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D.G. Ratliff) Filed for Record Feb. 4th A.D. 1911 at 5.00 o'clock P.M.  
to ) Affidavit( George Hill Recorder.  
The Public ) By Daisy Hill Deputy.

# 842

State of Iowa, Madison County SS:

I, D.G. Ratliff, of said County and State, on oath say that I have been a continuous resident of Madison County, Iowa, since in the year 1853; that I was well acquainted with David McCarty, and knew his wife Burena McCarty, who for many years lived about two miles North of Winterset, Iowa, on Section twenty-four (24), Township Seventy six (76) North, of range Twenty-eight (28), West of 5th P.M. Iowa, and that I also knew Asberry McCarty; that said David McCarty or Asberry McCarty never owned or had any land in the North West Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section, to the best of my knowledge; that neither of them ever at any time was in the possession or occupancy of any land in said quarter section; that they did own land in the North East Quarter of said Section, and were in possession of it; that David McCarty also owned the East One fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the South West Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section, but that I have been acquainted with said land ever since I have lived in Madison County, Iowa, and that neither said David McCarty or Asberry McCarty ever had possession or made any claim to any land in the North West Quarter of said Section to my knowledge. That I was Sheriff of Madison County, Iowa, in the years 1877, 1878, and 1879, as such Sheriff executing two Sheriff's deeds to E.A. Lyon conveying the South three fourths of the East Half ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the North West Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section to E.A. Lyons, the deeds being recorded in deed record "A" of Sheriff's deeds of Madison County, Iowa, at pages 139 and 140; that the firm of Tolman & King or Toleman & King referred to in the recitals of said deed was the same and identical firm as Talman & King which had two judgments against J.B. Duff and Newton Duff, on which on or about January 12th, 1878, sales were made of the said real estate, the judgments being shown on judgment docket four (4) of Madison County, Iowa, at pages 26 and 27 thereof. That Cynthia Denny to whom J.S. McCaughan and A.R. Dabney, and their wives America McCaughan and Pauline Dabney on or about July 7, 1881, conveyed the real estate last described, was the same and identical person as the Cynthia Denny who with her husband Eli on or about May 19th, 1882 conveyed the same to Anna M. Nichol. That the H.S. Ely who on or about June 7th, 1897, executed an assignment of a certain mortgage given on or about September 21, 1892, by Lena A. Doremus and husband to Henry S. Ely, the assignment being made to the Farmer's & Mechanic's Savings Bank, was the same and identical person as Henry S. Ely, the mortgagee. That I have known all of the above named parties, and that the facts above stated are true as I believe.

D.G. Ratliff,

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by the said affiant this 4th day of February, A.D. 1911.

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