

Miscellaneous Record, No. 20, Madison County, Iowa.

I.E.Holmes)
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Filed for record the 23 day of March A.D. 1920 at
8.20 o'clock A.M.

Nettie E. Winship, Recorder
Fee \$.70 # 2069 *Nettie E. Winship*

State of Iowa, Madison County SS: I, I.E.Holmes, of said County and State being first duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am now past 60 years of age; that I have been a resident of Madison County, Iowa, for 60 years last past and that I have been well and personally acquainted with the ownership and occupancy of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 3, Township 74, Range 26, being in Ohio Township, Madison County, Iowa, now owned by J.V. Fortune, during the last 60 years of said time.

That I never knew or heard of any of the persons hereinafter named or any one claiming by through or under them ever asserting any claim of right in or to said land, and that to the best of my knowledge none of them ever took possession of said land, paid taxes on the same, or did any other thing or act in any manner exercising any right or claim of ownership to said land, and that said J.V. Fortune and his grantors have been in the open, notorious, peaceable and adverse possession of same for 25 years last past; and that during all of said time no adverse claims to said land have been made.

That William Stoneman, William Gerard, Mary E. Gerard, John J. Davis, Margaret Davis, Robert B. Brackenbridge, Robert B. Breckingridge, Julia A. Breckingridge, C. Buckingham, R. B. Brackenridge Julia A. Brackenridge and Thornton F. Hoff only appear in connection with the record title to said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec, 3-74-26 by reason of erroneous descriptions in the instruments in which they were parties, and that none of them ever had or claimed to have any right, title or interest in or to said land to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I further state that I was well and personally acquainted with N.A. (or Nathaniel A.) Hayden during his life time, and with his family; that said N.A. Hayden died testate on or about Nov. 21, 1910, leaving no widow surviving, and leaving the following children as his sole and only heirs at law, to wit:- William T. Hayden, Eliga Hayden, Anna B. White, Sarah E. McLaughlin, Chas. J. Hayden, Perry Wallace (or P.W.) Hayden, and Mora E. Walker; that he left no other child, no child of any deceased child or no adopted children.

I further state that if the name of Asa Killian appears as an heir of said N.A. Hayden in the Registry of Heirs filed in his Estate, it only appears through error as his mother Sarah E. McLaughlin, a daughter of said N.A. Hayden, was living at the time of the death of N.A. Hayden and is now living and inherited her full interest in said estate.

I further state that I am in no way interested in the title to the land herein described, but make this affidavit at the request of said J.V. Fortune for the purpose of establishing of record the facts herein stated.

I.E.Holmes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above named affiant this 22 day of March A.D. 1920.

James E. Walker
Notary Public.

