

W.S.Cooper ) Filed for record the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D.1914 at 1:52 o'clock P.M.  
to  
The Public ) Afft. Jeannette E.Beck,Recorder.

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J. E. R.

State of Iowa Madison County, SS. I, W.S.Cooper, of said County and State, on oath say that I have lived in Winterset, Iowa, continuously for more than thirty years last past, that I was personally acquainted with A.J.Adkinson, grantor in a conveyance dated January 29, 1879, in which Margaret C. Moore is grantee, of an interest in the north half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the south east quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the south east quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section nine (9), in township seventy five (75) north, of range twenty eight (28), west of 5th P. M., Iowa, and that he was the same and identical person as the Andrew J. Adkinson who, with Benjamin Ludlow, was grantee in a conveyance of the same real estate from Craig Gaines and wife on or about June 9, 1856, that said A.J. Adkinson during those years did a good deal of trafficking in real estate in that vicinity, and that his name was frequently written. Adkinson instead of Adkison.

That I wrote a deed conveying the north twenty one and one half ( $21\frac{1}{2}$ ) acres of the southeast quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the south east quarter of section nine (9), in said township and range, from E.B. Adams to J.M. McKinney, that the said deed was drawn about November 22, 1902, that the purchaser was J.M. McKinney, and that no one named J.M. McKibban had any thing to do with the transaction, or was in any manner interested in said real estate, and that if the name J.M. McKibban appears in the record of said conveyance it is a clerical error, as J.M. McKinney was the purchaser, and the person with whom the covenants of said deed ran.

That I was familiar with the steps taken by T.G. Ladd to perfect the title to certain land owned by him in said section, township, and range, under which he obtained a conveyance from James Callanan on or about November 25, 1901, to the south east quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the southeast quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said section, township, and range, that I did not draw or obtain said deed but was familiar with the transaction at the time, that said Ladd owned the south eighteen and one half ( $18\frac{1}{2}$ ) acres of said forty acre tract, and procured the conveyance in order to remove a possible cloud by reason of the Swamp Land Conveyances, and in drawing the conveyance the entire forty acres was included instead of the portion

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Ladd owned, that no one ever took possession of any of said land under said Swamp Land Conveyances, and that neither the American Emigrant Company, James C. Savery, James Callanan, nor T. C. Ladd ever asserted any claim to said twenty one and one half acres, and that none of them ever occupied the same, or was in possession thereof,

W. S. Cooper.

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by said affiant this  
June 5th, A. D. 1914.

Carl R. Meyer.

Notary Public in and for Madison County, Iowa.

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