

Miscellaneous Record, No. 18, Madison County

Samuel Fife) Filed for Record July 20th A.D. 1912 at 9.10 o'clock A.M.
to) Affidavit(*waiving fee* George Hill Recorder.
The Public.) By Daisy Hill Deputy.

State of Iowa County of Madison SS:

I, Samuel Fife of St Charles, Madison Co. Iowa, first being duly sworn do depose and say that I am past 80 years of age and that, except the time that I served in the army, have lived in Madison Co. Iowa, since 1849. That I am well acquainted with the land and farms along the North part of Ohio Township and South part of South Twp. having owned farms in both Townships. That I am well acquainted with the farm now owned by J.E. Gettys described as follows: The North 25 acres of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 3 and the North Frac. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 2 Twp 74 R 25 Madison Co. Iowa, having owned a farm adjoining thereto in the year 1856 to about the year 1877. I have known the owners of the North Frac. $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 2-74-26 since the year 1866. That I knew Jacob B. Hartman, but did not know he was the owner thereof, as this land was then out on the "Commons" and was known as speculator's land. On or about the year 1866 or soon thereafter this land was fenced and broken out, and from that time until this day it has been one farm, and that the description "The North Fractional Half Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Fractional Quarter Northeast ~~east~~ Quarter is evidently an error, for I know that formerly this land consisted of the North Frac $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW Frac $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 2-74-26 and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 35-75-26 Containing 189.79 acres and that corresponds to the number of acres of land (189.79 A.) described in land conveyed by Ludwig Apple and Dorcas Apple to William B. Cunningham, Recorded Dec. 25, 1856 in Record Book "F" Page 208 in Madison Co. Iowa. That I knew J.D. Hartman well, grantor, Deed Record "U" Page 336 thereof, was the same and identical person as James D. Hartman mentioned in affidavit Misc. Records 3 Page 466.

I furthermore say that I was well and personally acquainted with S.W. Vanderbilt who was grantor in a deed to the NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 2-74-26 recorded in Deed Record Book 2 page 159 thereof, and that he was the same and identical person as Samuel Vanderbilt, grantee in deed recorded in book "V" page 108 thereof, and same as Samuel Vanderbilt grantee recorded in Book "U" page 336, and the same person as Samuel W. Vanderbilt grantee in deed recorded in Book 1 page 569 thereof. That I was well and personally acquainted with James Hinkle during his life time, being one of my neighbors. That he died on or about the year 1858 and that in the settlement of the estate his name was spelled James Hinkel, James S. Hinkle, James S. Henkle, James Hönkel and James Hinkle and that all the above names refer to the one identical person James Hinkle. That I was well and personally acquainted with Frank Robinson who on or about June 5th 1884 purchased the above described land, recorded in Deed Record Book 23 on page 528 thereof, and on or about Feb. 22nd 1895 conveyed the same to George Hartfield and signed his name as F.P. Robinson, said deed being recorded in Deed Record #35 page 163 thereof, and I know that Frank Robinson and F.P. Robinson is one and the same identical person.

The above references to records have been taken from abstract #10064 made by Hamilton & Drake Winterset, Iowa. Further deponenth sayeth not.

Samuel Fife.

Subscribed and sworn to by Samuel Fife before me a Notary Public in and for Madison Co. Iowa, this 9th day of July 1912.

H.A. Mueller.

Notary Public in and for Madison Co. Iowa.