

Madison County

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Stephen Steel)to  
The Public )

Affidavit (Filed for Record Oct 8th A.D. 1909 at 10.30 o'clock A.M.)

George Hill Recorder

By Daisy Hill Deputy

State of Iowa Madison County SS:

I, Stephen Steel, being first duly sworn on oath say, that William Steel who died on May 9th 1862 seized and possessed of the following described land to-wit: "The Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Ten and the East Half of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Nine all in Township Seventy Five North, Range Twenty Six West of the 5th P.M. Iowa. "was my Father, and that he died leaving as his only heirs, his wife Mary Steel, his four sons named as follows, T. Benton Steel, Stephen Steel, George C. Steel, and James Steel, and four daughters named as follows, Martha Jane Clanton, Meribe Bell, Sarah Clanton, and Mary F. Steel. All of above heirs were of legal age and competent to convey theirs interests in the above described land at the times they did so, being all of age on or before January 1st 1867. I further say that George C. Steel, grantor at No 11 of Abstract No 8871 prepared by Hamilton Bros of Winterset Iowa, was a single man on March 19 1867 when he executed a warranty deed to George W. Leverich I further state that I was well acquainted with Geo W. Leverich for many years, and know that he was a single man on March 3rd 1876, and that George W. Leverich mentioned as grantor at No 15 of said above described abstract, and G.W. Leverich mentioned as grantee at No 18 of said abstract were one and the same identical person. I further state that I was well acquainted with Meribe Bell for many years, she being my sister, and that Meribe Bell mentioned as grantor at No 17 and Meribe Bell mentioned as grantor at No 16 of said above described abstract, were one and the same identical person. I further state that I was well acquainted with both Sarah Clanton and W.W. Clanton, grantors at No 18 of said above described abstract, she being my sister, and that March 12 1873 they were husband and wife. I further state that I was well acquainted with Meribe Steel one of the grantors at No 18 of said above described abstract, she being my sister, and state that she is the same person as Meribe Bell one of the grantors mentioned at No 17 of said above abstract. I further state that I was well acquainted with Meribe Bell and Thomas Bell grantors at No 16 of said above described abstract, and that on February 23 1876 when they made a warranty deed to Geo. W. Leverich they were husband and wife. I further state that I was well acquainted with Meribe Steel one of the grantors at No 18 of said above described abstract, and that on March 19 1873 when she made a warranty deed to G.W. Leverich she was a single person. I further say that James Steel died in 1894 I further say that Geo W. Leverich grantor at No 19 was single March 3 1876 and that T Benton Steel was likewise single at that time.

## Miscellaneous Record, No. 17, Madison County.

I further say that Mary Steel one of the grantors at No 19 was my Mother and was a widow on March 3 1876, and that she never remarried and died about 1903.

Stephen Steel.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Stephen Steel this 2th day of July A.D. 1909.

NOTARIAL  
SEAL.

W.A. Tris Notary Public  
in & for Madison Co. Iowa.

Filed for Record Oct 9th A.D. 1909 at 12.45 o'clock  
George Hill Recorder