

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said Francis Bennett this 1st day of April A.D. 1912.

Francis Bennett) Filed for Record April 2nd A.D. 1912 at 10.30 o'clock A.M.  
to ) Affidavit( 60  
The Public. ) George Hill Recorder.  
By Daisy Hill Deputy.

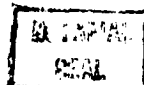
State of Iowa, Madison County SS:

I, Francis Bennett, of the age of 73 years, and a resident of said County and State, being first duly sworn, on my oath depose and say that I am a son of Jacob Bennett, who died in said County and State on or about February 1st, 1882, seized of the West Half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the Northeast Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Thirty-five (35) in Township Seventy-seven (77) North, of Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the 5th P.M. and other land, and that I am the Francis Bennett named as one of the heirs at law of the said Jacob Bennett, deceased, in the registry of heirs filed in his said estate. That if said registry of heirs shows the date of birth of Hannah Fee to be February 25th, 1882, and that of Sarah Bennett to be August 19th, 1884, that both of said years are wrong. That I am not able to give the exact date of birth of either the said Hannah Fee or Sarah Bennett, but that they were each my sisters and were each older than me. That the David Bennett mentioned in the said registry of heirs was my oldest brother, and that he died in Madison County, Iowa, about the year 1854, intestate, unmarried and without issue. That the Sarah Bennett, named in said registry of heirs, and the Sallie Bennett, named as one of the legatees in the last will and testament of said Jacob Bennett, deceased, and the Sarah Bennett, named as one of the grantees in a deed from Etna Taylor and husband, John S., dated December 20th, 1882, conveying the undivided  $\frac{2}{11}$  of the above described land, and other land, and the Sarah Bennett, named as one of the grantees in a deed from Dorrick Bennett and wife, Nancy J., dated December 20th, 1882, conveying the undivided  $\frac{1}{11}$  of the above described land, and the Sally Bennett, one of the grantors in a deed dated January 1st, 1883, conveying the land first herein described to Hannah Fee, is all one and same identical person. That Samantha Hornbeck, who is named in said registry of heirs filed in the estate of Jacob Bennett, deceased, and Sarah Hornbeck, named in the will of said Jacob Bennett, deceased, and also named as one of the grantors in a deed to Etna Taylor, dated October 31st, 1882, conveying the undivided  $\frac{1}{11}$  of said real estate is one and the same identical person. That the said Jacob Bennett was a widower at the time of his decease. That the Jacob Bennett, named as grantee in a deed from Mesheck Casteel and wife, dated December 9th, 1852, conveying the Northwest Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Northeast Quarter of said Section township, and range, is the same person as the Jacob Bennett, my father who died as heretofore stated. That I was well and personally acquainted with Mesheck Casteel, the patentee of the forty acres last above described, and know that he is the same and identical person as Mesheck Casteel, who with his wife, conveyed said land to Jacob Bennett by deed dated December 9th, 1852. That I have no interest in any of the land above described of any character whatever.

Francis Bennett.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said Francis Bennett this 1st day of April A.D. 1912.

Lloyd Talley.  
Notary Public in and for said County.



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