

Miscellaneous Record, No. 21, Madison County, Iowa.

ACRES-BLACKMAN Co. BURLINGTON 70140

E. A. SIMPSON

to

The Public

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A. D., 1928, at 2:40 o'clock P. M.,Gladys B. DeVault, Recorder,
Ercell M. Knott, Deputy.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA, Madison County) ss:

I, E. A. Simpson, a resident of said county and state, being first duly sworn, upon my oath depose and say as follows:

That I was born in the year 1871, on the farm of my father Antipas Simpson in Sec. 29, in Twp. 74 North, of Range 27 West of the 5th P. M., known as Walnut Township, and in the immediate vicinity of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 29-74-27. That I well know of the location of a school house in the SW corner of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 29-74-27, and that I received all of my schooling in the school house located on one acre of land in the Southwest corner of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 29-74-27. That I have resided in Madison County continuously since my birth, such residence being in the immediate vicinity of said Section 29, in Walnut Township and I am personally acquainted with the fact and well know that a school house was maintained on said one acre of land in the Southwest corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29-74-27, until its destruction by fire about the year 1895. That the School Township of Walnut, to the best of affiant's knowledge and belief, from the time of affiant's early childhood and up to and including the time of said destruction of said school house by fire, maintained said school and was, to all intents and purposes, the owner thereof and that such ownership was^a recognized fact by all residing in said township at that time. That it was the common understanding of all that when said school house burned and the school site was abandoned by said School District, that said school site had reverted to the owner of the forty acres upon which it was located. That to the best of affiant's knowledge and belief, the said School District of Walnut had good right and lawful authority to convey said school site of one acre to A. N. Vandermeulen, the owner of the remainder of said forty acres, by the deed which is recorded in Deed Record 34, at page 498 of the records of Madison County, Iowa, and it was generally known that said one acre tract had been conveyed to said School District for school purposes by one of the earlier owners of said forty acres.

That I am in no way interested.

E. A. Simpson

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me by the said E. A. Simpson, affiant, this 4th day of April, A. D., 1928.

Will H. Henry
Notary Public in and for
Madison County, Iowa.

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