

## Miscellaneous Record, No. 19, Madison County

W.S.Cooper ) Filed for record the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D.1917, at 3:20 o'clock P.M.  
to Jeannette E.Beck,Recorder.  
The Public) Afft.

Fee, \$.50  
# 1855

State of Iowa Madison County, SS.

I, W.S.Cooper, of said County and State, on oath say that I have lived in Winterset, Madison County, Iowa, since in the year 1879, that for about thirty years last past I have been acquainted with the possession of lots two (2), three (3), six (6), and seven (7) in Block Seventeen (17) in Jones' Addition to Winterset, Madison County, Iowa, that I remember when said property was occupied by Benjamin W. Gould, a wagon maker who formerly lived in Winterset. That afterwards and until the time of her death it was continuously occupied by Martha Guiberson a sister of D. G. Ratliff and Thompson Ratliff. That I wrote the quit claim deed conveying the one-half interest in said property from D. G. Ratliff to Thompson Ratliff dated January 5, 1897, and was familiar with the transactions between D. G. Ratliff and Thompson Ratliff relative to said said property, and that said D. G. Ratliff and Thompson Ratliff purchased said property for the purpose of providing a home for their sister Martha Guiberson, and that she occupied said property continuously from about the time the same was conveyed to D. G. Ratliff in 1887 until her death in 1917, and that during that time Thomas D. Jones and his wife, Rebecca Jones, were not in possession of the same or any part thereof and made no claim of any kind thereto. W.S.COOPER.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me and in my presence by the said affiant this 17 day of April, A. D. 1917. HARRY F.ANDERSON, Notary Public in and for Madison COUNTY, Iowa.

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