

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

Elizabeth Oberhofer) Filed for record the 20th day of February A.D., 1924, at 9/45.  
to (Affidavit. o'clock A.M.  
The Public ) #306 Fee \$1.60 ✓ Olive Garrison Crawford, Recorder.  
State of Montana, Dawson County, ss. I, Elizabeth (or Lizzie J.) Oberhofer, of Bloomfield,

Dawson County, Montana, being first duly sworn, upon oath depose and say that I am now and have been a resident of said County and State for more than 17 years last past; that I am of legal age, and am familiar with the facts hereinafter stated, and am competent to make this affidavit.

I further state that I was well and personally acquainted with Oliver J. Ruth and Alice L. Ruth, his wife, the grantors in the Warranty Deed, recorded in Town Lot Deed Record 19, page 336 of the records of Madison County, Iowa, conveying Lots 8 & 9, in Block 6, in West Addition to Winterset, Iowa, to W.H. Bellows, the said Oliver J. Ruth, who is now deceased, being my brother. That the said Oliver J. Ruth died testate in the state of Michigan in the year A.D. 1916, leaving the said Alice L. Ruth, his widow surviving, and as his sole and only heirs at law, his brothers and sisters, to-wit:- C.E. Ruth, Carrie B. Mark, Lizzie J. Oberhofer, and a half-sister, Marie O. Ruth, who joined in the execution of the Quit Claim Deed to said Oliver J. Ruth, recorded in Town Lot Deed Record 10, page 602 of said records, and that Harriet Ruth, who joined in said deed was the stepmother of said Oliver J. Ruth. That the said Oliver J. Ruth left no issue, no issue of any deceased child, and no adopted child and no issue of any adopted child, and that his only surviving heirs were his widow and the children and heirs of his deceased father, Alex Ruth, and of his deceased mother, Sarah Jane Ruth, above named, the said Lizzie J. Oberhofer being the same person as Elizabeth Oberhofer, this affiant.

I further state that the Deane J. Ruth, who lived with Oliver J. Ruth and wife during the lifetime of Oliver J. Ruth, and now lives with Alice L. Ruth, the surviving widow of said Oliver J. Ruth, at Chehalis, Washington, is my son, Deane J. Oberhofer, and that I gave him to the said Oliver J. Ruth and Alice L. Ruth in the year 1912 at Paloma, Illinois, to rear as their own child, and he is known as Deane J. Ruth, but that he was not legally adopted by the said Oliver J. Ruth or the said Alice L. Ruth; and that since the death of said Oliver J. Ruth, I have provided for my said son so far as I have been able.

I further state that this affidavit is made in connection with the bequest of said above described premises, made in the Last Will and Testament of said Alex Ruth, deceased, whose estate was probated in the District Court of Madison County, Iowa, and entered in Probate Docket "F", page 165 in the Office of the Clerk of said Court; and that I have no interest whatever in the title to said premises, but make this affidavit at the request of the present owner thereof, for the purpose of establishing of record the facts herein stated.

Elizabeth Oberhofer.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by the above named  
affiant, this 8 day of Feb., 1924.  
M.O. Ianam,  
Notary Public in and for Dawson County, Montana.  
Com. expires Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> - 1925.

