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MARY E. WELTY
RECORDER
MADISON COUNTY, IOWA

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STATE OF IOWA)
) ss
Madison COUNTY)

I, Walter A. Samp, being first duly sworn on oath do hereby depose and state: that I am a resident of Madison County Iowa and have been for more than 10 years. I am a duly ordained minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church and was formerly a District Superintendent of that organization, that I am familiar with the history of the West Star Methodist Church which had a church building situated upon the real estate legally described as:

> Commencing 12 rods and 12 links East of the Southwest corner of Section Twenty-nine (29) Township Seventy-six (76) North, Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the 5th P.M. running thence East 14 rods, thence North 11 rods and 11 links thence West 14 rods thence South 11 rods and 11 links to the point of beginning,

That from records to which I have access to and from my own knowledge, I am familiar with the history of the above named West Star Methodist Church.

The West Star Methodist Church was incorporated on March 1, 1941 by the Trustees thereof. The West Star Methodist Church through this incorporation became the successor in interest to the Trustees of the M.E. Church which was the grantee in one certain deed dated September 28, 1875 and recorded in Deed Record 11 at page 379 of the records in the Madison County Iowa, Recorders Office. The title M.E. Church was a commonly used short form of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The M.E. Church mentioned above was affiliated with and subject to the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is now the United Methodist Church. Under the Articles of Incorporation of the West Star Methodist Church, said West Star Methodist Church became officially affiliated with and subject to the Discipline of the Methodist Church now known as the United Methodist Church.

The West Star Methodist Church has by proper proceeding under the Discipline of the United Methodist Church been disbanded and under the Discipline of the United Methodist Church the Church building, the premises upon which said building was situated and all other assets of the West Star Methodist Church then became the property of the United Methodist Church and subject to the control of the disposition by the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

By proper proceedings of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, its Trustees and specifically the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees were authorized and empowered to convey the above described premises to one Ethel Murphy of Winterset, Iowa which conveyance was by one certain deed dated 2-14-72 and recorded in Deed Record 102 at page 192 of the Records of Madison County, Iowa.

I have no interest in this matter other than to establish the facts recited above of record.

Walter A. Samp

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of September 1975.

BETH FLANDER
Iowa
NOTARIAL SEAL

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NOTARY PUBLIC