

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

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me by the said J.C. Clark this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1910.

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J.E. Hamilton,  
Notary Public in and for Madison County Iowa.

D.G. Ratliff) Filed for Record April 5th A.D. 1910 at 9.40 o'clock A.M.  
to ) Affidavit(  
The Public )

George Hill Recorder.  
By Daisy Hill Deputy.

State of Iowa Madison County SS:

I, D.G. Ratliff, of said County and State, on oath say that I have been continuously a resident of said County and State since in the year 1853 and have had a wide acquaintance over said County and over Warren County, Iowa, having been engaged in business, or having held public office during nearly all of said time. That for many years there was only one National Bank in Madison County, Iowa, known and designated and transacting business as "The National Bank of Winterset, Iowa" that about the year 1880, the exact year being uncertain in my mind another National Bank being organized in Winterset, Iowa, the aforesaid National Bank of Winterset, Iowa, became and was thereafter known and designated as the "First National Bank of Winterset, Iowa", in other words The National Bank of Winterset, Iowa, and the first National Bank of Winterset, Iowa, was the same institution, the one succeeding to all business, rights, and property of the other, That on or about June 13th, 1879, as Sheriff of Madison County, Iowa, I conveyed to the said National Bank of Winterset, Iowa, the South Half of Section Twenty five (25), Township Seventy Seven (77), range twenty nine (29), West of 5th P.M. Iowa, which on or about November 18, 1884, C.D. Bevington as President, and S.G. Bevington as Cashier of the First National Bank of Winterset, Iowa, conveyed to William R. Taylor; that said grantee the National Bank of Winterset, Iowa, was the same institution as the grantor the First National Bank of Winterset, Iowa, That I was acquainted with the family of John Spray, who died in Warren County, Iowa, in the year 1864; that Sallie A. Hampson, who with her husband Jesse A.P. Hampson on or about February 17, 1866, conveyed her interest in a portion of said land to W.T. Ford, was the same and identical person as Sarah A. Hampson, named in other proceedings and matters referring to the estate of said John Spray; that Christopher F. Spray named in the proceedings and matters referring to the estate of John Spray was the same and identical man as C.F. Spray, who on or about April 14, 1866, conveyed his interest in a portion of said land to W.T. Ford, and that Fannie A. Spray who joined in said conveyance was his wife; and that Elizabeth Spray who joined with Henry Spray in a conveyance of a portion of said real estate to said W.T. Ford on or about May 9, 1866, was the wife of Henry Spray. That I have known all of the above named persons, and that the facts stated are true as I believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by said affiant this April 4th A.D. 1910.

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D.G. Ratliff,  
W.S. Cooper Notary Public  
in and for Madison County,  
Iowa.