

Miscellaneous Record, No. 22, Madison County, Iowa

W.O.Creger

To

The Public

STATE OF IOWA

MADISON COUNTY

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Filed for record the 29 day of
December A.D.1938 at 4:47 o'clock
P.M.
Valda C. Bishop Farver, Recorder
Pearl E. Shetterly, Deputy

AFFIDAVIT

I, W.O.Creger, of said State and County, first being duly sworn, upon my oath depose and say:-

That I was born in the year of 1866 within a mile of the Town of Truro, Madison County, Iowa, and have lived continuously, at all times from that time to the present time, within the radius of one mile of said Town of Truro, Iowa; and,

That I have been personally acquainted with the parties in possession of the real estate hereinafter described, since the year 1880, viz:-

Tract No.1, The West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-six (26) in Township Seventy-four (74) North, of Range Twenty-six (26) West of the 5th P.M.

Tract No.2, The West Twenty-eight (W.28) acres of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-six (26), in Township Seventy-four (74) North, of Range Twenty-six (26) West of the 5th P.M.

That I had an aunt, who, during my boyhood days, lived practically contiguous to each of said tracts, and I had a brother, who resided within one-half a mile of Tract No. 1, and I visited with them often, and I have been on each of said tracts many times with the owners thereof;

That to my personal knowledge Theodore N.Watts became the owner of Tract No. 1, and built a dwelling house and improvements thereon prior to 1885; That I personally knew the members of the family of Theodore N.Watts; and that he and his family resided on said Tract No.1, and one of his sons, during the time he occupied said premises, worked as a farm-hand for me for practically one year, and to my personal knowledge Theodore N.Watts and his grantees have been in actual, adverse and peaceable possession of said premises at all times from the year of 1885 to the present time under a claim of right and color of title.

That I knew of Theodore N.Watts having sold and conveyed said Tract No. 1 to J.F.Roby.

As to Tract No. 2: This affiant states that Reuben A.Creger, the grantee of Reuben J. Foster, for 15 acres thereof, was a cousin of my father; That I was personally acquainted with Reuben J.Foster, the party who, with his wife, the records show, conveyed said part of Tract No.2, to the said Reuben A.Creger; That they lived in the vicinity of said Town of Truro, Iowa, for many years; That when I was a boy I aided in hauling posts, line and corner, from said land to fence land owned by my father, and to my personal knowledge, Reuben A.Creger and his grantees have at all times, since prior to the year 1880, been in actual, adverse and peaceable possession of said real estate under a claim of right and color of title.

That at all times from my first recollection the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, in Township 74 North of Range 26 West of the 5th P.M., was considered a timber tract. It was sub-divided into what we call "timber lots" and was owned by several different parties, and to the present time it has never been used for agricultural purposes; and,

That I have never heard of Augustus C.Dodge or any of his grantors or any other person claiming any rights in, title to any any part of said land adverse to the record owners thereof; That I am advised that Augustus C.Dodge has been deceased for many years and I have never heard of any person claiming any interest in said land through him by descent or bequest from him.

That I have no interest in said real estate and make this Affidavit for the sole purpose of explaining the title to said real estate and the possession thereof.

W.O.Creger.

I hereby certify that the annexed affidavit was filed by
the owner in possession of the
land mentioned therein.
Date Dec. 29 - 1938
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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me by said W.O.Creger this 25th day of
NOTARIAL 5., 1938.

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Notary Public in and for Madison County,
Iowa.