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W.G.Dorrell) ( Filed for Record March 20th A.D.1907 at 8:40 o'clock A-M.
to )Affidavit( E.P.Connoran, Recorder.
The Public.) ( Recording Fee 60 By Irene E. Connoran, Deputy.

State of Iowa, Madison County)ss.

I, W.G.Dorrell,of said state and county being first duly sworn,upon my oath depose and say that I have been a resident of Madison County Iowa, since the year 1846,and settled at that time,in close neighbor-hood to the land afterwards made into the farm of Meres C. Debord, which was then wild land,the country being unsettled,save by the few scattered settlers who then lived in the county.

I became acquainted with said Meres C. Debord,when he first moved to Madison County, Iowa.

He settled upon and made into a farm, the South Half (½)of the North West fractional quarter and the north Half (½) of the Fractional South West Quarter (¼)and North West Quarter (¼)and North West Quarter of South East Quarter of Section Seven (7) in Township Seventy-five '75) North,Range Twenty-six (26) and the North East Quarter of the South ..... Quarter (¼) and the South East Quarter of the North East Quarter of Section Twelve (12) in Township Seventy-five (75) North,of Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the 5th P.M. and lived there till he sold it,and improved that land. I never heard of a Moses C. Debord;no man of that name ever lived in Madison County,Iowa, to my knowledge ; I am fully satisfied,that the entry of the name Moses C. Debord upon the records of Madison County Iowa or otherwise as the enterer or patentee of any part of the above described land, was a clerical error, and that no person of the name of Debord,other than said Meres C. Debord,ever had any title to any part of said land above described. Certainly no Moses C. Debord was ever in posse s-ion or made claim to any part of the above described land; and I am sure that the Moses C. Debord whose name is shown upon the records in connection with parts of said land,was in truth and in fact,the said Meres C. Debord,and no other.

I well and personally know that the Meres C.Debeard who was the grantee of William Queen in a deed conveying North Half (½) of South West fractional Quarter of Section 7 in Town-ship 75 Range 26 aforesaid was in fact identical with the Meres C. Debord above mentioned.

I further depose and say that to my knowledge,neither Edward M. Greenway Jr.the grantor in a deed conveying to James Queen the South East Quarter of Section 7 Township 75 Range 26, nor the said grantee,James Queen,nor any one by through or under either of them,was ever in possession of, or asserted or claimed title to the North West Quarter of the South East Quarter of said Section seven aforesaid.

I further depose and say that to my knowledge,neither J.A.Gibbons and wife,who conveyed to Martin O. Short,the twenty acres off of the North end of the East Half (½) of the South east Quarter of Section 12 in Township 75 Range 27,nor the said Martin O, Short,nor any one by through or under them,was ever in possession of,or asserted or claimed to,the North East Quarter of the South East Quarter of said Section 12 in Township 75 Range 27 afore-said,same being the property of said Meres C. Debord.

I am in no way interested in the subject matter covered by this statement and never was. I make the foregoing statement from my personal knowledge of the matters stated.

Further deponent saith not.

W.G.Dorrell

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me,by W.G.Dorrell,the affiant herein,this 15th day of February A.D.1907

NOTARIAL SEAL

E.E.McCall
Notary Public within and for Madison County,Iowa.