

Miscellaneous Record, No. 17, Madison County.

#699 Wm. LaVenture) Filed for Record Aug. 27th A.D. 1910 at 10.06 o'clock A.M.
to) Affidavit(Recording Fee \$0 George Hill Recorder.
The Public) By Daisy Hill Deputy.

State of Iowa, Scott County SS:

I, Wm. LaVenture, being duly sworn on my oath do depose and say that I am the Land Commissioner of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, and that as such Land Commissioner, I have in my possession and custody the records of said Company, and the records of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, in so far as said records affect or concern the lands now, or heretofore owned by said Companies. That I find from the records of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company the following resolution adopted by the Executive Committee thereof, March 16th, A.D. 1869, in relation to the conveyance of lands owned by said Company, under its Land Grant, viz:- "Resolved, that when any sale and payments therefor are made, the deed shall be executed by the President and Land Commissioner, and with the Official Seal of the Land Commissioner's Office thereto attached; and the Land Commissioner shall be the proper officer to make Acknowledgments of such deeds on behalf of the Company, in accordance with the Laws of the State of Iowa; and that deeds so executed and acknowledged, shall be good and valid in law to pass all the title of the Company to the lands therein described."

That on August 9th, A.D. 1871, the following resolution was adopted:-

"Resolved, that deeds and conveyances, for the purpose of transferring the titles of the said lands to purchasers, signed by the Vice-President and the Land Commissioner, with the Seal of its Land Office attached, and acknowledged by the Land Commissioner, shall be valid to pass the title of this Company to the land therein described."

That the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, as the successor of the said Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, has made no change in the method of conveying its land grant lands, and has continuously followed the same plan adopted and used by the said Railroad Company, in conveying its Land Grant lands, That in some of the deeds and instruments so acknowledged by me, as such Land Commissioner I am informed that my name appears in said acknowledgments as "William LaVenture", and in some of them as William LaVenture, but that in each and every instance where said name appears, in such connection, that it refers to myself, William LaVenture, usually by me written, "Wm. LaVenture".

I further depose and say that I am personally acquainted with the John Lewis Drew, likewise, Land Commissioner for the said Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, and know that wherever the name John Lewis Drew, J.L. Drew, John L. Drew, or J. Lewis Drew appears, as Land Commissioner for said Company, wither in acknowledgments or signature to deeds executed by said Company, that in each and every instance it refers to one and the same person, to-wit: John Lewis Drew, Land Commissioner for said Railway Company. All of which is true as I verily believe.

Wm. LaVenture.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me by the said Wm. LaVenture this 8th day of July, A.D. 1907.

F.L. Dodge.

Notary Public for said County.

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#700 W.G. Dorrell) Filed for Record September 1st A.D. 1910 at 9.12 o'clock A.M.
to) Affidavit(George Hill Recorder
The Public) By Daisy Hill Deputy