

George M. Grout) Filed for record the 13th day of Feb A.D. 1918 at 11:10 o'clock A.M.
to Jeannette E. Beck Recorder
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State of Iowa Madison County SS:- I, George M. Grout, being first duly sworn, do on my oath depose and say that I was well and personally acquainted with Isaac Ruby, to whom Wm. B. Ruby conveyed the North Half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the North East Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the South West Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$), and a strip 2 rods wide off of the South side of the South East Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the North West Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$), all in Section Five (5), Township Seventy-five (75) North, Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the 5th P.M., said deed being dated December 4th 1875 and recorded in Deed Record 11, Page 529, and that the said Isaac Ruby and his assigns have been in actual, open, notorious, continuous and adverse possession of said real estate under color of title and claim of right from said date to the present time.

I further depose and say that I was well and personally acquainted with Thomas F. Mardis, to whom Isaac Ruby conveyed said real estate by deed dated February 10th 1882 and recorded in Deed Record 20, Page 24, and that the said Thomas F. Mardis, and the T. F. Mardis who conveyed the same described real estate to J. T. Ergenbright by deed dated November 6th 1899 and recorded in Deed Record 41, Page 188 were one and the same identical person.

I further depose and say that I was well and personally acquainted with Arthur L. Sprinkle to whom J. T. Ergenbright conveyed said real estate by deed dated February 24th 1900 and recorded in Deed Record 41, Page 374, and that the said Arthur L. Sprinkle, and the A. L. Sprinkle who conveyed the same described real estate to W. A. Bruett by deed dated January 3rd 1903 and recorded in Deed Record 45, Page 370 were one and the same identical person.

George M. Grout.
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 26th day of August 1909.
O. E. Beach
Notary Public in and for Madison County, Iowa.

