was the father of said Joseph Titcomb and the husband of Mrs. Fanny D. Titcomb; that said Benjamin Titcomb died intestate in Madison County, Iowa, prior to the year 1875 leaving his said widow Fanny D. Titcomb and as his only heir at law his said son Joseph Titcomb; that subsequently and within a year or two after 1875 said Joseph Titcomb died in Madison County, Iowa, intestate, unmarried and without issue leaving as his only heir at law his mother Mrs. Fanny D. Titcomb; that the estates of said Benjamin Titcomb and Joseph Titcomb were both long since settled, and their debts paid.

That said J.S. Rhodes the grantee of said Fanny D. Titcomb lived upon and occupied said real estate from the time it was conveyed to him until about 1891, and that since that time it has been occupied by renters under said J.S. Rhodes during his life time, and under his

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widow, Eliza P. Rhodes since the death of said J.S. Rhodes and until the death of Eliza P. Rhodes, which occurred in October 1905, except that Clarence J. Rhodes has occupied that part thereof purchased by him in 1898, as owner; and, since the purchase of said real estate by said J.S. Rhodes in 1883, he and those claiming the same by, through and under him have been in the actual, open, notorious, peaceable, adverse, and continuous possession thereof of under color of title and claim of right.

That Lucinda Bertholf a daughter and devisee of said J.S. Rhodes died prior to the death of said J.S. Rhodes, intestate, leaving as her only heirs at law Minnie Anderson, Walter Bertholf, and Everett Bertholf.

That Mattie Sutherland named in the will of said J.S. Rhodes was one and the same person as the Martha P. Soderland, named in the registry of heirs of said J.S. Rhodes, and in the probate proceedings in his estate.

That C.J. Rhodes the grantee in the conveyance dated October 10, 1907, from Pleasant M. Rhodes, as executor of the estate of said J.S. Rhodes, is the same person as Clarence J. Rhodes, who has executed a mortgage thereon to the Union Central Life Insurance Company, and that Sarah E. Rhodes is his wife.

That all of the persons referred to in this affidavit were my near neighbors, and that I have personal knowledge of the matters referred to herein, but am not personally interested therein.

William Hartsook.

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by the said William Hartsook, this November 23rd, 1907.

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W.S. Cooper.

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