

his family resided upon said real estate.

James C. Steele)
to
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Filed for record the 7th day of October A.D. 1926
at 11:50 o'clock P.M.

Gladys B. DeVault, Recorder
By Alberts Lucas, Deputy

Affidavit

State of Iowa, Madison County, ss: I, James C. Steele of said County and State being first duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am the same person as James C. Steele named as one of the heirs of Joseph Steele, deceased, whose estate was probated in the District Court of Madison County, Iowa, and entered in Probate Docket "H", page 32 in the Office of the Clerk of said Court.

I further state that Joseph Steele, Jr., Trustee, named in the Mortgage recorded in Mortgage Record 74, page 105 of the records of Madison County, Iowa, is my brother; that my father died seized of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 33, in Twp. 75, Range 29, Madison County, Iowa, and that T. C. Phillips who executed said mortgage purchased said land from the heirs at law of said Joseph Steele deceased during the time the estate of my said father was in the process of administration, and the estate being unsettled he could not negotiate a loan on the land with regular investors of farm mortgages or loaning companies; and that some of the heirs of said Joseph Steele, deceased, resided outside of the State of Iowa, and by mutual agreement of the heirs and for convenience in settling the estate said T. C. Phillips executed a purchase price mortgage to said Joseph Steele, Jr., as Trustee for the heirs at law of said Joseph Steele, deceased, or of Joseph Steele, Sr., being the mortgage above mentioned, and the said Trustee was to divide among the heirs the fund secured by said mortgage as fast as it was received; that it was the understanding by and between the heirs that said Joseph Steele, Jr., was to act as such Trustee only for the purpose of settling and closing the sale of said land to said Phillips and act as Trustee or Agent for said heirs in the collection of said Phillips mortgage, and that when the mortgage was finally paid he was to release the mortgage as such Trustee, which was done on the payment thereof, and final distribution of the principal and interest of said mortgage has been fully and satisfactorily made to the parties entitled thereto. I further state that the total value of the real and personal estate of which said Joseph Steele, Sr., died seized did not aggregate \$50,000, and that said estate was not, therefore, liable to federal Estate Tax or State Inheritance Tax.

I further state that I am not in any way interested in the title to said 160 acres first described, and make this affidavit at the request of T. C. Phillips (whose full

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

name is Thomas C. Phillips), the present owner thereof for the purpose of establishing of record the facts herein stated. James C. Steele.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me by the above named affiant this 6 day of October, A. D. 1926.

John D. Callison,
Notary Public, Madison Co. Iowa.

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