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Gladys B. DeVault, Recorder.
Paul Lucas, Deputy.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: I, Florence Shepherd, first being sworn, on oath say that I am the surviving wife of W. S. Shepherd, deceased; that I was married to him in February, 1883 and that said W. S. Shepherd departed this life in Earlham, Madison County, Iowa, February 6, 1923, and that he died seized of the following described real estate:

The Northwest Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-two (22); Lots Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) of the Southwest Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section Twenty-two (22), more particularly described as, Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$), running thence South 76 rods, thence East 94 rods, thence North 76 rods, thence West 94 rods to the place of beginning; also a tract described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Southwest Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$), running thence South 32 rods and 8 links, thence West 66 rods, thence North 32 rods and 8 links, thence East 66 rods to the place of beginning; and the Northwest Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section Twenty-two (22), excepting therefrom, five acres in the Southwest corner thereof twenty (20) rods East and west and forty (40) rods North and South; all of said land lying and being in Township Seventy-seven (77) North, of Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the 5th P.M.

located and situated in Madison Township, Madison County, Iowa.

That I do know of my personal knowledge that one A. J. Shepherd of Madison Township, Madison County, Iowa, was not related in any degree whatever to my husband, W. S. Shepherd, and that the said A. J. Shepherd had no interest or title, either by inheritance or purchase, in 1898 or any other time, in the aforesaid described real estate belonging to my said husband; and that the taxes for the year 1898 amounting to \$4.74, which appear of record in the Treasurer's office of Madison County, Iowa, as a lien on the above described land, were erroneously assessed to the above described land, and said tax is not now or has been any other time any lien on said land.

And I further state that one Elsworth Shepherd of Madison County, Iowa, is not and was not related to my husband, W. S. Shepherd, deceased, in any degree whatever, and that he

had no interest or title, either by inheritance or purchase, to the above described land of which my husband died seized of, and that the personal tax of the said Elsworth Shepherd, shown by records in the office of the Treasurer of Madison County, Iowa, and levied against him in Monroe Township in 1891 for \$5.90, in Union Township in 1893 for \$2.76, in Union Township in 1894 for \$2.06, in Union Township in 1898 for \$1.10, in Madison Township in 1903 for \$1.74 and in Douglas Township for 1904 in amount of \$1.32, all of said townships being in Madison County, is not a lien on the above described real estate, nor were said taxes a lien at the time the several levies of the several Townships were made, and same were erroneously levied against the above described land.

I further say that the personal tax of one J. G. Ellis, levied in Douglas Township, Madison County, Iowa, in the year 1890, amounting to 50¢, is not a lien on the above described land or any part thereof of which my said husband died seized of, and I do say of my personal knowledge that the said J. G. Ellis had no interest or title to the aforesaid described land whatever, either by inheritance or purchase, and that the aforesaid taxes are not now or were not at any time, a lien upon the real estate above described of which my said husband died seized of, and that said tax was erroneously levied against said real estate.

I further say that I am now the owner of aforesaid described real estate.

Further I say not.

Florence Shepherd

STATE OF IOWA, COUNTY OF MADISON, ss: I, Florence Shepherd on oath say that the facts and things set out in the above affidavit are true, as I verily believe.

Florence Shepherd

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me by the said Florence Shepherd this 7th day of August, 1925.

James W. Rhode
Notary Public in and for said County.

