of Earlham, Madison County, Iowa; that I had been acquainted with Grace Secrest for more than twenty-years prior to her death on December 5, 1951. That she is one and the same person as Grace Mitchell Secrest who was the owner of the West 82½ feet of Lot Two (2) in Block One (1) of Wilson's Addition to the town of Earlham, Madison County, Iowa. That I know of my own knowledge that Grace Secrest during her lifetime owned no property other than the real estate hereinbefore described; that said real estate at the time of her death had a fair and reasonable value of $2,600.00; that she had no life insurance or any other property whatsoever; that Grace Secrest at the time of her death left surviving her several children; that the Iowa State Inheritance Tax exemptions far exceeded the gross value of her estate and that their would be no State Inheritance Tax or Federal Estate Tax due from her estate. That Grace Secrest made no gifts of property or money during her lifetime except the real estate hereinbefore described which she deeded to her children on February 26, 1948; that the value of said real estate did not require the filing of any gift tax returns.

The above Affidavit has been prepared at the request of the record holder of title and has no other interest in this matter other than to set out the facts herein contained and that said facts are true and correct as I verily believe.

Ralph B. Hunter

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Subscribed and sworn to before me by Ralph B. Hunter this 29th day of August, 1952.

Robert O. Frederick Notary Public
in and for Madison County, Iowa.

Donald V. Searing #5201 Filed for record the 10 day of September A.D. 1952 at 3:09 o'clock P.M.

To Fee $ 3.00 VET

Mary Catherine Searing Wilma M. Wade, Recorder

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, Donald V. Searing a legal resident of 45 East Grand Street, Highland Park, Michigan now in the military service as a Corporal in the United States Air Force, Service Number AF 15 254 817, and temporarily serving at K-14 Air Base, APO 970 have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint Mary Catherine Searing who resides at 45 East Grand Street, Highland Park, Michigan my true and lawful attorney to act in, manage, and conduct all my estate and all my affairs, and for that purpose for me and in my name, place and stead, and for my use and benefit, and as my act and deed, to do and execute, or to concur with persons jointly interested with myself therein in the doing or executing of, all or any of the following acts, deeds and things that is to say:

1. To buy, receive, lease, accept, or otherwise acquire; to sell convey mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, quit claim, or otherwise encumber or dispose of; or to contract or agree for the acquisition, disposal, or encumbrance of; any property whatsoever or any custody, possession,interest, or right therein, upon such terms, considerations and conditions as my said attorney shall think proper;

2. To take, hold, possess, invest, lease, or let, or otherwise manage any or all of my property or any interest therein; to eject, remove, or relieve tenants or other persons from, and recover possession of, such property by all lawful means; and to maintain, protect, preserve, insure, remove, store, transport, repair, build on, raze, rebuild, alter, modify or improve the same or any part thereof;

3. To make, do, and transact all and every kind of business of what nature or kind soever, including the receipt, recovery, collection, payment, compromise, settlement and adjustment of all accounts, legacies, bequests, interests, dividends, annuties, demands, debts, taxes, and obligations, or any rebate, refund or discount thereon, which may now or hereafter be due, owing or payable by me or to me;

4. To make, endorse, accept, receive, sign, seal, execute, acknowledge, and deliver deeds, assignments, agreements, certificates, hypothecations, checks, notes, vouchers,

receipts, and such other instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature as may be necessary, convenient, or proper in the premises;

5. To deposit and withdraw for the purposes hereof, in either my said attorney's name or jointly in both our names, in or from any banking institution, any funds, negotiable paper, or moneys which may come into my said attorney's hands as such attorney or which I now or hereafter may have or deposit or be entitled to;

6. To contract loans and to borrow any sums of money in my name and upon such terms as my said attorney shall see fit, and to pledge or give as security therefor any or all of my said property;

7. To institute, prosecute, defend, compromise, arbitrate, and dispose of legal, equitable, or administrative hearings, actions, suits, attachments, arrests, distresses or other proceedings, or, otherwise engage in litigation in connection with the premises;

8. To act as my attorney or proxy in respect to any stocks, shares, bonds, or other investments, rights or interests, I may now or hereafter hold;

9. To engage and dismiss agents, counsel, and employees, and to appoint and remove at pleasure any substitute for, or agent of ~~any of~~ my said attorney, in respect to all or any of the matters or things herein mentioned and upon such terms as my attorney shall think fit;

10. To receive, collect, receipt for, to execute and deliver vouchers in my behalf for any and all allowances and reimbursements properly payable to me by the United States, including but not restricted to allowances and reimbursements for transportation of dependents or for shipment of household effects as authorized by law and Army Regulations;

11. To receive, endorse, and collect checks payable to the order of the undersigned drawn on the Treasurer or other Fiscal officer or depository of the United States, of any sovereign state or authority, or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof;

12. To prepare, execute and file income and other tax returns, and other governmental reports, applications, requests and documents; and to receive, indorse and cash any tax refunds due me;

13. To take possession, and order the removal and shipment, of any of my property from any post, warehouse, depot, dock, or other place of storage or safe keeping, governmental or private; and to execute and deliver any release, voucher, receipt, shipping ticket, certificate, or other instrument necessary or convenient for such purpose.

GIVING AND GRANTING unto my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act, deed, matter and thing whatsoever in and about my estate, property and affairs as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as I might or could do in my own proper person if personally present, the above specially enumerated powers being in aid and exemplification of the full, complete and general power herein granted and not in limitation or definition thereof; and hereby ratifying all that my said attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.

And I hereby declare that any act or thing lawfully done hereunder by my said attorney shall be binding on my self, and my heirs, legal and personal representatives, and assigns whether the same shall have been done before or after my death, or other revocation of this instrument, unless and until reliable intelligence or notice thereof shall have been received by my said attorney; and whether or not I, the grantor of this instrument, shall have been reported or listed, either officially or otherwise, as "missing in action" as that phrase is used in military parlance, it being the intendment hereof that such status designation shall not bar my attorney from fully and completely exercising and continuing to exercise any and all powers and rights herein granted, and that such report of "missing in action" shall neither constitute or be interpreted as constituting notice of my death nor

operate to revoke this instrument.

The terms "estate", "affairs" and "property", as used herein include and shall include at all times and places and under all conditions, real, personal and mixed property of every kind and description whatsoever and wheresoever situated, and all buildings, structures, imporvements, fixtures, vehicles, applicances, accessories, furnishings, equipment, choses in action, equities, priorities, permits, rations, quotas, rights of way, mineral and oil rights, water rights, easements, licenses, future interests, reversions, remainders, and all other kinds of property or property rights, whatsoever, and every interest, title, equity, tenament, hereditaments, appurtenance, right, claim, demand, or action therein and thereunto appertaining, and whether said property or property rights be tangible, or intangible jointly or severally owned, or now or hereafter acquired.

IN WITNESS THEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal the First day of February 1952, at K-14 Air Base, APO 970

Donald V. Searing

WITNESSES:

Kenneth F. Butler residing at K-14 Air Base, APO 970
Marvin G Strolberg residing at K-14 Air Base, APO 970
Jerome Guir residing at K-14 Air Base, APO 970

With the United States Air Force)ss

I, James C. Hise, the undersigned officer do hereby certify that on this First day of February, 1952, before me, personally appeared Corporal Donald V. Searing, known to me to be a person subject to military law, and to be the identical person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document; and, having been duly sworn, said grantor acknowledged that the foregoing power of attorney was signed as a free and voluntary act and deed for the uses, purposes and considerations therein set forth. Further, I do certify that I am an officer of the United States Air Force, having the general powers of a Notary Public pursuant to an Act of Congress.

James C. Hise
JAMES HISE
(Name)
1st Lt. USAF
(Rank and Service Number)
Asst Legal Officer
(Position)

COMPARED

Iva Duff
To
The Public

#5254
Fee $1.00 VET.
AFFIDAVIT

Filed for record the 12 day of September A. D. 1952 at 4:50 o'clock P. M.
Wilma M. Wade, Recorder

State of Iowa, Madison County,)ss:

I, Iva Duff, of said county and state, being first duly sworn on my oath depose and say that I have been a resident of Polk and Madison Counties, Iowa, for more than 25 years last past and am well and personally acquainted with Sylvanus Cox who is named as one of the defendants in the foreclosure proceedings entered in Appearance Docket 28, page 122, as Case #14832 Equity, in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Madison County, Iowa, and know that the said Sylvanus Cox was the husband of Susie Cox on Nov. 25, 1930, the date on which original notice was served on Sylvanus Cox by leaving a copy at his usual place of residence, with Susie Cox, and that the said Sylvanus Cox is still living and now resides in Polk County, Iowa.

I further state that I am in no way interested in the title to Lot 8 in Block 4 of Danforth's Addition to the Original Town of Winterset, Madison County, Iowa, but make this affidavit at the request of the present owner thereof for the purpose of establishing of record the facts above set forth.

Iva Duff

SUBSCRIBED in my presence and SWORN to before me by the above named affiant this 6th day of Sept, A. D. 1952.

Harry F. Anderson Notary Public
in and for Madisbn County, Iowa.

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