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D.G. Ratliff) Filed for Record April 26th A.D. 1909 at 11.30 oclock A.M.
 to) Affidavit(70
 The Public) George Hill Recorder
 By Daisy Hill Deputy.

State of Iowa, Madison County. SS:

I, D.G. Ratliff on oath say that I am now and for more then fifty six years last past have been a resident of Madison County, Iowa. That I was well and personally acquainted with R.D. Cooper, the grantor in a conveyance of the East Half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the North West Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of Section eighteen (18) and the South half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the South East Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the South West Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Seven (7), all in Township Seventy-six (76) North, of range twenty seven (27) west of the 5th P.M. Iowa, to Nelson Litton, said conveyance being dated May 5th, 1875, and recorded in deed record eleven (11) of said County at page 155 thereof. That said grantor R.D. Cooper was the same and identical person as Richmond D. Cooper, the grantee in a conveyance of a portion of said land from Silas Barns and wife dated February 25th, 1853, and recorded in deed record "A" of said County at page 341 thereof. That said grantor R.D. Cooper was also the same and identical person as Richard Cooper, the grantee in the conveyance of a portion of said land from Hampton Jones and wife dated November 22nd 1851, and recorded in deed record "G" of said County at page 200 thereof, and that R.D. Cooper at the time of said conveyance to Nelson Litton was an unmarried man. That I was acquainted with Hampton Jones, who died intestate in said county on or about February 26th, 1855; that he left a widow Mary Louisa Jones, and two heirs at law Marquis D.L. Jones and Martha J. Jones, That said Mary Louisa Jones afterward married James Stewart, That at the time of his death said Hampton Jones owned the east half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the east half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the west fractional half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the north west Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of section eighteen (18) in the township and range aforesaid; that by various conveyances the title to said land became vested in Nelson Litton; that wherever in any of the conveyances of said land between 1868 and 1872, the name of Mary L. Stewart appears it was Mary Louisa Stewart, the former widow of Hampton Jones, and wherever the name of James Stewart appears, it was the name of her husband, that wherever in any such conveyance the name Marquis D.L. Jones, M.D. Lafayette Jones, or M.D.L. Jones appears one and the same person is referred to, the son of Hampton Jones, and that he was unmarried in 1869; that wherever in such conveyances the name Martha J. Wilcox, M.J. Wilcox, or Martha Jane Wilcox appears one and the same person is meant, the daughter of Hampton Jones, who married J.W. Wilcox That S. Hildebrand, to whom said Martha Jane Wilcox and husband conveyed a portion of said real estate on or about January 9th, 1870, and conveyed a portion of the same to R.D. Cooper, the deeds being recorded in deed record three (3) at page 277, and deed record nine (9) at page 111, respectively, both of Madison County, Iowa, was one and the same person.

D.G. Ratliff.

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by the said affiant this 22nd day of April, A.D. 1909.

W.S. Cooper. Notary Public
 in and for Madison County.

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