

William Brinson) Filed for record the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Dec A.D. 1916, at 2:10 o'clock P.M.  
to Jeannette E. Beck, Recorder.  
The Public ) Afft.

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State of Iowa Madison County, SS. I, William Brinson, on oath say that I am now eighty three years of age, that I moved to Madison County, Iowa, in the year 1848 and have resided in this County and State continuously since that time; that my father's land and my land joined the south half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the northeast quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section nine (9), township seventy five (75) north, of range twenty-eight (28) west of the Fifth P.M., Iowa, and that I knew said land before it was entered and have been acquainted with all of the owners and occupants of said land from the time the same was entered down to this date. That said land at one time belonged to Andrew H. Bertholf and James T. Bertholf, that said James T. Bertholf died intestate about the time of the opening of the Civil War or shortly before, leaving surviving as his widow, Rebecca Bertholf, and as his only children and only heirs at law, Susan Stein, Sibelia Robinson, John Bertholf, Mary Eutsler, and Hannah Retta Eutsler. That I was acquainted with Benjamin Ludlow who at one time owned said land, and with his widow, Rachael Ludlow, and that said Rachael Ludlow lived with her daughter Margaret C. Moore to whom she conveyed said land from the time of the making of said conveyance in the year 1876 down to the time of her death in the year 1893, and that until the death of said Rachael Ludlow the said Margaret C. Moore maintained and supported her on said premises, and the said Rachael Ludlow lived with said Margaret C. Moore as a member of her family, and that since that time the said real estate has been in the possession of said Margaret C. Moore and of her grantee Arthur J. Sumner.

That I am the William Brinson to whom a conveyance of the southeast quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the northeast quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said section, township, and range appears on deed record "A" of Madison County, Iowa, at page 281, dated April 15, 1854, and executed by Joseph Brinson and wife and that the said description is erroneous, and that it should have been the northeast quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the southeast quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the said section, township, and range, and that I never had any interest in the southeast quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the northeast quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said section, township, and range. That neither Samuel Hamilton or James E. Wight ever owned the eighty (80) acres of land first herein described, and neither of them was ever in possession of said eighty (80) acre tract, and that the conveyance from Samuel Hamilton to James E. Wight dated May 6 1854, and recorded in deed record "K" at page 495 which purports to convey the north half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the northeast quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said section, township, and range is a misdescription.

William Brinson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by the said affiant, this eighth day of December A.D. 1916. W.S. Cooper.

Notary Public in and for Madison County, Iowa.

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