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 D.G. Ratliff) Filed for Record Feb 22nd A.D. 1910 at 9.25 O'clock A.M.
 to) Affidavit(b0 George Hill Recorder.
 The Public) By Daisy Hill Deputy.

State of Iowa Madison County SS;

I, D.G. Ratliff, on oath say that I have been a continuous resident of Madison County, Iowa, since the year 1853, and during all of said time have either been engaged in business or have held public office; that at different times I have been engaged in the real estate, the implement and clothing business in said county and have at different times been Sheriff and also Treasurer of said County; that I was personally acquainted with Leonadis Pendleton and John Rust to whom, on or about March 7, 1855, Thomas Bird and wife conveyed the West Half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the South West Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Sixteen (16) in Township Seventy Four (74) North of Range Twenty eight (28) West of the 5th P.M. Iowa, the deed being recorded in deed record "H" of said county at page 462, and that they were the same and identical men as the Leonadus Pendleton and John S. Rust who, on or about May 15, 1856, conveyed the same real estate to William Kelso, the deed being recorded in deed record "P" of said county at page 342; and that the said William Kelso, the grantee, was the same and identical person as the William W. Kelso who, on or about January 6, 1857, conveyed the same real estate to M.C. Munger, the deed being recorded in deed record "H" of said county at page 250 thereof; that at that time the said William W. Kelso or William Kelso and wife, Cynthia M. Kelso, did not reside on or occupy said real estate as their homestead but were living in the town of Winterset, Iowa; that I was well and personally acquainted with Joseph Barlien to whom Mary E. Munger, Mary E. Stoneall and John M. Munger, on or about May 28, 1878, conveyed said real estate by quit claim deed, the deed being recorded in record 14 of said county at page 150, and to whom Cynthia M. Kelso, the wife of William W. Kelso before referred to, on or about June 26, 1878, also executed a conveyance of said real estate and who, with his wife Polly A.H. Barlien, conveyed said real estate on or about December 10, 1883, to Emma Bonnevis Kendig; and that he was the same and identical man as the Joseph Bearlein or Joseph Bearlene or Joseph Barlein named as grantee in a conveyance of said real estate from Elias Gilbert and wife, Mary Gilbert, dated on or about February 13, 1868 and recorded in deed record 4 of said county at page 440 thereof; and that, as I believe, the said Elias Gilbert and Mary Gilbert, grantors in said last mentioned conveyance, were at the date thereof husband and wife; that I was also acquainted with James E. Wight, the grantor in conveyance of said real estate to Samuel Hamilton, dated April

30, 1864, and that, as I believe, the said James E. Wight and Harriet M. Wight, who joined with him in said conveyance, were at that time husband and wife; and that, as I believe Lewis Davis and Nancy S. Davis, or Nancy L. Davis, who executed a conveyance of said real estate to Thomas Bird on or about August 3, 1855, were, at the date of said conveyance, husband and wife; that I am in no way interested in the matters stated herein except to establish of record the facts stated.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of February, 1910.

D.G. Ratliff.

W.S. Cooper
Notary Public.

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