

Miscellaneous Record, No. 19, Madison County

John Summerville) Filed for record the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June A.D. 1916 at 1:35 o'clock P.M.  
to Jeannette E. Beck. Recorder.  
the Public) Afft. Fee \$.50 ✓ 1804. By Edith E. Cornell. Deputy.

State of Iowa, Madison County, ss. I, John Summerville, of said County and State;  
on oath say that I came to Warren County, Iowa, in the year 1865, and lived about one and  
one half miles from the north east quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the south east quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section  
twelve (12) in township seventy five (75) north, of range twenty six (26) west of the Fifth  
P.M., Iowa; that I lived in the immediate vicinity of said land until about three years ago,  
and for many years my family did our trading at St Charles, Iowa, and we passed said tract  
of land each time we went to town; that H.G. Van Meter was never in possession of said land,  
never occupied it, cultivated it, or made or asserted any claim to it so far as I ever  
heard; that said land lay open and unfenced, uncultivated and unimproved, until after it  
was sold to W. B. Beebe; that for many years it was known in the neighborhood as the  
"Beebe forty", and it was the general understanding that said tract was owned by W. B. Beebe;  
that it was then sold to Jonah Shreeves, who at once built a house on the land, fenced it,  
put it in a state of cultivation, and lived on it; that from that time it has been continu-  
ously occupied by Jonah Shreeves, or by his daughter Sadie Bean, and her grantee Earl Hurl-  
but, and no one ever questioned so far as I ever heard the ownership or right of possession  
of W. B. Beebe, Jonah Shreeves, Sadie Bean, or Earl Hurlbut.

John Summerville.

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by the said affiant this thirty-  
first day of May, A. D. 1916.

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