

## Miscellaneous Record, No. 18, Madison County

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Mary Ruecker )

to

The Public )

Aff.

State of Iowa, Polk County, SS.

Filed for record the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Feb. A.D. 1913 at 8:15 o'clock

Jeannette E. Beck, Recorder.

A.M.

I, Mary Ruecker, being duly sworn, depose and say that the wife of Chas. Ruecker and the daughter of Chas. Swardtsfager; that my said father was a resident of said Polk County, Iowa, where he died about the year 1863; that his widow surviving him was Rachel Swardtsfager, and who died in Los Angeles, Cal., about the year 1890 that the name "Swardtsfager" is German, and was frequently mispronounced and misspelled; that the said Rachel was my step-mother, and was, as I believe, the grantee in a certain deed made by one Thomas Watts and wife on Dec. 22, 1860, for the E. 1/8 E. 1/4 of Sec. 7-76-29, in Madison County Iowa, recorded in Deed Record L, page 581, in said Madison County, and if the name of the grantee in said deed is spelled "Sweatfeazer" it must have been an error on the part of the person who wrote the same in recording said deed; that it is my understanding that the said Rachel Swardtsfager traded some of the property owned by my father for the said Madison County land, and that the title to the said land in Madison County, Iowa, was taken in the name of the said Rachel Swardtsfager; that if the names of the grantors who conveyed the said land to Dexter N. Chaffee on Nov. 10, 1861, by a deed which is said to have been recorded in Deed Record M, page 172, in the office of the Recorder of said Madison County, Iowa, were written in said record as Rachel Sweatfinger and Chas. Sweatfinger, I am confident that the same was clerical error and that the said Rachel Swardtsfager was the same person as the Rachel Sweatfeazer named as grantee in the deed first hereinbefore referred to, and the same person as Rachel Sweatfinger who is named as grantor in the deed to Dexter N. Chaffee above referred to, and that the Chas. Sweatfinger described in said deed last above referred to as one of the grantors, was the same person as my father Chas. Swardtsfager, and that the persons who in fact signed said deed to Dexter N. Chaffee were the said Rachel and Chas. Swardtsfager who are now both dead.

Witness:

E. P. Bayles

Mary X<sup>for</sup> Ruecker  
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Subscribed and sworn to by the said Mary Ruecker, in my presence and before me, this 26th day of July A.D. 1902.

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Craig T. Wright  
Notary Public in and for Polk County Iowa.

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