N. W. Benson) Filed for record this 3rd day of Mar A. D. 1917 at 2:38 o'clock P. M.
to
The Public) Afft. Fee $.50 Jeannette E. Beck, Recorder.
#963.

State of Iowa, Madison County, SS. I, N. W. Benson, of said County and State, on oath say that I have lived in Madison County, Iowa, continuously for more than 45 years last past; that I was personally acquainted with Alex'r Lorimer who made the entry of the north east quarter (1/4) of section thirty six (36), in township seventy five (75) north, of range twenty eight (28), west of the 5th P. M., and that he was the same and identical man as Alexander W. Lorimer who on or about November 1st, 1856, conveyed the same land to Thomas Spicer; that I was personally acquainted with John Shearer one of the grantees in a conveyance of the same land from Thomas Spicer, dated on or about October 6th, 1864, and that he was the same man as John Shearer, Sr., who on or about June 10th, 1872, conveyed the undivided one half of the north half (1/2) of said quarter section to Jeremiah Shearer. That

I was personally acquainted with C. D. Harrell grantee of said Jeremiah Shearer in a conveyance of the north half (1/2) of said quarter section, dated on or about December 29th, 1875, and that his full name was Chester D. Harrell; that said Chester D. Harrell died intestate in Madison County, Iowa, prior to October 20th, 1888; that the estate of said C. D. Harrell o or Chester D. Harrell was long since fully settled without administration; that he left as his surviving widow Lucretia Harrell, who afterwards married L. M. Leech, and as his only heirs at law his children M. D. Harrell who married C. C. Thrift, Annie L. Harrell who married Cliff C. Rouser, Florence Harrell who married Thomas Van Buskirk, Emma M. Harrell, and Lydia Harrell, who were grantors in a conveyance of the same real estate to William Powers on or about October 20th, 1888; that neither George Carder nor Maxwell McCantz was ever in possession of said real estate, or made or asserted any claim thereto, and that the description in a conveyance of said real estate from said George Carder to Maxwell McCantz, dated on or about November 22nd, 1856, is evidently a mistake; said Carder and McCantz in fact owning and conveying land in other townships in Madison County, Iowa, but neither ever owning the tract described; that I lived in the immediate vicinity of said land for many years, and that I was related by marriage to said Alexander W. Lorimer, and that the facts herein stated are true as I believe.

N. W. Benson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by said affiant this second day of March, A. D. 1917.

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W. S. Cooper,
Notary Public, in and for Madison County, Iowa.