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Fayette Taylor &L.A.Eldridge )
to ) Affidavit
The Public. )

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E.P.Connoran,Recorder.
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By Irene E. Connoran,
Deputy.

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State of Iowa, Madison County) ss.

We, Fayette Taylor and L.A. Eldridge,both of said county and state, being duly sworn, each for himself,deposes and says as follows: Fayette Taylor states that he settled in Madison County Iowa, in the year 1858; L.A. Eldridge states that he settled in Madison County,Iowa,in the year 1856; both state,that they have been residents of Madison County, continuously since,and have had their homes in the neighborhood of the farm known locally as Meres C. Debord farm, being the same farm upon which the said Meres C. Debord settled,and which he improved,when he came to Madison County,Iowa,being South Half of Fractional North West Quarter and North Half of Fractional South West Quarter and North West Quarter of South East Quarter of Section Seven (7) in Township Seventy-five (75) North,of Range Twenty-six (26) West of the 5th P.M. and North East Quarter of South East Quarter and South East Quarter of North East Quarter of Section Twelve (12)in Township Seventy five (75) North of Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the 5th P.M. Madison County Iowa.

That we,nor either of us,ever heard of a man by the name of Moses C. Debord,as a resident of Madison County,or elsewhere.

That Moses C. Debord never was in possession of,or asserted title to,any part of the above described land; that said Meres C. Debord was in the actual possession and control of the above described lands when we settled in said County,and continued in such possession,till he sold and conveyed same; and we and each of us are sure,that Moses C.Debord never owned any part of said land,but that in truth and in fact,the entry of the name Moses C. Debord upon the records of said county, in connection with the title to the above described land was a clerical error,and was intended to be,and was in fact,Meres C. Debord,to whom entry was made and patent should have been issued,for the parts thereof shown as being entered by and patented to Moses C. Debord.

That to our personal knowledge,said Meres C. Debord is the same and identical person as Meres C.Deboard,in which name the records of said County show that William Queen conveyed N½ SW Frl (¼) of Section 7 Township 75 Range 26,and was the same and identical person as M.C.Debord who, his wife joining,conveyed said land to A.W.&G.F. Crawford,by deed dated December 4th,1879. Said Meres C. Debord being the only person of the name of Debord, who ever owned or claimed title to said above described land or any part thereof.

We further depose and say,that neither Edward M. Greenway Jr. nor James Queen were ever in possession of,or ever owned,any part of the said Debord farm above described,or ever asserted claim of title to any part thereof; nor did J.A.Gibbons and wife,nor Martin O. Short nor either of them,ever assert title or claim to,nor was either ever in possession of any part of the above described Meres C. Debord farm.

We were each well and personally acquainted with Thomas Runkle,and with John M. Runkle; said Thomas Runkle,his joining,being the grantor in a deed to John M. Runkle,conveying certain land therein described,said deed being dated May 25th 1882 and recorded in deed record 20 at page 229 of the records of Madison County,Iowa;and that to our personal knowledge,neither the said Thomas Runkle nor John M. Runkle,nor any one by through or under them or either of them, ever claimed title to,or were in possession of any part of the Meres C. Debord farm,first herein above described; said conflicting conveyance of a portion thereof,being an error either in the scrivener who drew same, or in spreading same,upon the records. Further deponents say not.

L.A.Eldridge
Fayette Taylor

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me

by L.A.Eldridge and Fayette Taylor,the affiants herein,this Feby 15th 1907,

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E.E.Mc Call
Notary Public in and for Madison County,Iowa