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Research question: *Who were the parents of Sarah Ann Swartz; born 1820 in Clark County, Indiana, died 1902 in Adams County, Illinois, married February 1838 in Clark County, Indiana to Marcus Fielding Bennett, moved to Adams County Illinois by 1860 and to York County Nebraska by 1880?*

Subject: Land Records in Clark County, Indiana; Adams County, Illinois, York County, Nebraska

Known Associates of Sarah Ann Schwartz and Marquis Fielding Bennett:

Clark County, Indiana and Adams County, Illinois

1. Airy Prather Bennett (mother of Marquis)
2. Joshua S. Bennett (brother of Marquis)
3. Greenberry Prather (uncle of Marquis and potentially of Sarah)
4. Aaron Prather (uncle of Marquis and potentially of Sarah)
5. Thomas W. Prather (grandfather of Marquis and potentially of Sarah)
6. Walter Prather (great uncle of Marquis and potentially of Sarah) – (widow Martha Jacobs Prather is near neighbor on 1850 IN census)
7. Eli Jacobs (neighbor) –1850 IN census neighbor
8. Elisha H. Bennett – 1850 IN census neighbor (uncle of Marquis)
9. Albert Bennett – 1850 IN census neighbor (cousin of Marquis)
11. John Jacob – 1850 IN census neighbor, potential cousin
13. Robert Dismore – 1855 IL census neighbor, land abuts, potential brother in law
14. Wiley Swartz – 1855 IL census neighbor, potential brother in law
15. Abraham Swartz – 1860 IL census neighbor, potential brother in law
16. Hugh Lyle - 1855 IL census neighbor, born Indiana
17. William Strickler - 1855 IL census neighbor, born Indiana
18. John Strickler - 1855 IL census neighbor, born Indiana
19. William Bottorff - 1855 IL census neighbor, born Indiana
20. E. Howard - 1855 IL census neighbor, born Indiana
21. William McFarland - 1855 & 1860 IL census neighbor

Repository or Online DB/site:

Caveats or Limitations: Due to covid-19 restrictions this research included review/checks on earlier research done strictly on Ancestry.com in 2020.

Background Information: *(note – There are two common spellings of Schwartz/Swartz both were used by early Swartz families in Indiana and Illinois. As time passed, different Swartz chose different spellings to standardize their surname. The spelling of the surname is NOT standardized before roughly 1860 and cannot be used to include or exclude potential relatives from consideration. In these reports the surname will be spelled Swartz unless the quoted record uses another spelling. Also, two primary spellings of Marcus/Marquis F. Bennett's first name are used in records across Indiana, Illinois and Nebraska. He signed himself Marquis F. in land records. This report will use Marquis unless the quoted record uses another spelling.)*

The parents of Sarah Ann (Swartz) Bennett have been a mystery for at least a hundred years. Her maiden name was Schwartz per her 1838 marriage record in Clark County, Indiana¹ and her birthplace was Clark county, Indiana, in her 1902 obituary in York County, Nebraska.² Her maiden name was repeated in the obituary, death or marriage records of several children.³ Sarah's marriage, migrations, and later life are well documented (in "standard" sources such as vital records, censuses and obituaries) via numerous online trees at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch (FSID KC58-CKS.)⁴ Her husband, Marquis Fielding Bennett, (FSID LC22-MRJ) has also been documented on the same sites, using the same sources. Despite the fact Sarah's maiden name and birthplace are not a mystery, she has never been attached to parents or siblings (in published Swartz or Bennett material or online sites such as Ancestry, MyHeritage, FamilySearch, Wikitree, Geni.com, Billiongraves.com, or Find a Grave.⁵)

Sarah Ann Schwartz and Marquis F. Bennett were married in Clark County, Indiana on 13 February 1838 (there is no return of the marriage recorded so we do not know who performed the marriage.)⁶ Marriage partners, during this period in Indiana history, were sought within a restricted radius of your home, probably within just a few miles. Marquis' mother, Airy Prather Bennett (also called Ary), resided in Utica township or Clark County.⁷ She was a granddaughter of Basil Prather and Chlorenda Robertson/Robinson,⁸ therefore a member of the extended Prather clan whose land holdings in Clark County were centered in Utica township, especially near the hamlets of Watson and Prather and the New Chapel Methodist Church.⁹ It is highly likely that Sarah's parents lived in this area as well.

Previous research has determined that no document such as birth, death, probate or land directly provides the names of the parents of Sarah Ann Schwartz.¹⁰ That research did find several land transactions for Marquis F.

¹ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, D: 176, Bennett-Schwartz, 1838; FHL microfilm #1415852. Clark County, Indiana, "Indiana Marriages, 1811-2019", Markus F. Bennett – Sarah Ann Schwartz, 13 Feb 1838, digital image; FamilySearch.org, (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XXPM-VP1> ; downloaded 24 March 2023.)

² "Waco - Sarrah (sic) A. Bennett," The Teller, 19 Feb 1902, p. 4, col. 4; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : accessed 24 Apr 2023); *has several errors, including the misspelling of Sarah's first name, the date of their migration to Illinois and the number of children born to Sarah and Marcus. Aside from the misspelling, - these may be attributed to the contributor who is unknown.* "Waco Mrs. Sarah Bennett," The York Republican, 19 Feb 1902, p. 8, col. 4; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : accessed 24 Apr 2023); *text differs from the obituary in the York Teller as follows, her first name is spelled correctly, and her age is given as 82. Other errors are repeated from the York Teller obituary.*

³Bennett, George Franklin, 1931, Iowa, U.S., Deaths and Burials, 1850-1990, digital image, Ancestry.com (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XVHT-9XH> : accessed 24 Apr 2023) Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013. *for example.*

⁴ <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/73787680/person/402218390137/facts>; <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/119792319/person/272453595264/facts>; <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KC58-CKS> *are the most documented and with few if any mis-attached records.*

⁵for examples see: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/47525314/sarah-ann-bennett>; <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KC58-CKS>

⁶ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, D: 176, Bennett-Schwartz, 1838.

⁷ 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 289 (stamped page number), Bennett Ara; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: downloaded 2 Feb 2020); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M704, roll 75.

⁸ John William Prather jr, Prater, Prather, Prator, Praytor in America 1620-1800 1-5 generations vol II (Hendersonville, North Carolina: published by author, 1994), 2: 271. see also: Clark County, Indiana Circuit Court, "Indiana, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999", 1854; Thomas W. Prather will, *all living children and widow are named*, image; Ancestry, (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9045/> ; downloaded 16 March 2021) see also: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/85694310/person/30523111827/facts> and others.

⁹ "The History of New Chapel Methodist Church near Watson, Ind.; typescript history (Watson, Indiana, United States.) William Warren Sweet, editor, Circuit Rider Days in Indiana (Indianapolis, Indiana: W. K. Stewart Co., 1916.)

¹⁰ Negative searches for "Sarah Ann Schwartz/Swartz" conducted January 20, 2020, and March 2, 2021, in microfilm and digital records of Clark County, Indiana 1830-1850 specifically marriages, probate, will and land records and in the same categories of microfilm and digital records of Adams County, Illinois 1850-1880 and York County, Nebraska 1880-1910, using FamilySearch microfilm and digitized images as well as Ancestry.com databases.

Bennett between 1842 – 1852 that place the couple in the heart of the area of Utica township bounded by Watson and Prather confirming the Prather connections and providing additional names for the Associates list.

General Research Plan outline (*for all phases of this project – this project is part of a larger project reconstructing the family of John Swartz jr.*)

- ✓ Initial literature search to identify possible candidates for Sarah's Swartz father in Clark County and adjoining counties in Indiana.
- ✓ Clark County, Indiana - 1820-1880 for candidate Swartz households for Sarah Swartz' father.
- ✓ Clark County, Indiana - Marquis Bennett household and identified F.A.N. Federal census (Indiana did not conduct state census after about 1810.) Marquis is expected to appear as a head of household in the 1840 and 1850 census and in the household of his father or mother in 1820 and 1830.
- ✓ Clark County, Indiana – Marquis F. Bennett and identified F.A.N. Land records including purchase, mortgage, sale. Land records will need to be mapped onto a Clark County map giving section numbers for the Illinois Grant Survey aka Clark's Grant Survey of 1785.
- Clark County, Indiana – Marquis F. Bennett and identified F.A.N. Marriage, vital records, court records, church membership and newspapers.
- ✓ Adams County, Illinois – 1840 -1910 federal census for Marquis Bennett and household and identified F.A.N. 1840- 1910 for candidate Swartz sibling households. 1855 – 1865 Illinois state census for Marquis, F.A.N. and candidate Swartz siblings households.
- ✓ Adams County, Illinois - Land records including purchase, mortgage, sale. Land records will need to be mapped onto an Adams County map showing township and section.
- Adams County, Illinois – Marriage, vital records court records, church membership and newspapers. The marriages of Bennett children should also be examined to expand the F.A.N.
- York County, Nebraska – 1870 – 1910 for candidate Swartz relatives, Marquis Bennett household and identified F.A.N. Land records, both purchase and sale, court records, church membership, newspapers and both federal and state census records for F.A.N. families. The marriages of Bennett children should also be examined to expand the F.A.N. Depth and breadth of York County research is to be determined based on results from Indiana and Illinois research.
- DNA – atDNA test match lists on Ancestry.com and MyHeritage for Heather McLeland-Wieser and Dana McLeland documented Swartz descendants (of Clark County, Indiana), should be analyzed for potential matches descended from Sarah Ann Schwartz using the Leeds method of clustering as well as pedigree triangulation. Other more advanced analysis methods may be used if agreement is reached with relevant matches regarding sharing of match lists and uploading to Gedmatch.

Clark County, Indiana Deeds

Citation - Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, indexes 1801-1910

Indexes - Family History Library microfilm 1428648, item 3 – 1428652, item 1; DGS 7857740 – 7857114

Deed Records – Family History Library microfilm 1428594 – 1428648, items 1-2; DGS 7857082 - 7857740

Evaluation of Source

The Clark County Courthouse in Jeffersonville, Indiana has been repeatedly flooded by the Ohio River, including major flooding in 1884 and 1917 and the unprecedented flood of 1937. In 1937 the courthouse was flooded to at least the second story and the Deed Records show significant evidence of water damage. In some cases, the original volumes were cut down to remove flood damaged edges and in other cases water marks, dark spots and frayed edges are clearly apparent on the bound pages. Loose papers were uniformly waterlogged and coated with mud and debris and much original material discarded due to severe damage.

All indexed deeds for Marquis F. Bennett were read and then a general review of deed books for the period 1846-1852 was undertaken for completeness and to find instances where he had witnessed deeds for others or recorded mortgages or other transactions.

Throughout most of this period the clerks appeared to have omitted recording the signature of witnesses, although since most deeds appear to have been recorded the same day they were written, it is possible they were written and attested directly in the courthouse and therefore there were no witnesses. No mortgages were recorded for Marquis or any of his known F.A.N., however very few mortgages were recorded in the deed books. It is possible that there were separate mortgage books that did not survive the floods.

Extracts – see attachments #1-6 for images and citations. Transcriptions are not included since legal descriptions of Clark County land tend to be a lengthy mix of meets and bounds and township and range terms.

Research Comments:

Marquis F. Bennett began purchasing property about 6 years after his marriage. He bought several adjoining tracts over the space of about a year and a half.

The first purchase in 1846 was transacted with Prather kin. (see attachment #1) Greenberry Prather, the seller of the first tract, was probably Marquis' first cousin (and possibly the first cousin of Sarah.) The land is adjacent to land owned by various Prather kin as well as land held by Eli Jacobs.

In Feb 1848 Marquis bought a parcel of land adjoining his original purchase from the minor heirs of his uncle Walter Prather, via their guardian Greenberry Prather, (see attachment #2. In April 1848 he and Sarah combined the 1846 purchase and the 1848 purchase into one tract of land which they sold to Tilman Bennet, cousin of Marquis as well as his brother in law (see attachment #3.)

Immediately after that sale Marquis purchased a larger piece of land in an adjoining survey from his grandparents Thomas and Rachel Prather (Thomas and Rachel were possibly Sarah's great uncle and aunt as well). (see attachment #4.)

Marquis and Sarah divided this 51 acre tract into two portions which they sold in February of 1852 via separate transactions with Aaron Prather and Greenberry Prather(see attachment #5.) These are probably the uncles of

Marquis (and possibly Sarah.) This sale appears to be preparation for leaving Clark County as Marquis' purchased his first piece of land in Adams County, Illinois in November of 1852.

A search was also done for land transaction of potential Swartz siblings for Sarah. Her potential siblings and their spouses, the children of John and Nancy (Prather) Swartz, did not purchase or sell land in Clark County, Indiana before their migrations to Adams County, Illinois.

See the Land In-Out Table below for timing of transactions both purchase and sale as well as relevant notes for each deed. See the section from "*Facsimile of the Official Plat of Clark's Grant*" for rough placement of not only Marquis' land purchases but potentially relevant land ownership by members of the F.A.N. of he and Sarah Ann Schwartz.

Source Information

Citation - Adams County, Illinois, Deeds, 1825-1886, including Deed Index 1825-1855, Entry Books 1849-1877, Deed indexes 1874-1892 and Deeds A-Z, 1-126

Evaluation of Source – There are a very wide variety of land records available on microfilm for Adams County, Illinois however there is a large gap in indexed items between 1855-1874. The Entry Books record not only deeds but occasionally mortgages, partnership agreements, certified elections for church trustees and fraternal society boards, power of attorneys and other legal documents. They are arranged by date of recording and appear to be the equivalent of court order or minute books. The individual entries usually include the date of recording, the entry number, the date of the instrument was written, the grantor, the grantees, description of the land or legal document, the location of the recording (i.e., the book and page), notes and fees paid. At various times, the recording clerk has entered different degrees of detail, sometimes giving relationships among a group of sellers or buyers, sometimes providing the residence of the grantee, especially if out of state and sometimes providing only the most minimal information. In most cases the handwriting is clear, readable and the ink is dark – there are a few pages where the entries appear to be in a much lighter ink, but they are still readable. The books appear to have been rebound at some point and some volumes have very tight gutter margins. When deeds were copied into the record it appears routine that the witness names and signatures were not copied although the dower release examination was copied. There are clearly cases of sloppy copying, in particular where dates are indicated with just a line or where someone appears to have "signed" a document when in all other documents they have used a "mark."

All deed index books were searched as well as every page of the Entry Books from 1849-1865 for Marquis F. Bennett as well as potential siblings for Sarah Ann including Robert Dismore husband of Elizabeth Swartz, Abraham Swartz and Wiley U. Swartz. Once entries were discovered in the Entry Books and Deed Indexes then the Deed books were examined and several months' worth of deeds surrounding the original record of interest were also read searching for additional deeds that might have been missed in the Entry Books or indexes as well as searching for witness statements.

Extracts – See attachments #7-13 for Marquis F. Bennett land transactions and attachments #14+ for Robert Dismore. No transcriptions are attached.

Research Comments:

No land transactions were found in Adams County, Illinois for either Abraham Swartz or Wiley Swartz. Land purchases were found for both just over the border in Hancock County, Illinois (those are not included in this analysis.)

See the Land In-Out Table below for timing of transactions both purchase and sale as well as relevant notes for each deed. See the "Map of Houston Township" and the "Map of Camp Point Township" from the 1872 Land Ownership Atlas of Adams County, Illinois for placement of land purchased by Robert Dismore and Marquis in 1852 as well as land owned by both in 1872.

Both Marquis Bennett and Robert Dismore purchased land in two parcels – 1 parcel each in Section 36 of Township 2 North Range 6 West and 1 parcel each in Section 11 of Township 1 North Range 6 West. Both sets of land were adjoining. Township 2 North is also known as Houston Township, Township 1 North is also known as Camp Point Township. In both locations the two men bought adjoining land.

The timing of these purchases is important. Robert Dismore made the first purchase in Adams County in 1841, 40 acres in Section 36 of Houston Township. In January of 1852 Robert and Elizabeth purchased a small parcel in Section 11 of Camp Point Township. Marquis and Sarah did not make the move to Adams County until the Fall of 1852, however they immediately purchased land adjoining Robert and Elizabeth in **both** Section 36 of Houston Township and Section 11 of Camp Point Township (creating 3 warranty deeds on the 5th of November 1852.) The two farms created by these purchases account for the proximity of the two households on the 1855 state census.

Robert Dismore and family remained on the farm in Section 36, adding adjoining parcels of land in 1854 and sometime before 1861. The farm created was willed to his only son John Powel Dismore on Robert's death in 1881¹¹ and then passed to John's son Curtis Samuel Dismore upon John's early death in 1895.¹²

However, Marquis and Sarah did not settle in Section 36. In 1856 they sold the Section 11 land as well as an undivided right to a piece of Section 36 to Tilman Howard. In March 1861 they sold the remainder of the Section 36 farm. In these sale deeds Sarah supposedly signed her name – which is a major departure as she had consistently signed with a mark before. I am of the opinion this is a clerical copying error not a change in practice. A very important "caveat" in the March 1861 deed of sale states that they are selling 50 acres of land described as SE 1/4 S36 T2N R6W, minus 1 acre off the west side previously sold to Robert Dismore. No date is given for that sale and no record of the sale appears to have been recorded, at least not before 1864. Apparently, Marquis and Sarah Ann moved their family about 2 miles away to land in Section 14 of Houston Township around this time.

In 1880, Marquis and Sarah sold land in Section 14, about 80 acres, and two small parcels in Section 16, about 11 acres in total to Samuel W. McGuinness, perhaps a member of a neighboring family as there were several McGinnis families nearby.¹³ The deed, the first one for this couple on a preprinted form, was dated 1 March 1880 but was recorded as having been proved 1 February 1880. Looking at surrounding deeds it appears that the date of proving is a copying error and that the deed was written and proved on the 1 of March 1880, which would be in accordance with Marquis' standard practice. As usual, Sarah A. signed with her mark and Marquis signed his name.

The purchase deed for the Section 14 property (about 80 acres according to their 1880 sale deed.) has proved very difficult to locate. When Marquis bought and sold land in Clark County, he usually recorded both sale and

¹¹ Adams, Illinois, "Estate Records, Ca. 1832-1938 from Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999", Will of Robert Dismore; digital images, Ancestry.com, (www.ancestry.com : accessed 4 Oct 2019.)

¹² Adams, Illinois, Clerk of the County Court, "Will records, 1837-1908; index to probate records, 1830-1969", bk 6, pg 493, Will of John Powel (*sic*) Dismore; digital images, FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org: accessed March 10 2022), FHL microfilm 961244 item 3, DGS 7654111 image 601.

¹³ "Real Estate," *The Quincy Daily Whig*, 23 Feb 1880, p. 8, col. 3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (newspaperarchive.com : accessed 10 Jul 2023.)

purchase deeds on the same day. This does not appear to have happened in this case. The sale deeds for the Section 36 and Section 11 properties were recorded promptly after being written, but there is no corresponding purchase deed for the section 14 property. The entire Entry Books from 1852 – 1864 were read page by page but no purchase deed was located. The Deed Book where the 1861 sale deeds were recorded was read for 50 pages on either side of the sale deeds, but no purchase deed was located. In phase 2 of this research plan, I determined (using census neighborhoods for state and federal census from 1855-1870) that Marquis and Sarah had relocated to section 14 between 1860 and 1865. M.F. Bennett is the owner of the property on the 1872 land ownership Map of Houston Township (see second map insert below) and in 1880 Marquis F. and Sarah Bennett sold the section 14 land (see in-out table below) preparing for their move to Nebraska so they had legally purchased this land but from who and exactly when I have not been able to determine.

Land In - Out Tracking Table for Robert Dismore and Marquis F. Bennett (both Indiana and Illinois lands)

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Name (s)	State, County	Purchased	Type	Price	Basic Land Description	Size	Transferred	Type	Price	Notes
Alexander McClintock to Robert Dismore	Illinois, Adams	22 April 1841	Warranty Deed	\$188	N 1/2 SW 1/4 S36 T2N R6W	40 acres	1881	will	n/a	witness at purchase is JP who certified deed/left to wife Elizabeth for her lifetime then to son John Powell Dismore
John & Elizabeth Downing to Robert Dismore	Illinois, Adams	3 Jan 1852	Warranty Deed	\$105	NE 1/4 NW 1/4 S11 T1N R6W	not given	1881	will	n/a	certified by James Robertson, JP & neighbor of Robert
William A. & Mary Strickler to Robert Dismore	Illinois, Adams	25 Jan 1854	Warranty Deed	\$50	NE cor, SE 1/4 S35 T2N R6W	5 acres	1881	will	n/a	certified Jackson Pearce, JP/left to wife Elizabeth for her lifetime then to son John Powell Dismore
Greenberry Prather to Marcus F. Bennett	Indiana, Clark	1 Jan 1846	Warranty Deed	\$200	Illinois Grant Survey # 37 from stake in line between # 36 & 37 N 40 1/2 degrees W 11 poles & 2 links to stake thence N 49 1/4 degrees E 179 poles to stake in Eli Jacobs line in #37 thence S 40 3/4 degrees E 11 poles & 5 links to stake in Jacobs line then S 49 1/4 degrees W 179 poles to beginning	12 acres 2 rods	13 April 1848	Warranty Deed	\$650	combined the 2 Survey #37 properties & one other to create a lot 32 acres in size and sold to Tilman Bennett, Sarah signed with her mark
minor Heirs of Walter Prather to Marquis F. Bennett	Indiana, Clark	2 Feb 1848	Warranty Deed	not given	Illinois Grant Survey #37 lot 3 of the division amongs Walter Prather's heirs	10 acres 2 rods	14 April 1848			see above
Thomas & Rachel Prather to Marcus F. Bennett	Indiana, Clark	13 April 1848	Warranty Deed	\$1,200	Illinois Grant Survey #38 - starting at a stone in the original line dividing #38 & 52 and corner of John Hazard's land in #38 thence with original line N 50 degree 129 1/2 poles to a stone in original line and corner to Aaron Prather in said #38 thence with Aaron Prathers line to S 15 degrees 15 E 74 8/10 poles to a stone in Aaron Prathers corner then with said Aaron's land and Thomas Prather jr.s line S 50 degrees W 98 poles to a stone standing on the road leading from Utica to Salem and corner to Thomas Prather jrs land thence N 41 1/2 degrees W 68 5/10s poles to beginning	51 acres 22 poles	16 Feb 1852/16 Feb 1852	Warranty Deed	\$900/\$900	wife Rachel did not sign or signature was not copied into book. No witnesses recorded. John Hazard, JP certified/Half sold to Aaron Prather jr. Sarah signed with her mark. Half sold to Greenberry Prather. Sarah signed with her mark
William A. & Hannah Pile to Marquis F. Bennett	Illinois, Adams	5 Nov 1852	Warranty Deed	\$1,500	undivided 9/10ths of SE 1/4 S36 T2N R6W	30 acres	27 Dec 1856	Warranty Deed	\$425	sold to Tilman Howard, certified by Louis McFarland, jp and neighbor, Sarah "signed" ?
Enos & Nancy Cain to Marquis F. Bennett	Illinois, Adams	5 Nov 1852	Warranty Deed	\$750	N1/2 NE 1/2 S11 T1N R6W	not given	27 Dec 1856	Warranty Deed	""	sold to Tilman Howard, certified by Louis McFarland, jp and neighbor, Sarah "signed" ?
Enos & Nancy Cain to Marquis F. Bennett	Illinois, Adams	5 Nov 1852	Warranty Deed	\$250	SE 1/4 S36 T2N R6W	160 acres	1 Mar 1861	Warranty Deed	\$1,650	50 acres sold to William b. Hughes Sarah "signed" ?/West half (minus 1 acre of SE 1/4 section 36 previously sold to Robert Dismore) sold to Cador Gaunt. Sarah "signed"?
??? to Marquis F. Bennett	Illinois, Adams	1861?? No purchase deed found	Warranty Deed		W 1/2 SE 1/4 S14 T2N R6W & 5 acres N end NW SW SW 1/4 S16 T 2N R6W & 6 acres N end W side SW NE 1/4 S16 T2N R6W		18 Mar(sic) 1880	Warranty Deed	\$3,200	This is the land where M.F. Bennett appears in the 1872 land ownership map of Adams Co, IL. Sold to Solomon Warren McGinnis in 1880 - there is date confusion but the sale was most likely 18 Feb 1880 and recorded

For Source Citations see relevant Attachments 1-12.

A portion taken from "Facsimile of the Official Plat of Clark's Grant" and focusing primarily on Illinois Grant sections in Utica Township



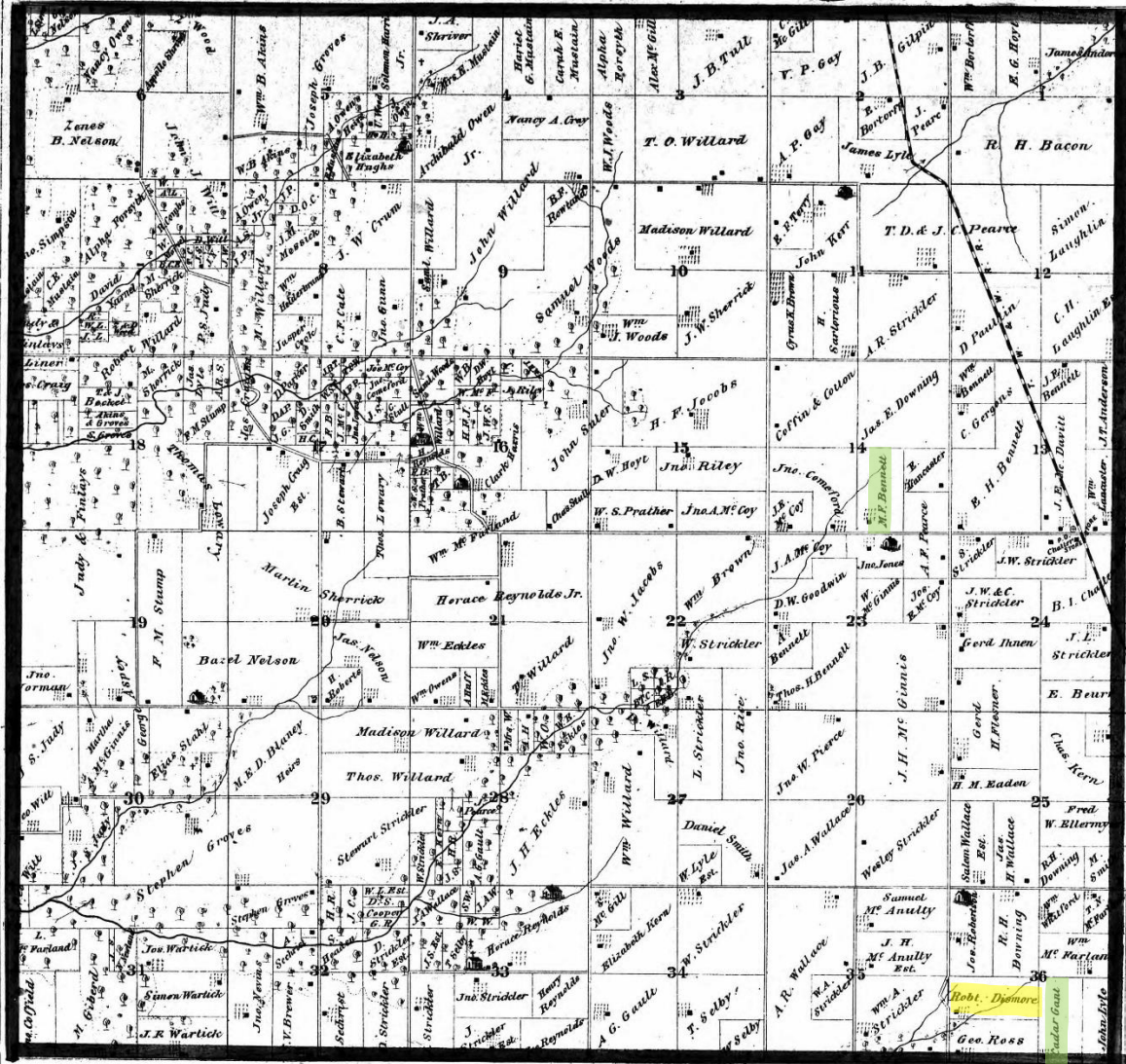
Selected Swartz/Bennett/Prather Land Ownership in Utica Twp, Clark County, Indiana, circ 1845-52. Section numbers refer to Illinois Grant Survey sections. Sections in the Illinois Grant were not usually the same size and shape as those in the Township/Range system. They were either square or rectangular but nominally included 500 acres. The Congressional Survey contains 640 acres and is usually square.

Rough Outlines of
 selected Prather lands
 selected Bennett lands – Marquis' in section 38
 Heirs of John Swartz sr. & land of Swartz sons.

a portion of Wm. Clark, Facsimile of the Official Plat of Clark's Grant (Indiana) (created, 1896 : original 1785); digital image <https://www.in.gov/history/for-educators/all-resources-for-educators/resources/george-rogers-clark/george-rogers-clark-clarks-grant/#:~:text=William%20Clark%20was%20appointed%20principal%20surveyor%20of%20the,some%20of%20the%20surveys%20were%20overly%20carelessly%20made.> Accessed 12 February 2023.

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MAP OF HOUSTON TOWNSHIP

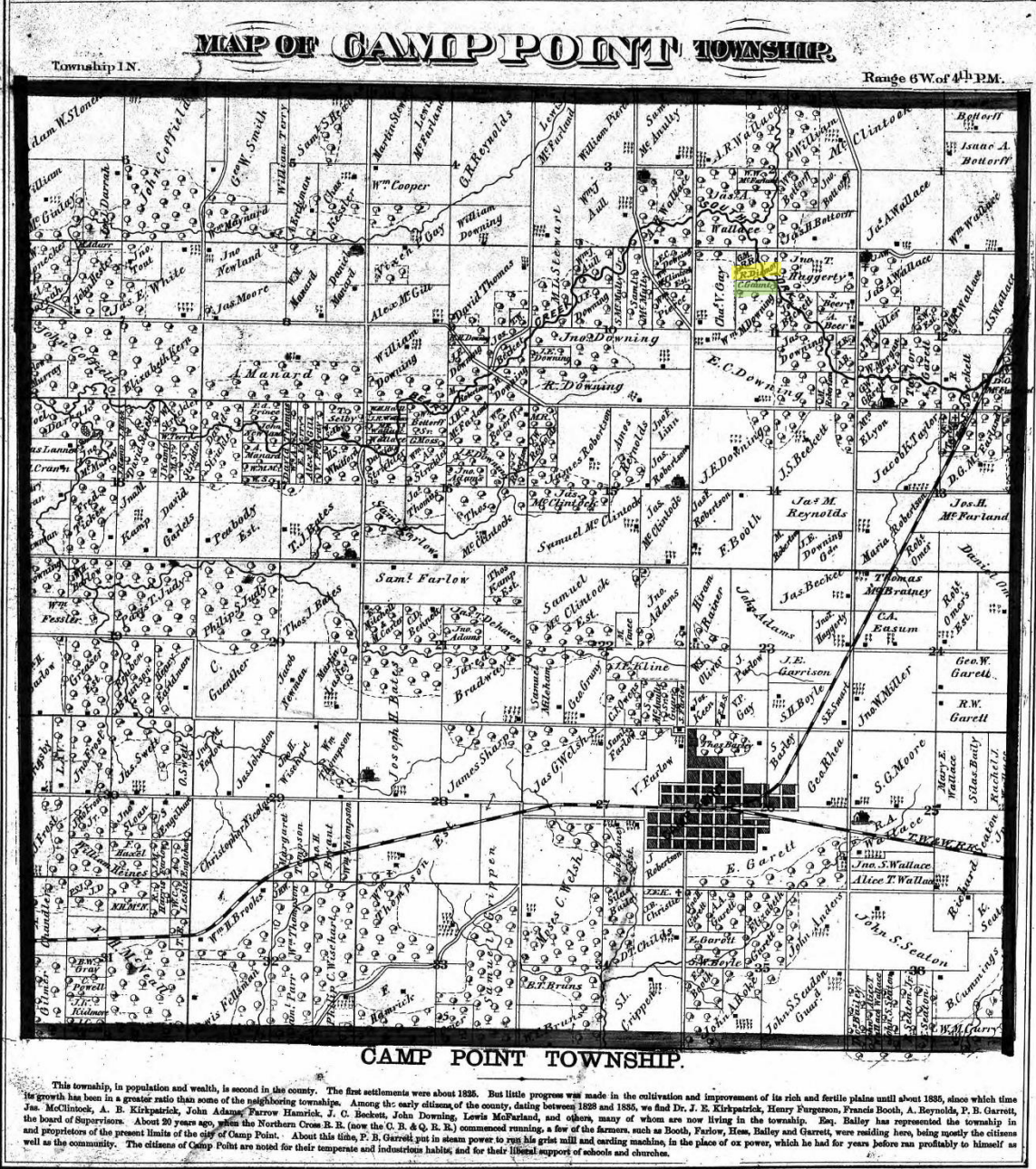


HOUSTON TOWNSHIP.

The first white improvement made in this Township, was on Section 19, by Solomon Harris, who immigrated from the State of Tennessee in 1831, and built the first house in the Township, which was a small cabin. David Witt, from Virginia, James Willard, Mrs. Harrington, and her son Reuben, Samuel Woods and David Pond, were among the early settlers. The first white child born, was a child of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Harris. The Rev. Mr. Carter, of Methodist faith, preached the first sermon at the log house of James Willard, about 1834. Samuel Vance and Lucinda Pond, Arthur Landers and Nancy Harris, are supposed to have been the first parties joined in matrimony. The first school house was built on Section 17, in 1835, and Samuel Woods was the first teacher. The first church was built by the friends of the Methodists, about 1848. Noble J. Brann, had the honor of being the first Justice of the Peace in this Township, being elected in 1840. Joseph Cum, was the first Supervisor, and Samuel Woods the second. This Township is well divided into prairie and good timber. The prairie is of deep and good soil. The Township is well watered, making it well adapted both for farming and raising stock. It is well adapted to the growth of fruit, and is well under a good state of cultivation, and has a good class of moral and energetic farmers. The most of the early settlers are still remaining here, and are all a most excellent class of citizens. And be it said to the honor of the township, and credit of the citizens, there is not a licensed whiskey shop in the township.

Houston Township, Adams County, Illinois, "U.S., Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918," microfilmed by the Library of Congress, G&M 43; Roll Number: 43, Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1127/>; accessed 2 July 2023.) Green highlighting refers to both land owned in 1872 by Marquis F. Bennett and land purchased by him in 1852 and sold to Cador Gant in 1861. Yellow highlighting refers only to Robert Dismore.

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Camp Point Township, Adams County, Illinois, "U.S., Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918," microfilmed by the Library of Congress, G&M 43; Roll Number: 43, Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1127/>; accessed 2 July 2023.) Green highlighting refers to land purchased by Marquis Bennett in 1852 and sold to Tilman Howard in 1856. Yellow highlighting refers to Robert Dismore.

Analysis

Land records place Marcus and Sarah in their precise neighborhood. Placing Marcus' land purchases on a map with known land holdings of John Swartz sr.¹⁴ as well as land of other Bennett and nearby Prather families puts Marcus and Sarah in close proximity to Jacob and George Swartz, sons of John Swartz sr. and brothers of John Swartz jr., as well as adjacent to the property of Walter Prather (father of Elizabeth Prather, second wife of John Swartz jr.¹⁵ and uncle of Nancy Prather,) and the property of other potential or known Prather, Swartz and Bennett relatives.¹⁶

Marcus' land transactions in Clark County, IN were all with identified relatives - cousins, uncles, his grandparents Thomas and Rachel Prather¹⁷ and the heirs of his great-uncle Walter Prather.¹⁸ The land he purchased there was bounded by Prather and Jacobs lands and closely adjacent to relevant Bennett and Swartz lands. (see the map on the preceding page.) When he and Sarah sold the land, they sold to family as well, cousin Aaron Prather,¹⁹ Greenberry Prather (either the cousin or the uncle of that name; the record is not clear) and Tilman Bennett, a cousin married to Marquis' sister Elizabeth Bennett.²⁰ Unfortunately the clerk in Clark County did not record witness names when he copied deeds in the record books during this periods, so we are unable to see possible F.A.N. connections with witnesses. Looking at other deeds recorded about the same time, there are several Prather deeds recorded at the same time as Marcus' purchases and sales.

Marcus and Sarah Ann sold all their property in Clark County by February 1852.²¹ This was apparently in preparation for their move to Illinois. In the Fall of 1852, once in Illinois, they purchased land by Warranty Deed rather than directly from the US Government. Two tracts of land were purchased – a larger tract in Houston township where the family was residing in the 1855 Illinois State Census (see Sarah Ann Schwartz Bennett June 2021 Research Report for details) and a smaller tract in adjacent Camp Point township. Both tracts adjoin land owned by potential brother in law Robert Dismore. Why two tracts were purchased so far apart and of such dissimilar sizes is unknown. The Camp Point township land was apparently wooded, and the Houston township land already cleared and being farmed so having timber available may have been a goal. In both locations, the land was surrounded by probable immigrant families from Clark County, Indiana including Bottorffs, Stricklers, MacFarlands, Stewarts, and Downings. In 1856, Marquis and Sarah sold the smaller piece of land in Camp Point and sometime before 1861 they sold a small piece of their Section 36 property to Robert Dismore.

When Marquis and Sarah bought the farm in Section 14 is not known, but it seems likely they moved from one area adjoining family to another area with family very nearby. This time the family were Bennett and Prather cousins. The 1872 land ownership map of Houston Township shows that the farms of Marquis' first cousins Elisha Howard Bennett and Thomas Howard Bennett were less than a mile away. Marquis and Sarah were maintaining

¹⁴ Indiana, Clark County, Deed Records, 1801-1901 2: 209 - 210, Abraham Epler and Anna his wife to John Swartz (*sic*), 15 April 1803; FHL microfilm 1,428,594, item 2.

¹⁵ Indiana, Clark County, Civil Court Partition Book, B8: 82-83, Manliff D. Robinson et al vs. William Prather, Zenas Prather et al, In Chancery; FHL microfilm 8,054,049. *suit for partition of the real estate of Walter Prather, deceased*.

¹⁶ Indiana, Clark County, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 57: 490, John F. Swartz and wife Prudence to George Swartz, 1867; FHL microfilm 1,428,623, item 3. And Book 26: 231-232, Heirs of Walter Prather to Joshua S. Bennett, 9 August 1844; FHL microfilm 1,428,599, item 2.

¹⁷ Prather, Prater, Prather, Prator, Praytor in America. page 272. also <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/88123174/person/46581947245/facts>

¹⁸ Clark, Indiana, Civil Court Partition Book, B8: 82-83.

¹⁹ <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/88123174/person/78016226781/facts> and other trees.

²⁰ <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/119792319/person/272453592429/facts>.

²¹ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 39: 281-282, Marquis F. Bennett and Sarah A. his wife to Tilman Bennett, 13 April 1848; FHL microfilm 1,428,615, item 1. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 42: 41-42, Marquis F. Bennett and Sarah Ann his wife to Greenberry Prather, 16 Feb 1852; FHL microfilm 1,428,616, item 2. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 42: 58, Marquis F. Bennett and Sarah Ann wife to Aaron Prather, 16 Feb 1852; FHL microfilm 1,428,616, item 2.

the patterns established in Clark County, they bought and sold land from and to family and they lived in the middle of a web of family connections on both sides of their family. Why they moved farther away from the Robert Dismore family is unknown, but the distance involved was not great, only about 2.5 miles.

Land interactions and proximity provide additional support for the tentative hypothesis (built in phase 1²² and given support in phase 2 research²³) that Sarah Ann Schwartz is a child of John Swartz jr. and Nancy Prather. There is no contradictory evidence and no sign of another candidate birth family in either the Clark County or Adams County land records or on land maps.

²² <http://www.mcwieser.info/relay/?p=895>

²³ <http://www.mcwieser.info/relay/?p=900>

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Said land to said Allen Bennett and to his heirs and assigns in manner and form aforesaid, and that the said land is free from all Incumbrances what soever, and lastly that the said Eve Hoke and her heirs all and Singular the premises have by granted with their appurtenances, unto the said Allen Bennett and his heirs and assigns, against the said Eve Hoke and her heirs all and every other person and persons shall warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Testimony whereof the said Eve Hoke hath hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year above written

Eve X Hoke
MAR 1846

signed sealed & delivered in presence of Joseph Bower

state of Indiana Clark County set

personally appeared before me Joseph Bower Recorder in and for the County and state aforesaid, Eve Hoke the grantor in the foregoing Deed of conveyance, and acknowledged the same to be her proper and voluntarily act and Deed for the uses and purposes therein contained, — given under my hand and seal this 17th day of February A.D. 1846

Joseph Bower R. C. Seal

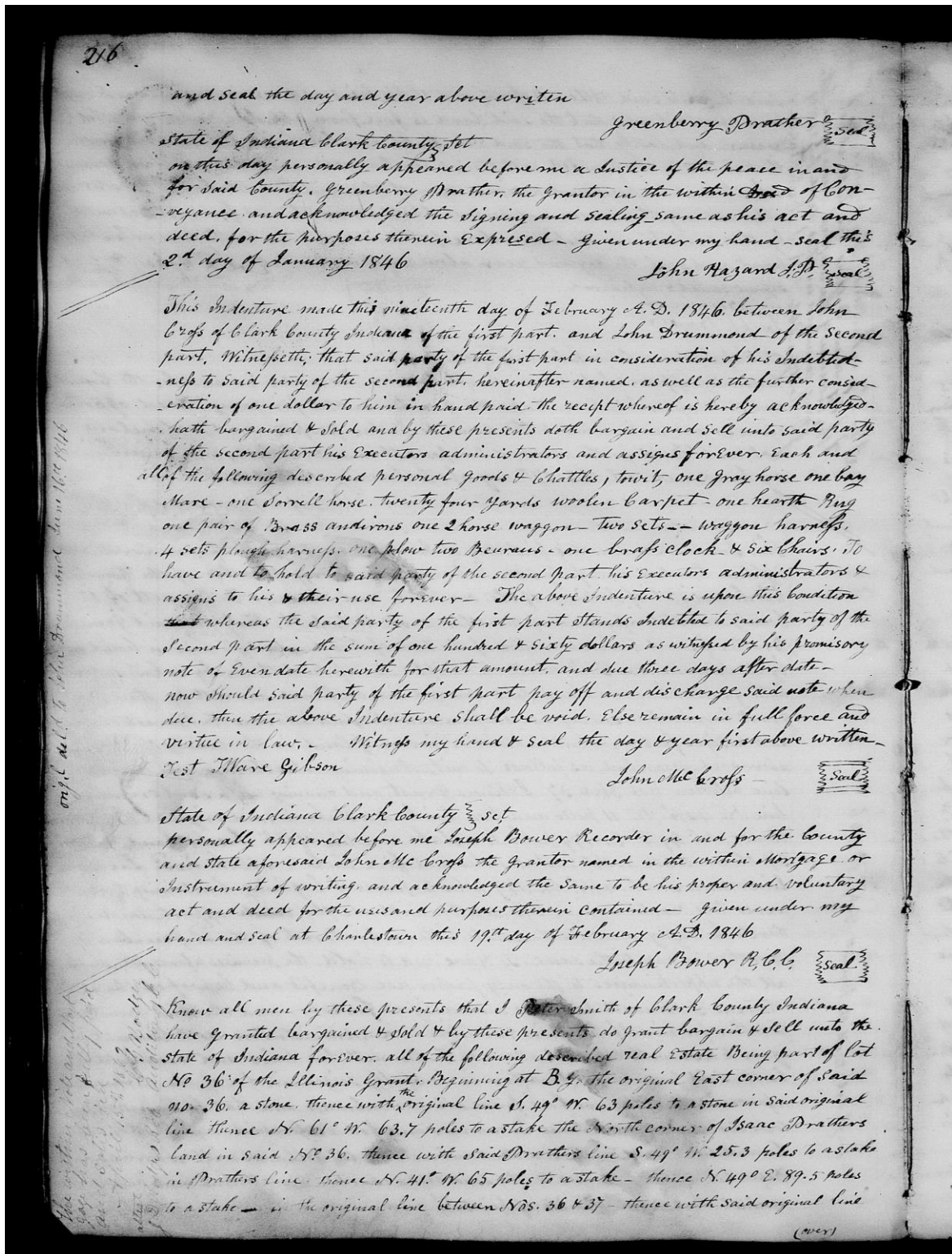
This Indenture made this first day of January in the year of our Lord 1846 Eighteen hundred and forty six, between Greenberry Prather of the County of Clark and state of Indiana of the one part, and Marcus F. Bennett of the County and state aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Greenberry Prather for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred ^{dollars} to him in hand paid by the said Marcus F. Bennett the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained and sold conveyed and confirmed, and doth by these presents grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said Marcus F. Bennett his heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land in the County of Clark aforesaid, described as follows to wit, Beginning at a stake in the original line between nos 36 & 37 Illinois Grant, and running with said original line N. 40 1/4° W. 11 poles and two links to a stake in said original line — thence N. 49 1/4° E. 179 poles to a stake in a line of Eli Jacobs land in nos 37, thence South 40 3/4° East 11 poles and five links to a stake in S. Jacobs line, thence South 49 1/4° W. 179 poles to place of beginning containing two (2) acres two rods more or less, together with all the ~~estate~~ appurtenances thereto belonging, and all the estate title and interest of the S. Greenberry Prather in and to the same, To Have and to hold, the premises aforesaid with all the appertinances, to the only proper use Benefit and behoof of the S. Marcus F. Bennett his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Greenberry Prather for himself his heirs Executors and administrators doth Covenant and agree to and with the said Marcus F. Bennett his heirs and assigns, that he the said Greenberry Prather is lawfully seized, in fee of the Premises aforesaid, that they are free from all incumbrance and that he has good right to sell and convey the same in manner and form aforesaid, and further that he and his heirs Executors and administrators shall and will warrant and defend the said premises to the said Marcus F. Bennett his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims of himself and his heirs, as witness my hand

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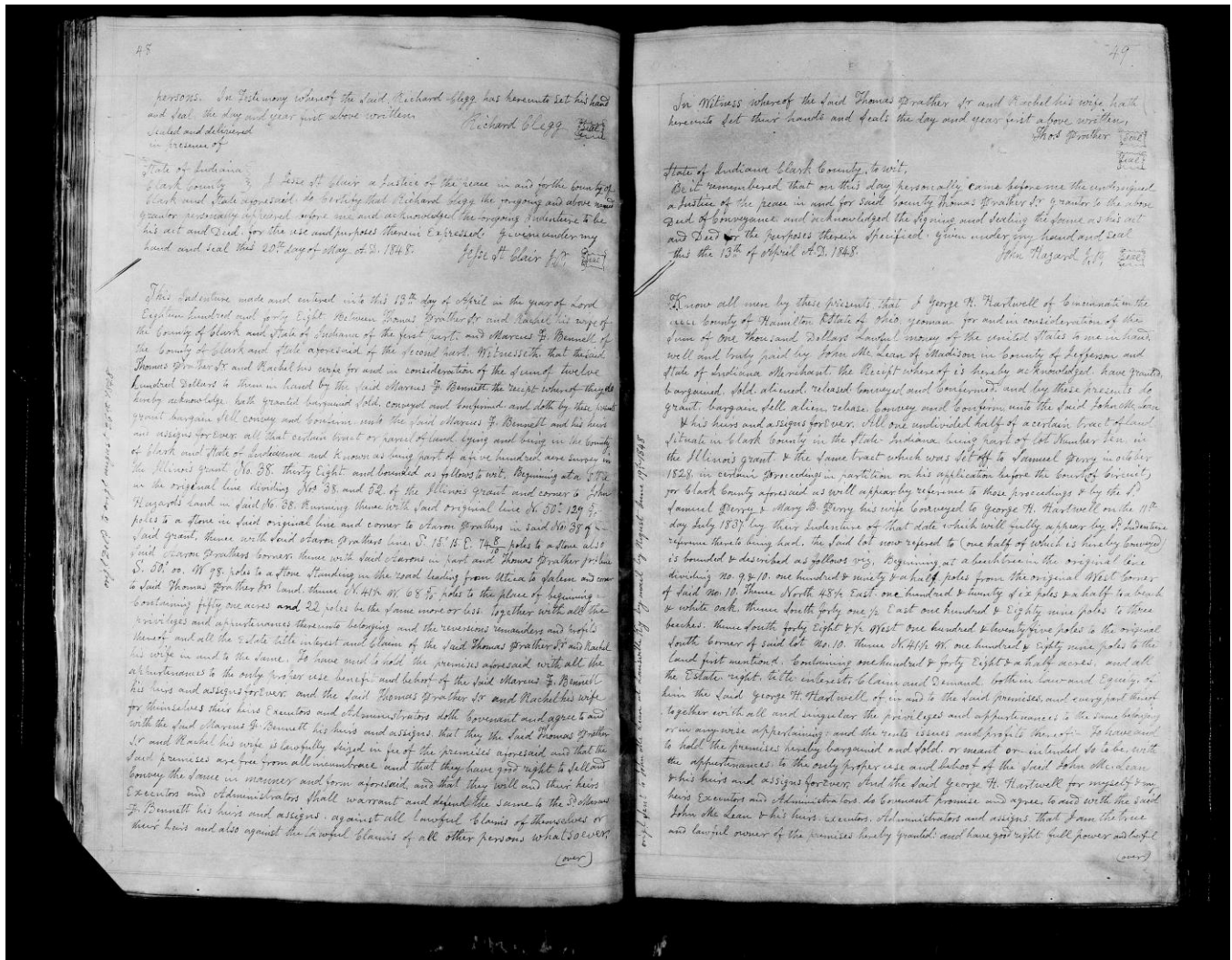
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the office of the Recorder of Clark County Indiana on the 17th day of February 1846

1771 1/2 A.D. to A.D. 1846 Bennett Family History Library film 1428614 item 2, DGS 7857090

Attachment #1A
Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 37, pg 215 (1 of 2); Greenberry Prather to Marcus F. Bennett, warranty deed, 1 Jan 1846, recorded 18 Feb 1846; Family History Library film 1428614 item 2, DGS 7857090.



Attachment #1B
 Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 37, pg 216 (2 of 2); Greenberry Prather to Marcus F. Bennett, warranty deed, 1 Jan 1846, recorded 18 Feb 1846; Family History Library film 1428614 item 2, DGS 7857090 image 286.



Attachment #2

Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 38, pgs. 48-49; Thomas Prather sr. and Rachel his wife to Marcus F. Bennett, warranty deed, 13 Apr 1848, recorded 26 Apr 1848; Family History Library film 1428614 item 3, DGS 7857090.

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from and out of the hearing of her said husband, and the full contents and purport of said deed being by me made known to her, she acknowledged that she voluntarily executed the same of her own free will and accord, and without any coercion or compulsion from her said husband. Given under my hand and seal at Charlestown this 23rd day of February A. D. 1848. Joel M. Smith J.P. (Seal)

Whereas on the 28th day of October 1845 Greenberry Prather as guardian of the estate & persons of Alvin Jr. Howard, Elvira Rachel, Martha Lavina, and said Manlyff, Prather filed his petition in the clerk Probate Court praying an order to sell the following lands situate in said County of Clark and State of Indiana and described thus nine acres more or less, bounded by two parallel lines running across the tract of 97 1/2 acres of which said Walter Prather died seized ten chains & links wide and marked on the plat of the division amongst Walter Prather's heirs (now on file in the Clerk's Office of Clark County as lot no. two as the property of said Prather's, and lot no. three as described on said plat) as the property of said Alvin Jr. Howard, containing ten acres & two rods bounded by two parallel lines running across said tract Eight chains link & 2 in wide, bounded on the south by Elvira Rachel Martha Lavina and Manlyff Prather share of said tract, and on the North East by Bazil Prather's share both subject as stated in said plat of division to the widows' Dower, whereupon such proceedings were had in said Court that said Guardian was appointed a Commissioner to make sale of said lands on the terms, and after giving the notices required by the order of said Court, whereupon after giving said notices said Guardian proceeded to sell said land in pursuance of the order of said Court, and afterwards reported his proceedings to said Court and that he had sold the same to Marquis F. Bennett, and Guardian having at this January Term 1848 of said Court reported to said Court that said Bennett had fully paid him the purchase money for said lands & said sale having been by said Court confirmed, and all the proceedings of said Guardian in the premises, and said purchaser being entitled to a conveyance of said property, Charles E. Walker was thereupon appointed by said Court a Commissioner to convey said lands to said Marquis Bennett his heirs & assigns forever. Therefore this indenture made this 2nd day of February A. D. 1848— Between said Charles E. Walker as such Commissioner of the first part, and said Marquis F. Bennett of the second part Witnesseth, that for & in consideration of the premises the said party of the first part hath bargained & sold, and hereby doth grant, bargain sell & convey unto the party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever, the before described premises lands & tenements with the appurtenances, and all and all the title & interest of the said Wards of said Guardian therein. In witness whereof said Commissioner as such hath hereunto set his hand & seal the day & year aforesaid.

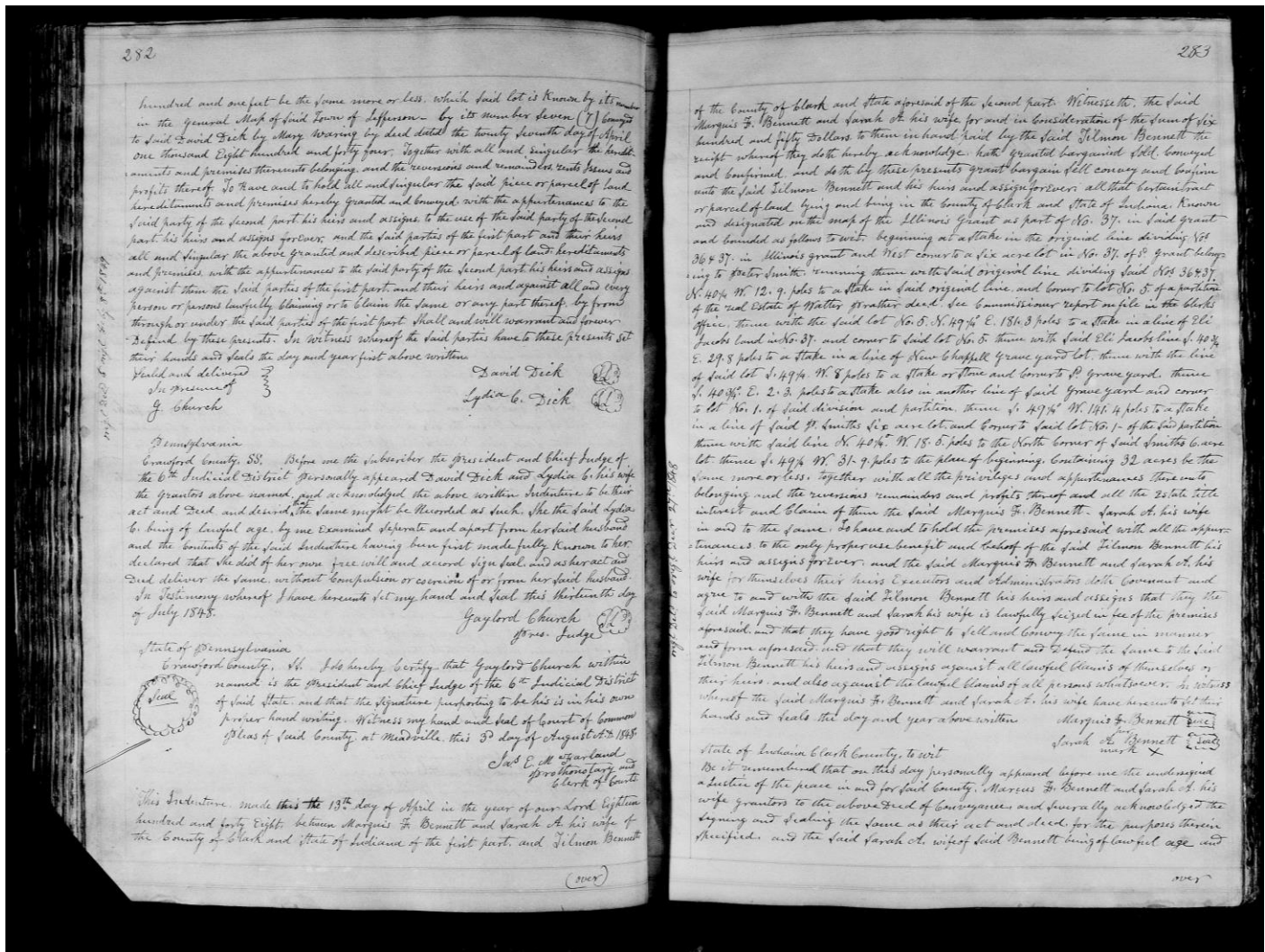
Charles E. Walker Seal
Commissioner

State of Indiana & ss. I Eli M. Galley Clerk of the Probate Court for Clark County in said State do certify that Charles E. Walker the Commissioner appointed by the Court for that purpose came into open Court on the 2nd day of February 1848 and reported to Court the above and foregoing deed of conveyance, and having acknowledged the same as his act and deed for the purposes therein expressed the same was reviewed by the Court and approved and order to be filed upon the final record of this Court & Court held by the Clerk which was done. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Probate Court at the Court house in Charlestown this 2nd day of March 1848. Eli M. Galley Clerk

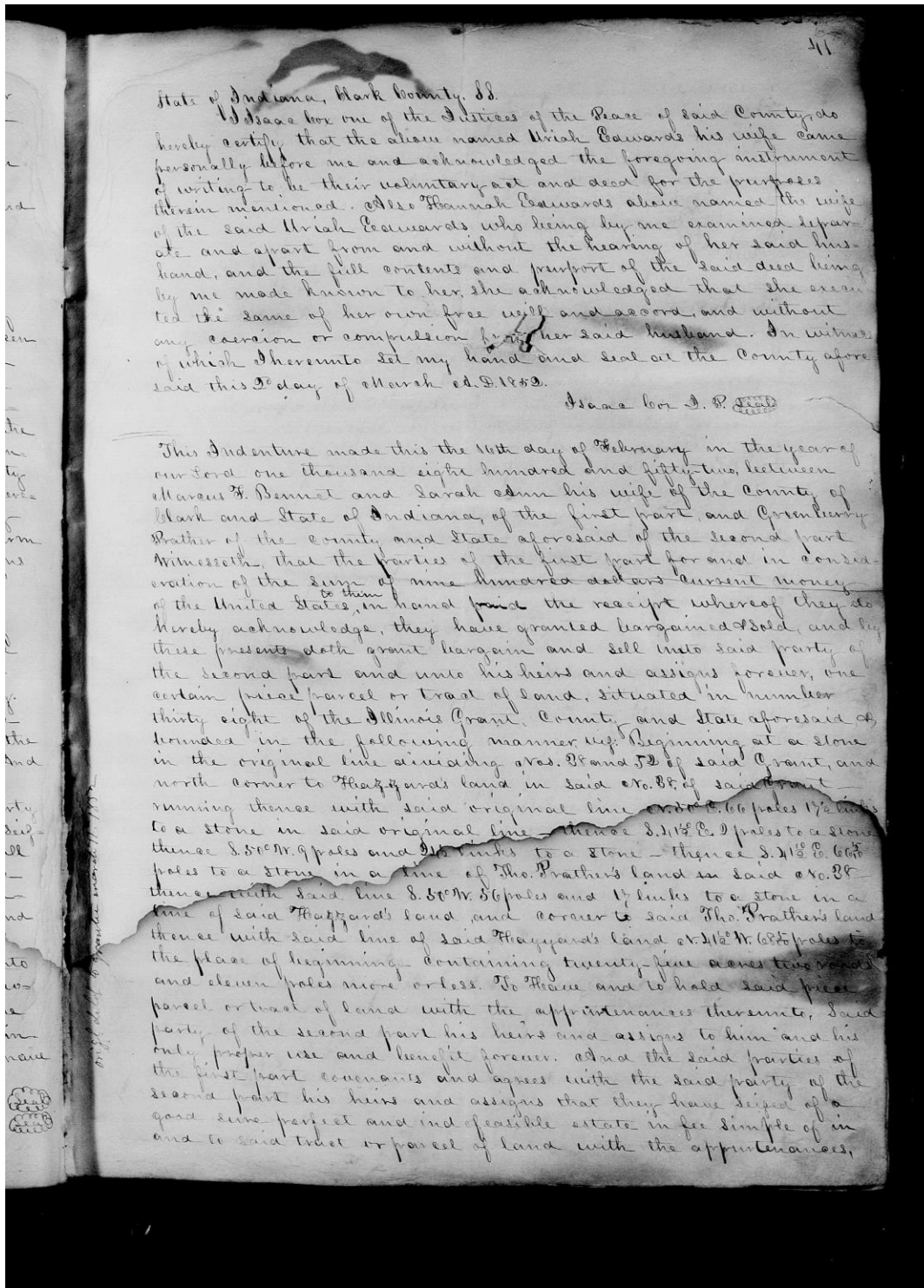
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Attachment #3
Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 37, pg 472; Greenberry Prather, guardian of estate and persons of 6 of the minor heirs of Walter Prather deceased by commissioner Charles E. Walker to Marquis F. Bennett, warranty deed, Feb 1848, recorded 2 Mar 1848; Family History Library film 1428614 item 3, DGS 7857090.

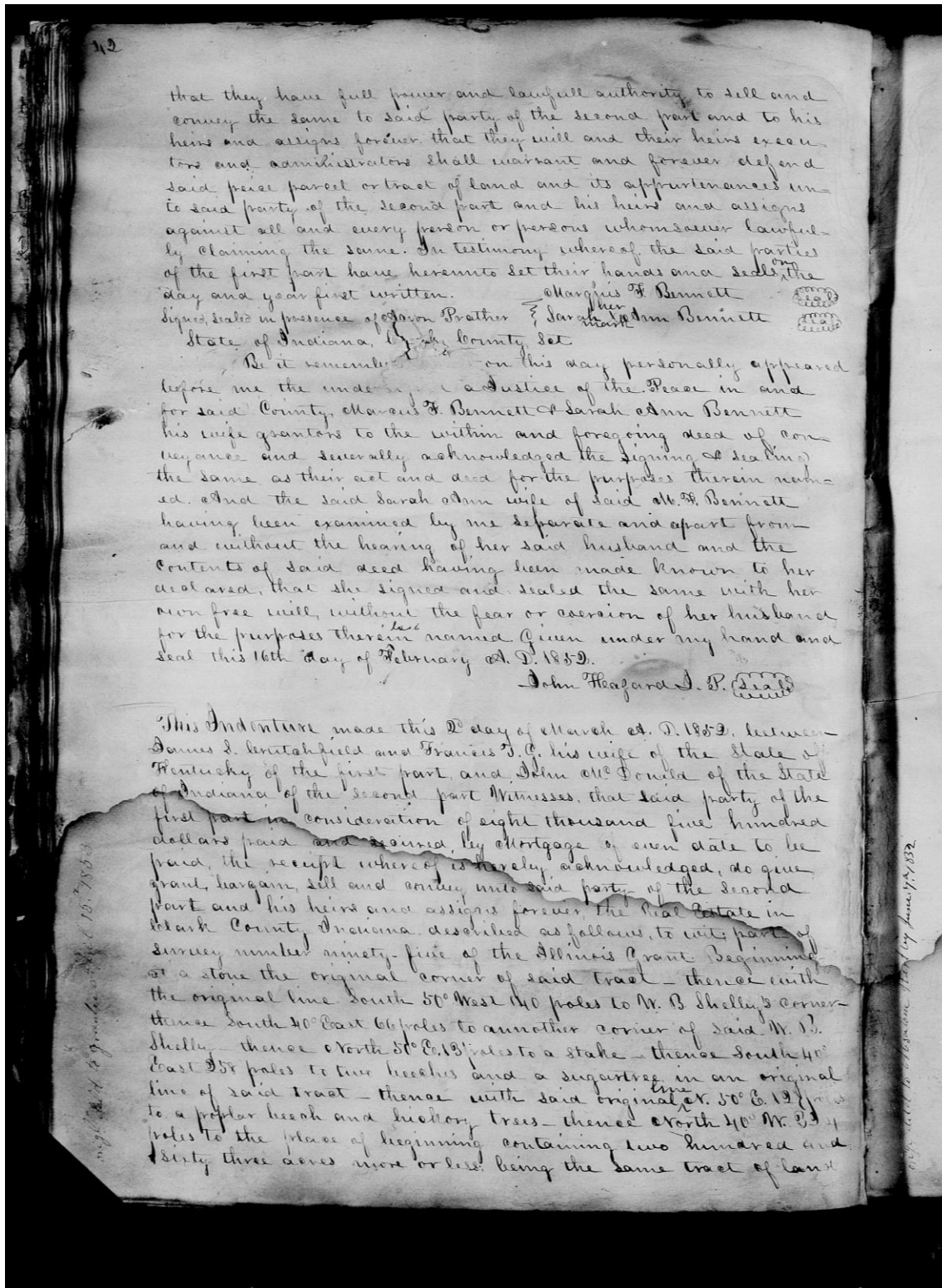


Attachment #4
 Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 39, pgs. 282-283; Marquis F. Bennett and Sarah A. his wife to
 Tilman Howard, warranty deed, 13 Apr 1848, recorded 24 Dec 1848; Family History Library film 1428615 item 1,
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Attachment #5A

Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 41, pg 41 (page 1 of 2); Marcus F. Bennett and Sarah Ann his wife to Greenberry Prather, warranty deed, 16 Feb 1852, recorded 16 Feb 1852; Family History Library film 1428616 item 2, DGS 7857092.



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that they have full power and lawful authority to sell and convey the same to said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever that they will and their heirs executors and administrators shall warrant and forever defend said piece parcel or tract of land and its appurtenances unto said party of the second part and his heirs and assigns against all and every person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming the same. In testimony whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals ^{on} the day and year first written.

Signed sealed in presence of Green Prather
 State of Indiana, Clark County, Ind
 Marcus F. Bennett
 Sarah Ann Bennett

Be it remembered that on this day personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Marcus F. Bennett and Sarah Ann Bennett his wife grantors to the within and foregoing deed of conveyance and severally acknowledged the signing and sealing the same as their act and deed for the purposes therein named. And the said Sarah Ann wife of said M. F. Bennett having been examined by me separate and apart from and without the hearing of her said husband and the contents of said deed having been made known to her declared, that she signed and sealed the same with her own free will, without the fear or coercion of her husband for the purposes therein named Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of February A. D. 1852.

John Hazard J. P.

This Indenture made this 16 day of March A. D. 1852, between James L. Kenton of the first part and Francis J. C. his wife of the State of Kentucky of the first part, and John M. Gould of the State of Indiana of the second part Witnesses, that said party of the first part in consideration of eight thousand five hundred dollars paid and received by mortgage of even date to be paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do give grant bargain sell and convey unto said party of the second part and his heirs and assigns forever, the Real Estate in Clark County, Indiana described as follows, to wit: part of survey number ninety-five of the Illinois Grant beginning at a stone the original corner of said tract - thence with the original line South 50° West 40 poles to W. B. Shelly's corner - thence South 40° East 66 poles to another corner of said W. B. Shelly - thence North 50° E. 13 poles to a stake - thence South 40° East 58 poles to two beeches and a sugar tree in an original line of said tract - thence with said original line North 50° E. 13 poles to a poplar beech and hickory trees - thence North 40° W. 34 poles to the place of beginning containing two hundred and sixty three acres more or less being the same tract of land

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Attachment #5B

Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 43, pg 42 (page 2 of 2); Marcus F. Bennett and Sarah Ann his wife to Greenberry Prather, warranty deed, 16 Feb 1852, recorded 16 Feb 1852; Family History Library film 1428616 item 2, DGS 7857092.

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of Clark County Indiana in Deed Book C. vol. 2. page 132, with the appertinances. To have and to hold the same unto said party of the second part, and his heirs and assigns, to them and their own heirs forever, And said party of the first part, Covenant that they are well seized of said said granted premises in fee simple free and clear from all incumbrances whatever, And that they will and their heirs and assigns shall warrant and forever defend the same unto said party of the second part, and his heirs and assigns against all law full claims whatever. Witness the hand and seal of the party of the first part, the day first written.

John W. Pedman
Elizabeth A. Pedman

State of Indiana,
Lloyd County, I set. I George W. Howk a Notary Public of said County do hereby Certify that the within named John W. Pedman and Elizabeth A. Pedman his wife this day came personally before me and acknowledged the within instrument of writing to be their voluntary act and deed, for the purposes therein named, and the said Elizabeth A. Pedman being by me Examined privately separate and apart from and without the hearing of her said husband, And the full contents and purport of the said Deed, being by me made known to her, acknowledged that she voluntarily executed the same of her own free will and accord, and without my coercion or compulsion on the part of her said husband.

In witness of which I have here to set my hand and Notarial seal at my Office in the City of New Albany, this 28th day of February A. D. 1852.

George W. Howk
Notary Public.

At a meeting of the members of Prigah Presbyterian Church this school of which legal notice had been given to that trustees W. D. Baldwin was called to the Chair & James H. Stewart was appointed Clerk. Thomas Wallace Henry Fox, William B. Matthews, Melchior M. Rodgers & Samuel Kelly were duly Elected Trustees.

Philemon J. Baldwin Chairman
James H. Stewart Clerk

I hereby Certify that advertisements were posted up in three of the most public places in the township also from the pulpit ten days previous to the meeting calling upon the members of Prigah Presbyterian Church New School, who worship at New Washington & Bethel Church in Bethel town 1852, to Elect trustees (to fill vacancies occasioned by removal & resignation) and that on the aforesaid day the members did there & there meet & that Thomas Wallace Henry Fox, William B. Matthews, Melchior M. Rodgers & Samuel Kelly were unanimously chosen trustees of said Church, Bethel Church March 6th 1852.

James H. Stewart Clerk

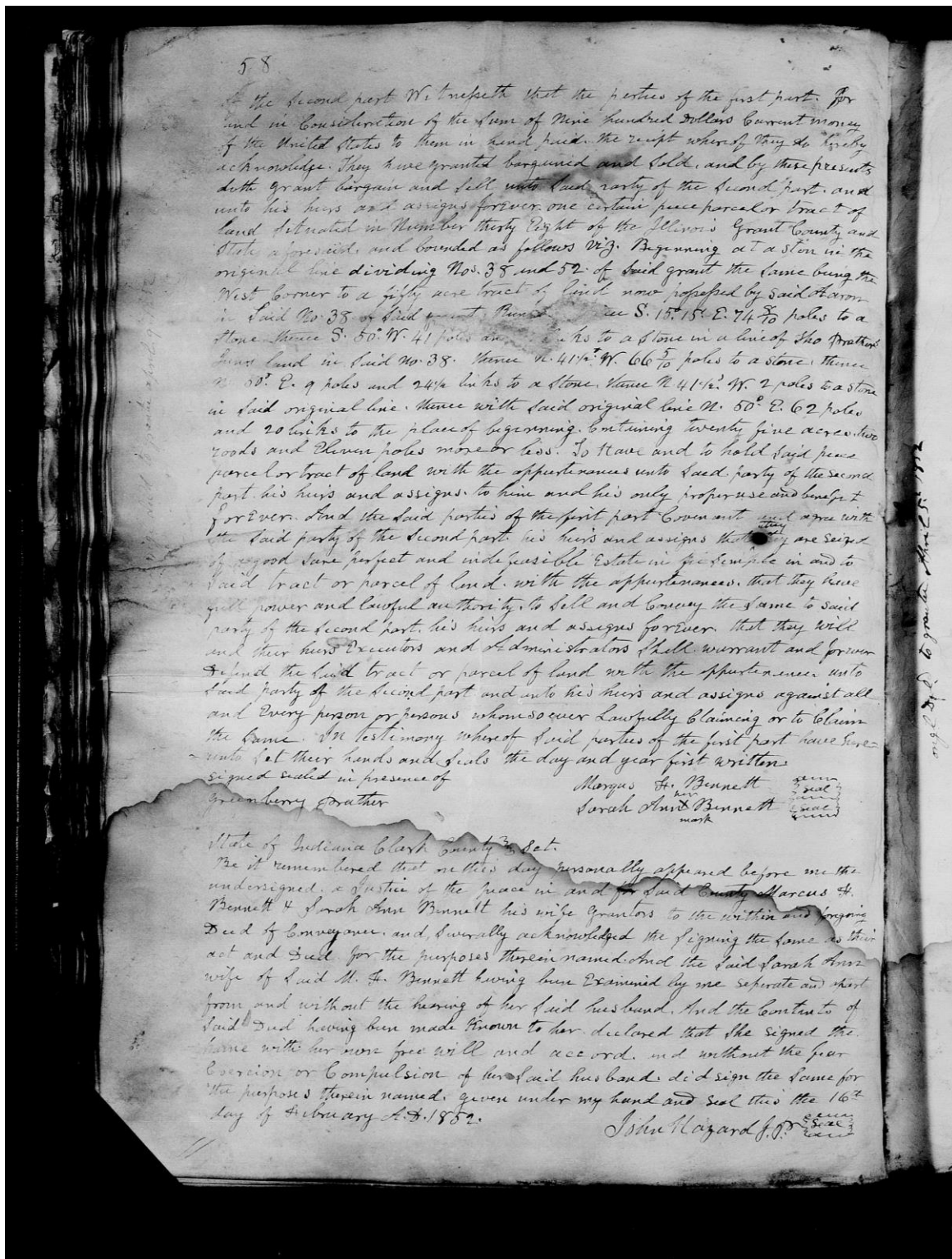
This Indenture made this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two 1852 Between Aaron A. Bennett & Sarah Ann his wife of the County of Clark and State of Indiana of the first part, And Aaron Prather of the County and State aforesaid

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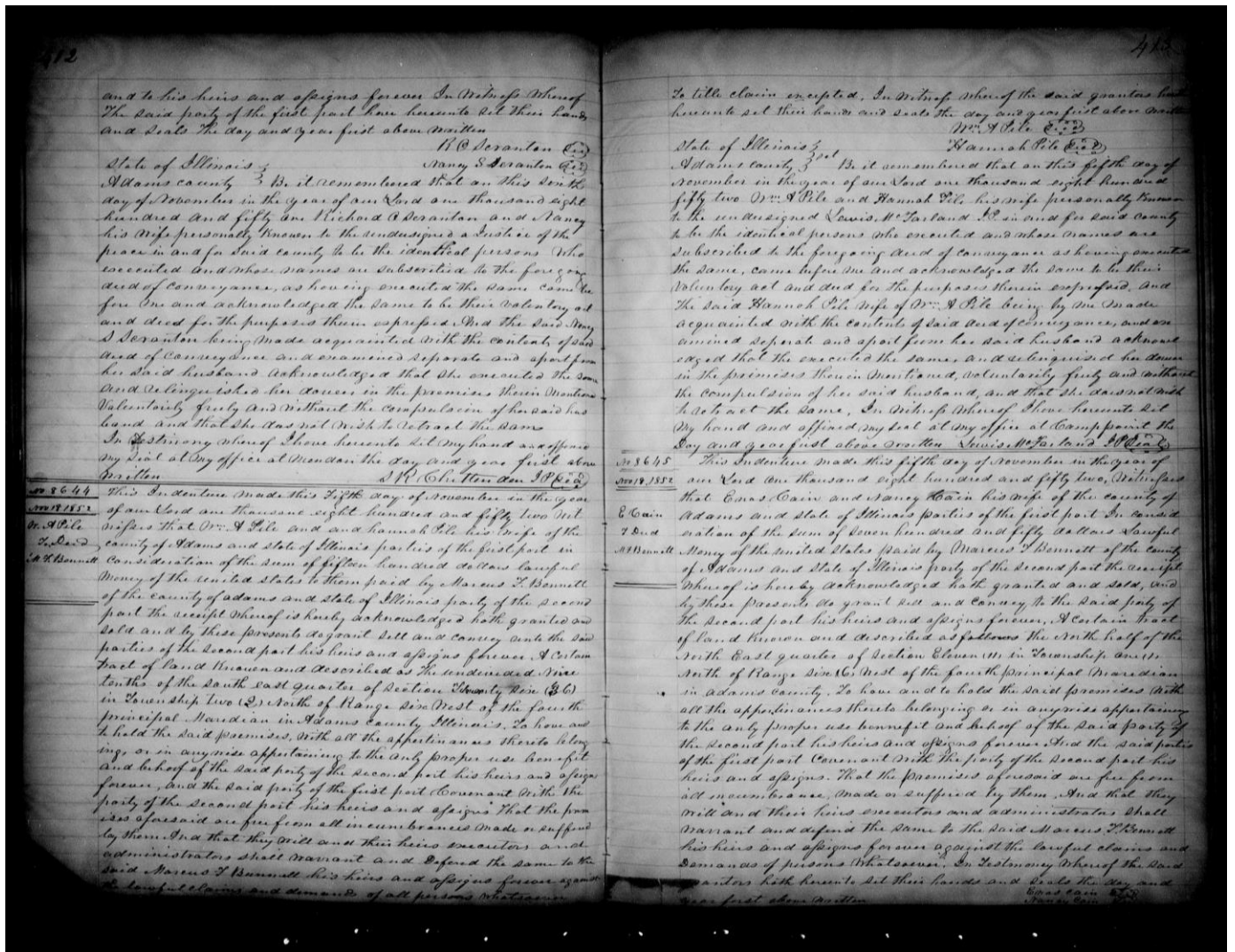
Attachment #6A

Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 42, pg 57 (page 1 of 2); Marcus F. Bennett and Sarah Ann his wife to Aaron Prather, warranty deed, 16 Feb 1852, recorded 16 Feb 1852; Family History Library film 1428616 item 2, DGS 7857092 image 455.



Attachment #6B

Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 42, pg 58 (page 2 of 2); Marcus F. Bennett and Sarah Ann his wife to Aaron Prather, warranty deed, 16 Feb 1852, recorded 16 Feb 1852; Family History Library film 1428616 item 2, DGS 7857092.



Attachment #7

Adams County, Illinois, Deed, 1825-1886, vol 12, pg 412-413; Wm. A. Pile and Hannah his wife to Marcus F. Bennett, warranty deed, 5 Nov 1852, recorded 18 Nov 1852; Family History Library film 967553 item 2, DGS 7807797.

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To till claim excepted, In Witness Whereof the said grantors have
 hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written
 Wm. A. Pile Esq.
 Hannah Pile Esq.

State of Illinois,
 Adams County, 3rd Be it remembered that on this fifth day of
 November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 fifty two Wm. A. Pile and Hannah Pile his wife personally known
 to the undersigned Lewis W. Farland J.C. in and for said county
 to be the identical persons who executed and whose names are
 subscribed to the foregoing deed of conveyance as having executed
 the same, came before me and acknowledged the same to be their
 voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein expressed, and
 the said Hannah Pile wife of Wm. A. Pile being by me made
 acquainted with the contents of said deed of conveyance, and ex-
 amined separat and apart from her said husband acknowl-
 edged that she executed the same, and relinquished her claim
 in the premises therein mentioned, voluntarily, fully and without
 the compulsion of her said husband, and that she does not wish
 to set aside the same, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and affixed my seal at my office at Camp Point the
 day and year first above written Lewis W. Farland J.C.

No 8645 This indenture made this fifth day of November in the year of
 Nov 18, 1852 our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two, Witnessed
 E. Cain and Nancy Cain his wife of the county of
 Adams and State of Illinois parties of the first part In consid-
 eration of the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars lawful
 Money of the United States paid by Marcus F. Bennett of the county
 of Adams and State of Illinois party of the second part the receipt
 whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted and sold, and
 by these presents do grant sell and convey to the said party of
 the second part his heirs and assigns forever, A certain tract
 of land known and described as follows the North half of the
 North East quarter of Section Eleven (11) in Township one (1)
 North of Range Six (6) West of the fourth principal Meridian
 in Adams County, To have and to hold the said premises with
 all the appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining
 to the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said party of
 the second part his heirs and assigns forever And the said parties
 of the first part Covenant with the party of the second part his
 heirs and assigns that the premises aforesaid are free from
 all incumbrance, made or suffered by them, And that they
 will and their heirs executors and administrators shall
 warrant and defend the same to the said Marcus F. Bennett
 his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and
 demands of persons whatsoever, In Testimony Whereof the said
 grantors both hereunto set their hands and seals the day and
 year first above written
 E. Cain
 Nancy Cain

Attachment #8A

Adams County, Illinois, Deed, 1825-1886, vol 12, pg 413 (page 1 of 2); E. Cain and Nancy his wife to Marcus F. Bennett, warranty deed, 5 Nov 1852, recorded 18 Nov 1852; Family History Library film 967553 item 2, DGS 7807797.

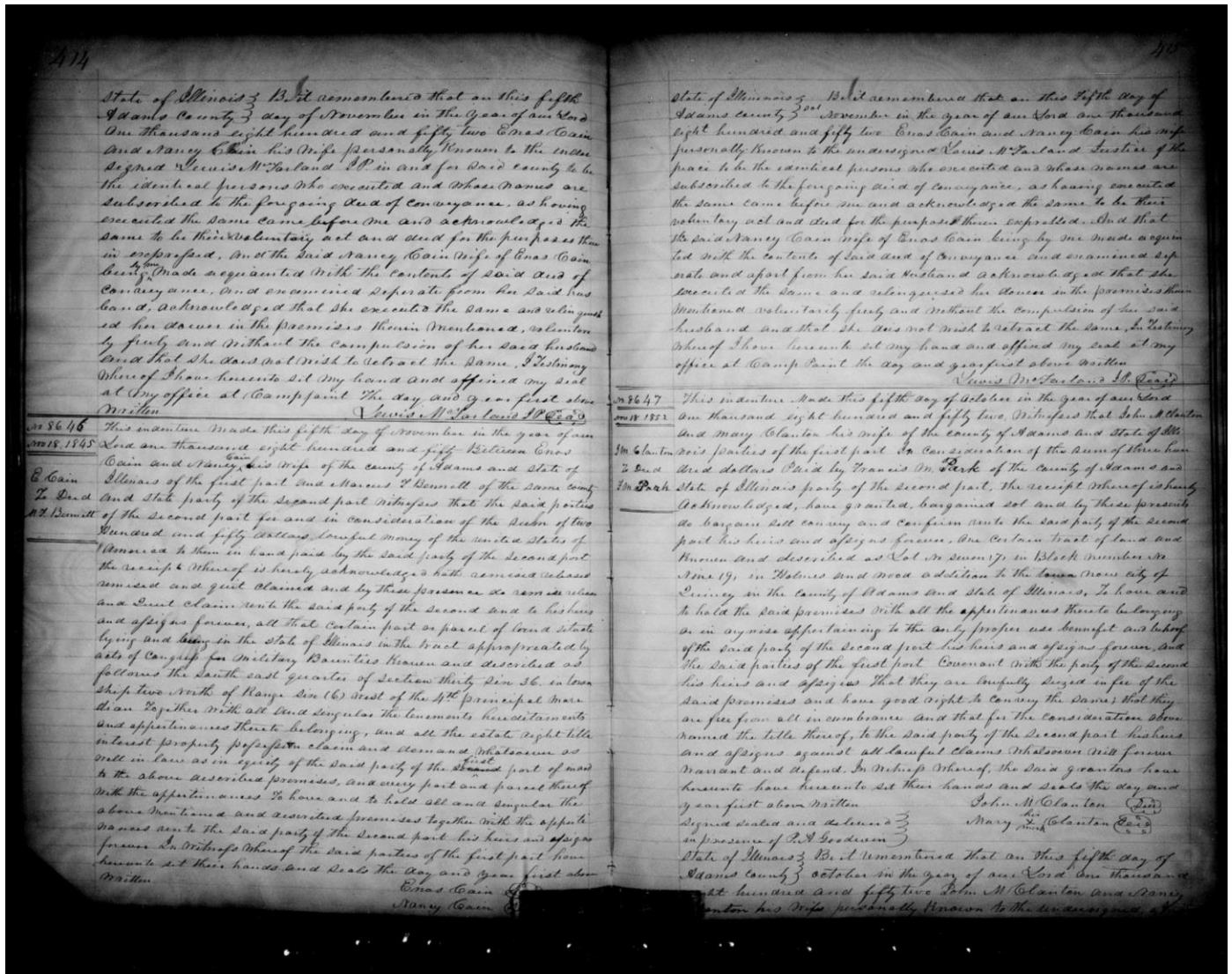
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State of Illinois } But remembered that on this fifth
 Adams County } day of November in the year of our Lord
 One thousand eight hundred and fifty two Enos Cain
 and Nancy Cain his wife personally known to the undersigned
 signed Lewis McFarland J.P. in and for said county to be
 the identical persons who executed and whose names are
 subscribed to the foregoing deed of conveyance, as having
 executed the same come before me and acknowledged the
 same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein
 expressed, and the said Nancy Cain wife of Enos Cain
 being ^{to me} made acquainted with the contents of said deed of
 conveyance, and examined separately from her said husband
 and acknowledged that she executed the same and relinquish-
 ed her dower in the premises therein mentioned, voluntarily
 and freely and without the compulsion of her said husband
 and that she does not wish to retract the same, I Testimony
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
 at my office at Camp Point the day and year first above
 written
 Lewis McFarland J.P. &c &c

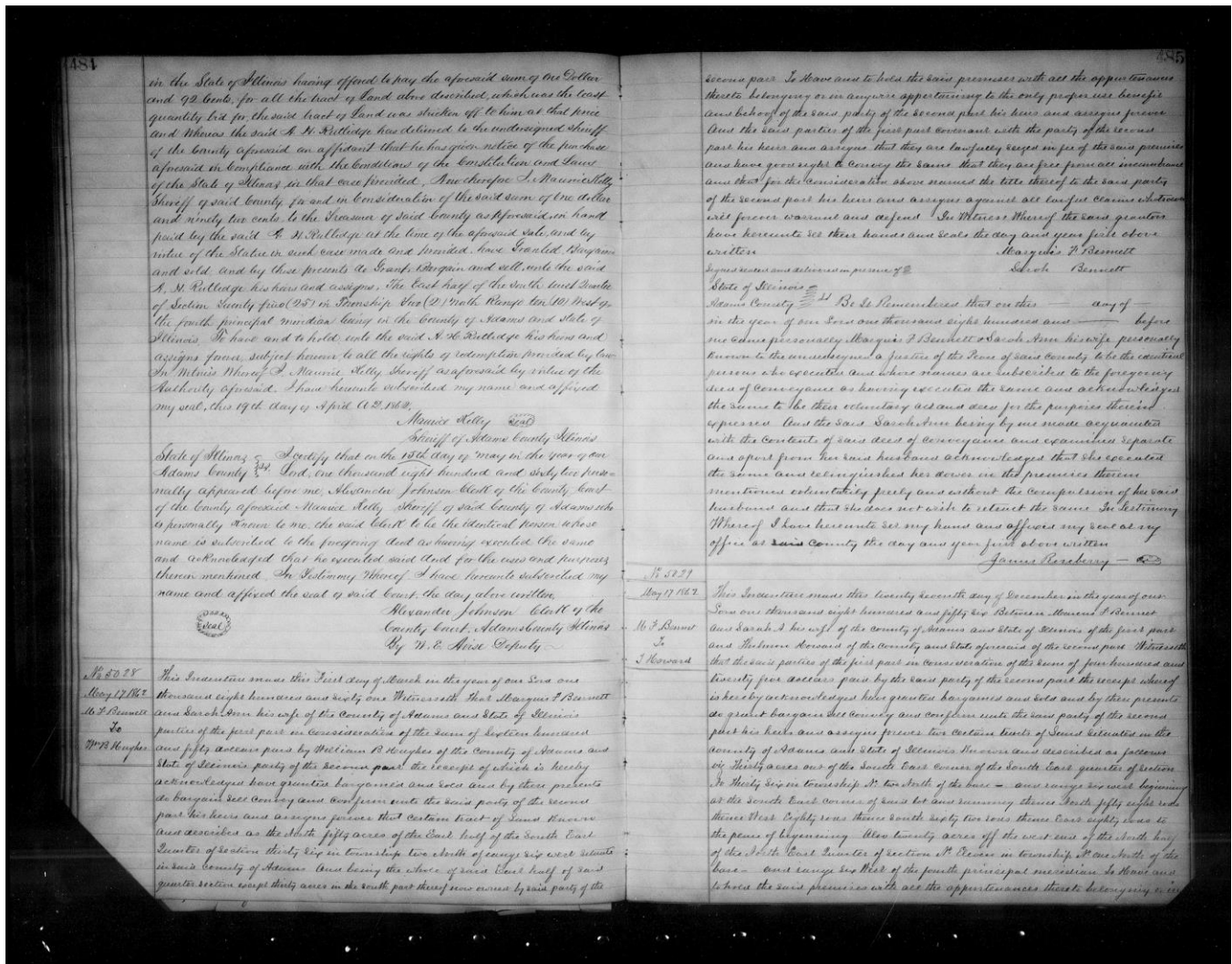
No 8646 This instrument made this fifth day of November in the year of our
 Nov 18, 1845 Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two Enos
 Cain and Nancy ^{Cain} his wife of the county of Adams and State of
 Illinois of the first part and Marcus F. Bennett of the same county
 and State party of the second part witness that the said parties
 of the second part for and in consideration of the sum of two
 hundred and fifty dollars lawful money of the United States of
 America to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part
 the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged both parties released
 remised and quit claimed and by these presents do remise release
 and quit claim unto the said party of the second and to his heirs
 and assigns forever, all that certain part or parcel of land situate
 lying and being in the State of Illinois in the tract appropriated by
 acts of Congress for Military Bounties known and described as
 follows the South east quarter of Section thirty six in town
 ship two north of Range six (6) west of the 14th principal Meri-
 dian together with all and singular the tenements hereditaments
 and appurtenances thereto belonging, and all the estate right title
 interest property possession claim and demand whatsoever as
 well in law as in equity of the said party of the ^{first} part of and
 to the above described premises, and every part and parcel thereof
 with the appurtenances to have and to hold all and singular the
 above mentioned and described premises together with the appurte-
 nances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns
 forever In witness whereof the said parties of the first part have
 hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above
 written
 Enos Cain
 Nancy Cain

Attachment #8B

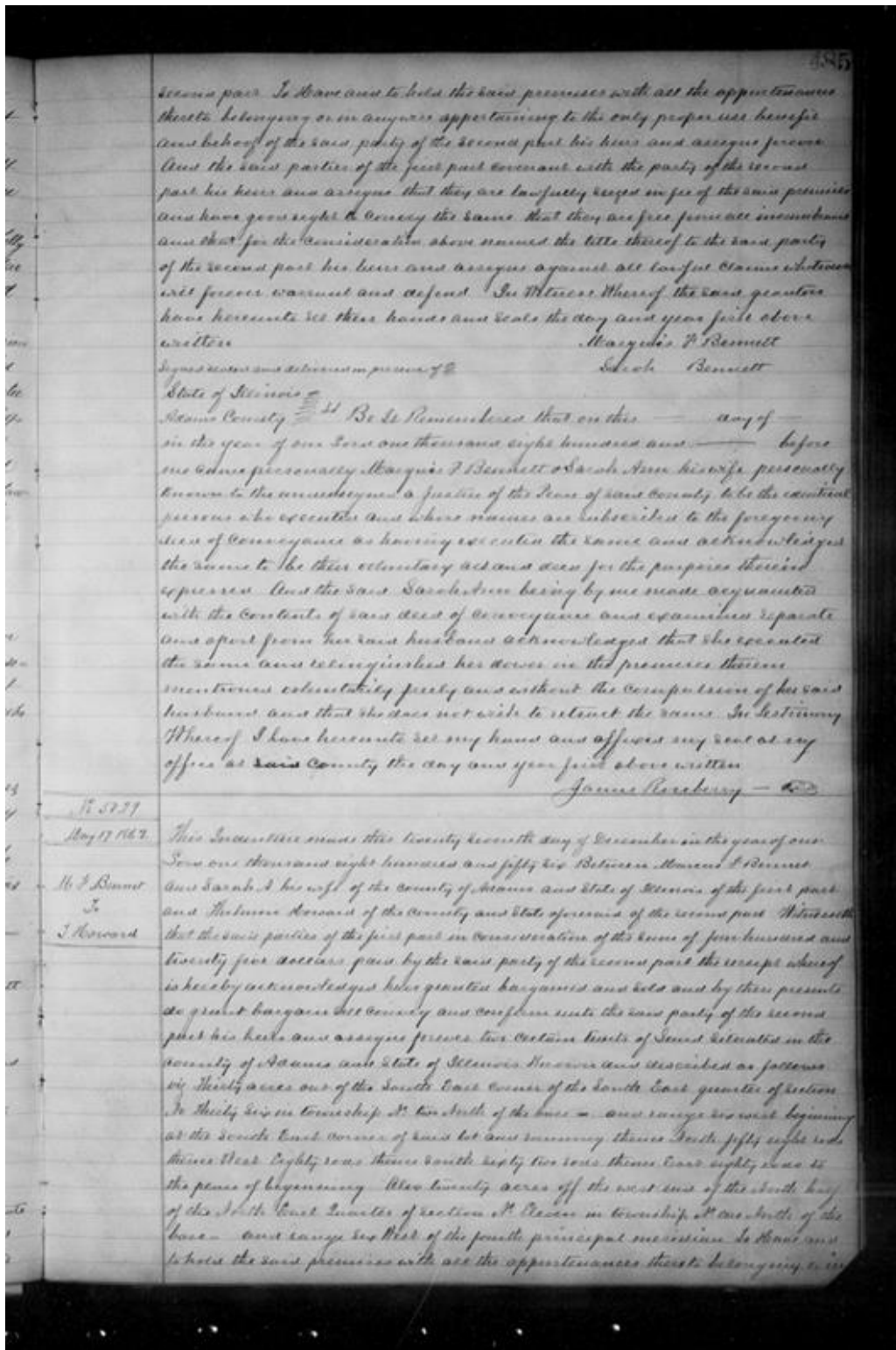
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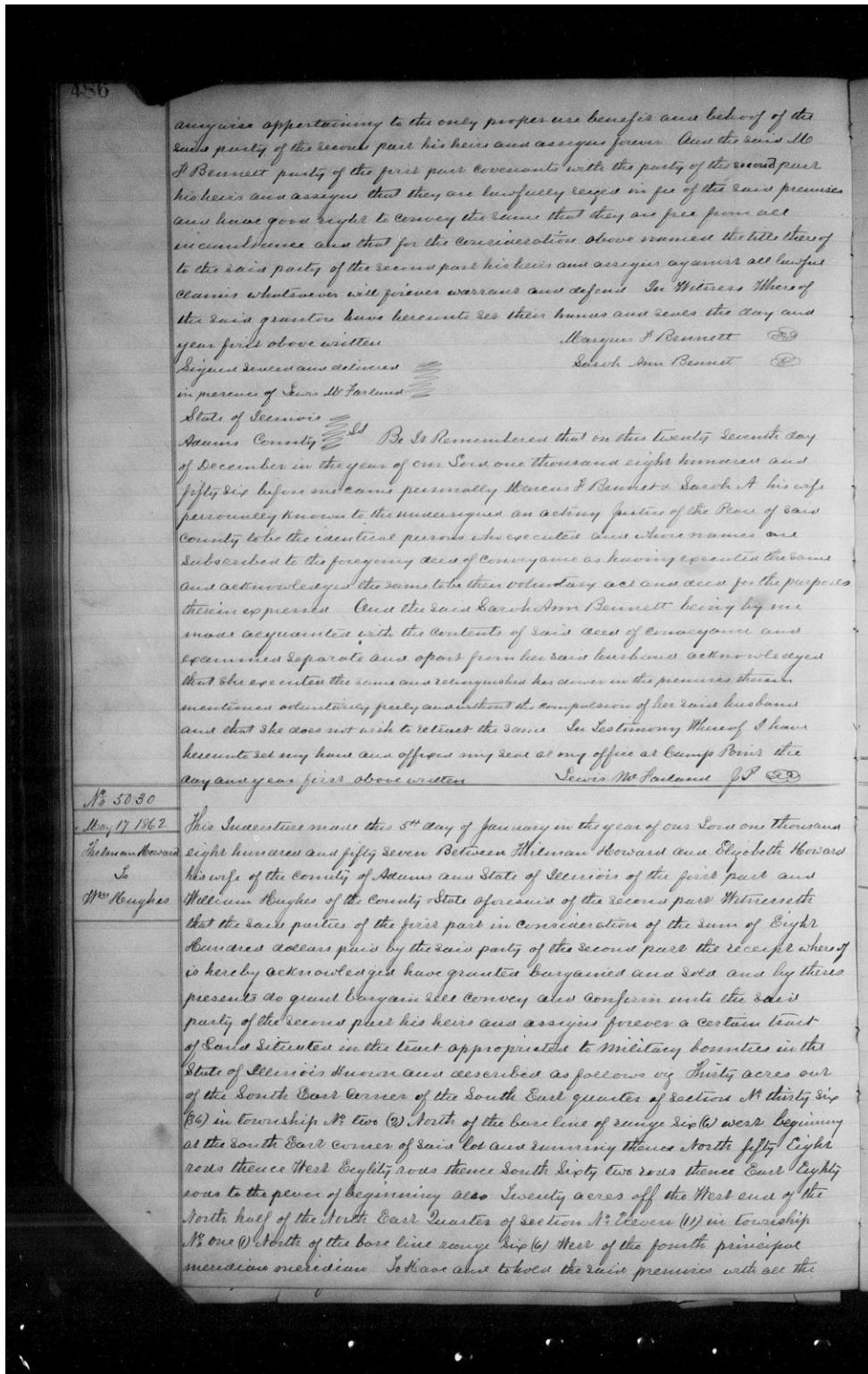
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Attachment #10
 Adams County, Illinois, Deed, 1825-1886, vol 37, pg 484-485; Marquis F. Bennett and Sarah Ann his wife to William B. Hughes, warranty deed, 1 Mar 1862, recorded 18 Nov 1852; Family History Library film 967824 item 2, DGS 8547736.

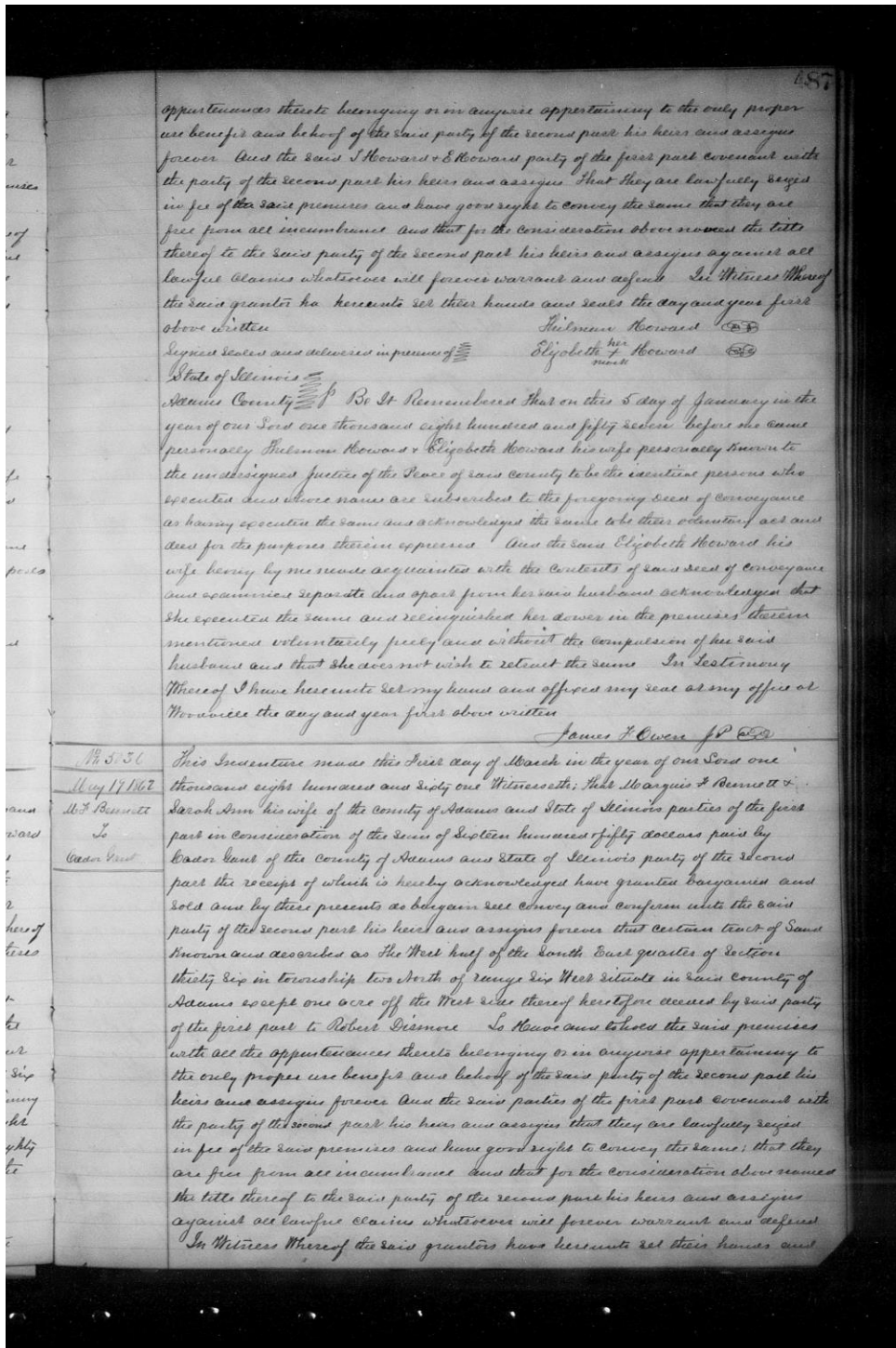


Attachment #11A
Adams County, Illinois, Deed, 1825-1886, vol 37, pg 485 (page 1 of 2); Marquis F. Bennett and Sarah Ann his wife to Thilman (sic) Howard, warranty deed, 1 Mar 1862, recorded 18 Nov 1862; Family History Library film 967824 item 2, DGS 8547736.



Attachment #11B

Adams County, Illinois, Deed, 1825-1886, vol 37, pg 486 (page 2 of 2); Marquis F. Bennett and Sarah Ann his wife to Thilman (sic) Howard, warranty deed, 1 Mar 1862, recorded 18 Nov 1862; Family History Library film 967824 item 2, DGS 8547736.



Attachment #12A

Adams County, Illinois, Deed, 1825-1886, vol 37, pg 486 (page 1 of 2); Marquis F. Bennett and Sarah Ann his wife to Cador Gaunt, warranty deed, 1 Mar 1861, recorded 27 Dec 1862; Family History Library film 967824 item 2, DGS 8547736.

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reads the day and year first above written Marquis F. Bennett *MF*
 Signed seven and delivered in presence of Sarah Bennett *SB*

State of Illinois
 Adams County Be It Remembered that on this day of —
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and — before
 me came personally Marquis F. Bennett Sarah Ann his wife personally
 known to the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of said County to be the
 identical persons who executed and whose names are subscribed to
 the foregoing deed of conveyance as having executed the same and
 acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purposes
 therein expressed And the said Sarah Ann being by me read acquainted
 with the contents of said deed of conveyance and examined separate and
 apart from her said husband acknowledged that she executed the same
 and relinquished her dower in the premises therein mentioned voluntarily
 freely and without the compulsion of her said husband and that she does
 not wish to retract the same In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and affixed my seal as my office of said County the day
 and year first above written James Roseberry *JR*

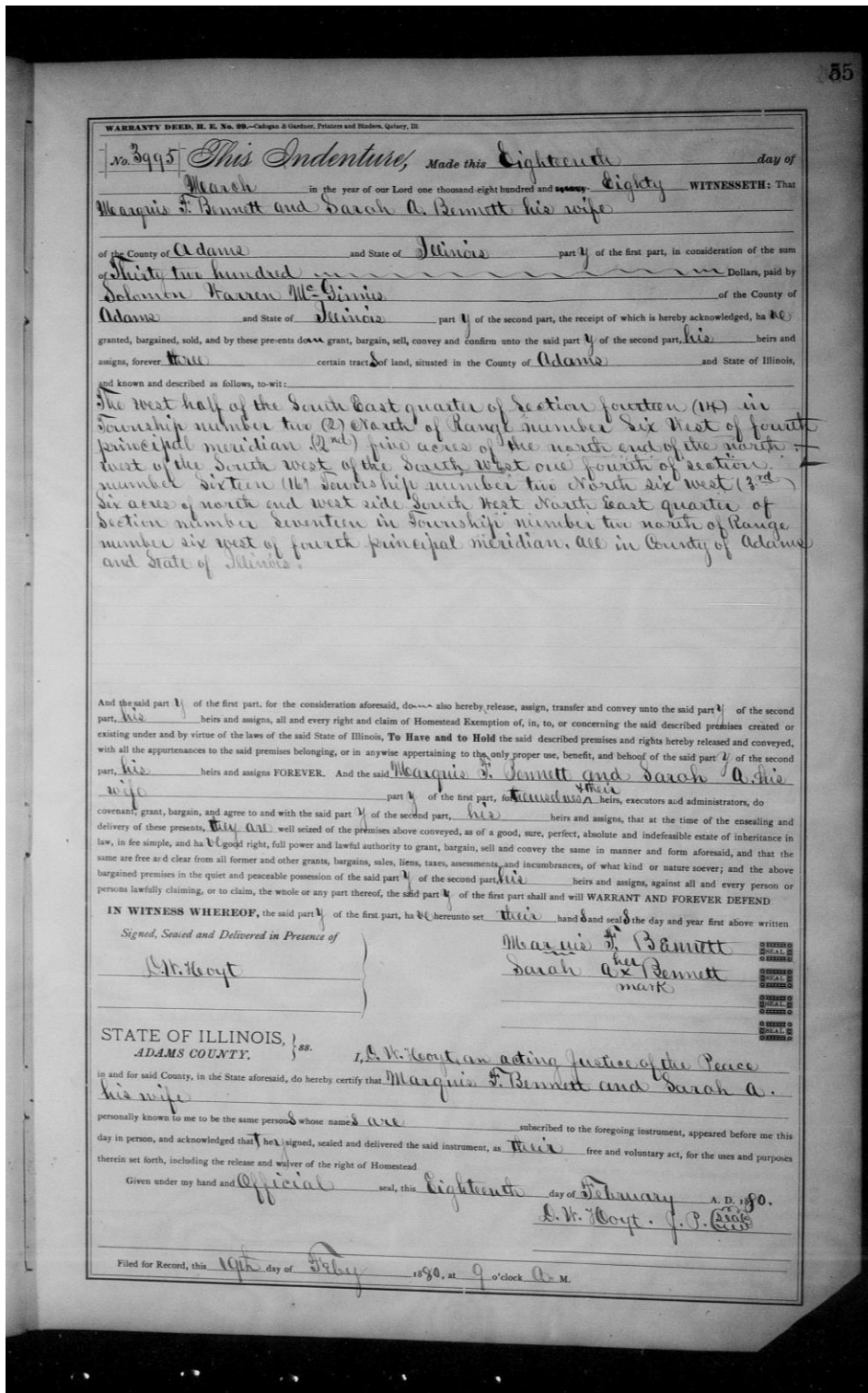
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H. Schreiber
 To
 H. H. Schreiber

This instrument made this fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and sixty two Between Herman Schreiber and Ann C.
 Schreiber his wife of the County of Adams and State of Illinois of the first
 part and Herman H. Schreiber of Hancock County and State of Illinois
 of the second part Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part in consideration
 of the sum of one thousand dollars paid by the said party of the second part the
 receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold
 and by these presents do give grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto
 the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever a certain
 tract of land situated in the County of Adams and State of Illinois and
 described as follows viz the North half of the South East quarter of Section
 three (3) in Township ten (2) North Range Eight (8) West of the fourth principal
 meridian containing eighty acres To Have and to Hold the said premises
 with all the appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining
 to the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said party of the second
 part his heirs and assigns forever And the said parties of the first part
 do hereby expressly release and waive all and every right and claim
 of homestead from forced sale under any Law of this State in and to said
 premises above conveyed to and in favor of said party of the second part
 And the said parties of the first part covenant with the said party of the
 second part his heirs and assigns that they are lawfully seized in fee of
 the said premises and hold good right to convey the same that they are
 free from all incumbrances And that for the consideration above named
 the title thereof to the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns
 against all lawful claims whatsoever will prove warrant and sufficient
 In Witness Whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands
 and seals the day and year first above written Herman H. Schreiber *HHS*
 Signed seven and delivered in presence of Mrs. Charlotte Schreiber *CS*
 in presence of Mrs. Schreiber *MS*

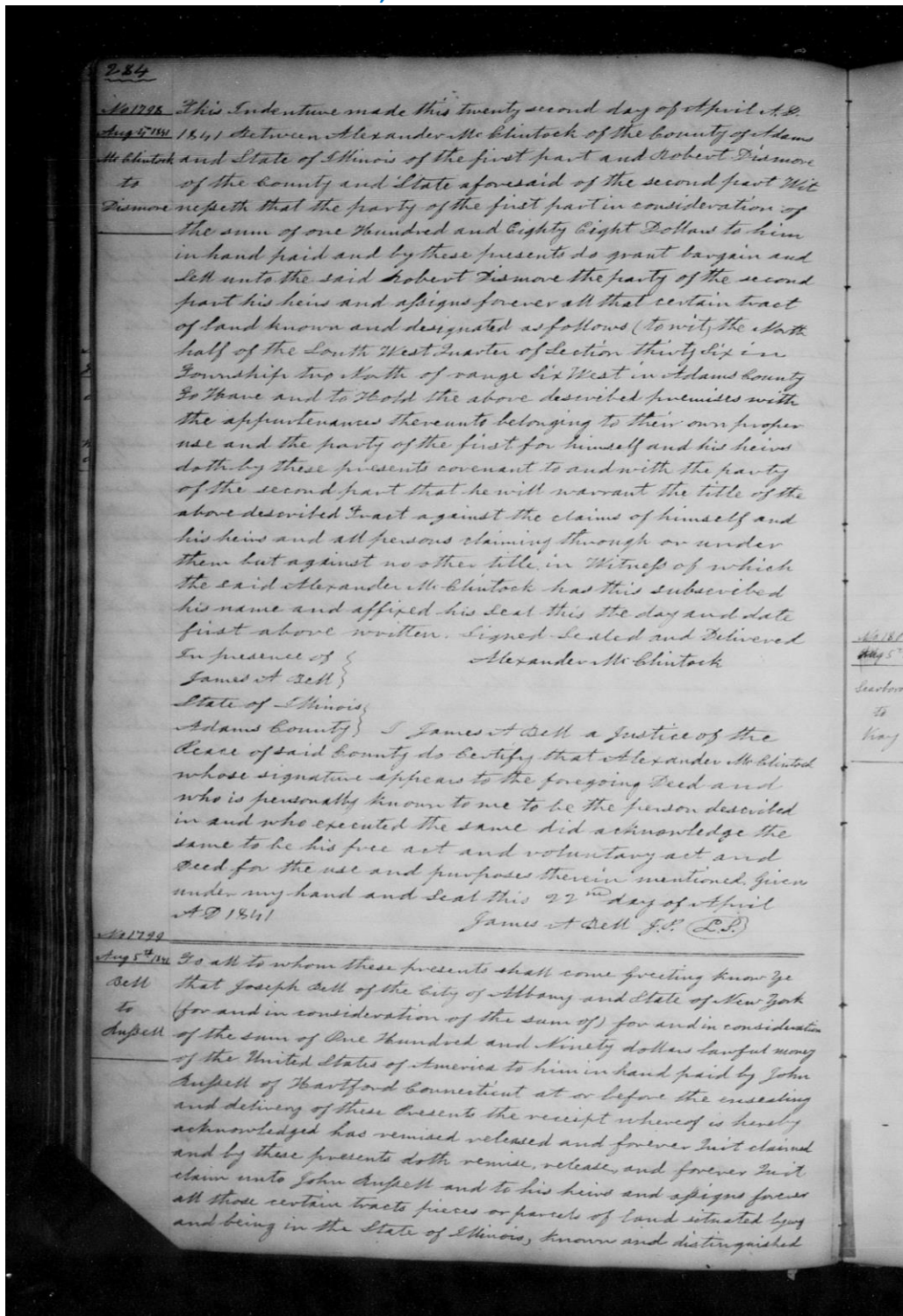
Attachment #12B
Adams County, Illinois, Deed, 1825-1886, vol 37, pg 487 (page 2 of 2); Marquis F. Bennett and Sarah Ann his wife
to Cador Gaunt, warranty deed, 1 Mar 1861, recorded 27 Dec 1862; Family History Library film 967824 item 2,
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Attachment #13

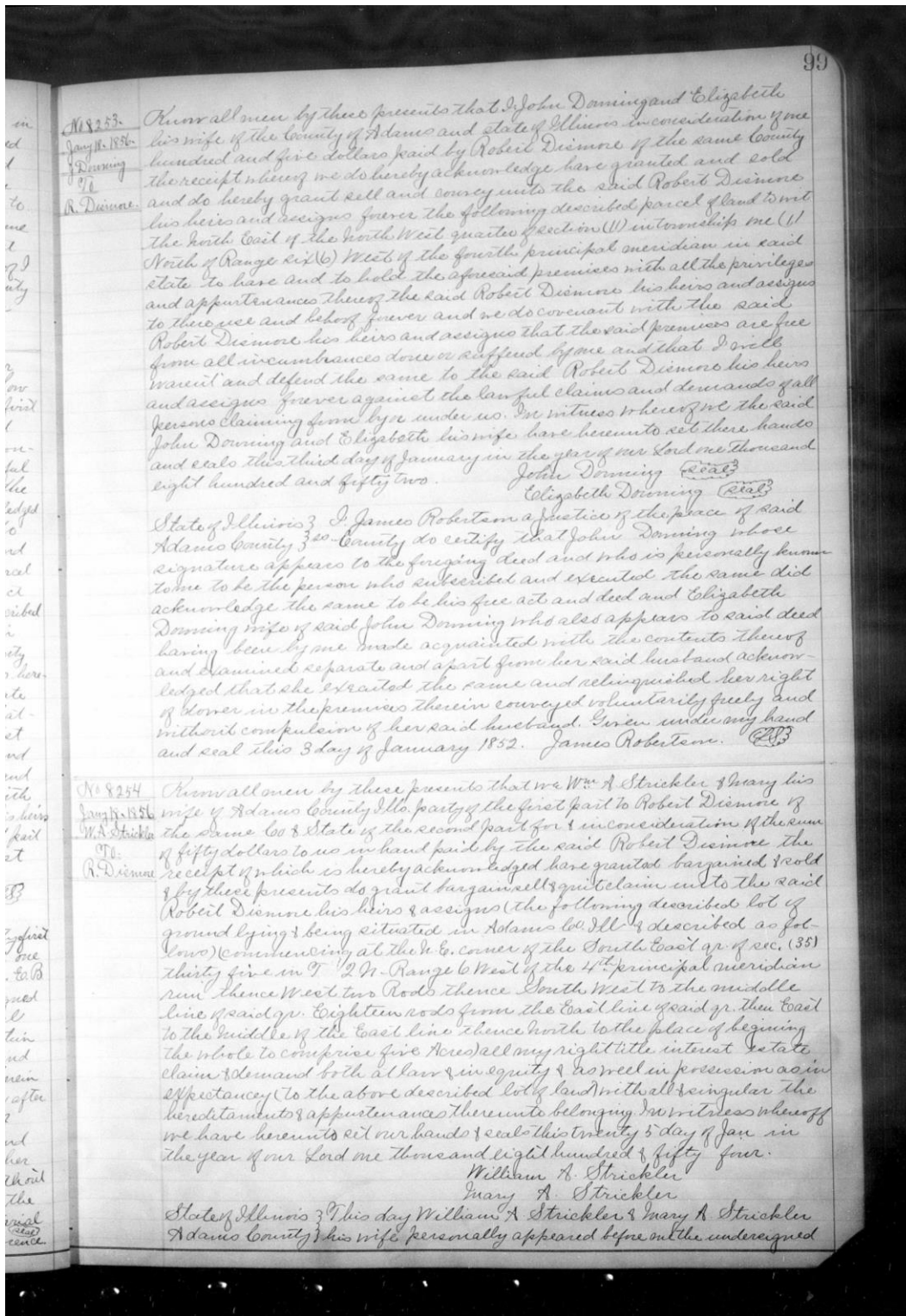
Adams County, Illinois, Deed, 1825-1886, vol 104, pg 55; Marquis F. Bennett and Sarah A. his wife to Solomon Warren McGinnis, warranty deed (for 3 parcels of land), 18 Mar 1880 (sic), recorded 19 Feb 1880 (sic); Family History Library film 967848 item 2, DGS 8547758. Based on the surrounding deeds as recorded, this was likely granted on 18 Feb 1880 and recorded on 18 Feb 1880.

ROBERT DISMORE ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS DEEDS



Attachment #14

Adams County, Illinois, Deed, 1825-1886, vol R, pg 294; Alexander McClintock to Robert Dismore, warranty deed, 22 April 1841, recorded 4 Aug 1841; Family History Library film 967542 item 1, DGS 8203320 image 150.



No 8253
 Jan 18 1856
 R. Dismore

Know all men by these presents that I John Downing and Elizabeth his wife of the County of Adams and State of Illinois in consideration of one hundred and five dollars paid by Robert Dismore of the same County the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have granted and sold and do hereby grant sell and convey unto the said Robert Dismore his heirs and assigns forever the following described parcel of land to wit the North East of the North West quarter of section (11) township one (1) North of Range six (6) West of the fourth principal meridian in said State to have and to hold the aforesaid premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof the said Robert Dismore his heirs and assigns to themselves and behoof forever and we do covenant with the said Robert Dismore his heirs and assigns that the said premises are free from all incumbrances done or suffered by me and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Robert Dismore his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons claiming from by or under us. In witness whereof we the said John Downing and Elizabeth his wife have hereunto set these hands and seals this third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

John Downing
 Elizabeth Downing

State of Illinois } I James Robertson a Justice of the Peace of said Adams County 3rd County do certify that John Downing whose signature appears to the foregoing deed and who is personally known to me to be the person who subscribed and executed the same did acknowledge the same to be his free act and deed and Elizabeth Downing wife of said John Downing who also appears to said deed having been by me made acquainted with the contents thereof and examined separate and apart from her said husband acknowledged that she executed the same and relinquished her right of dower in the premises therein conveyed voluntarily freely and without compulsion of her said husband. Given under my hand and seal this 3 day of January 1852. James Robertson.

No 8254
 Jan 18 1856
 W. A. Strickler
 M. A. Strickler
 R. Dismore

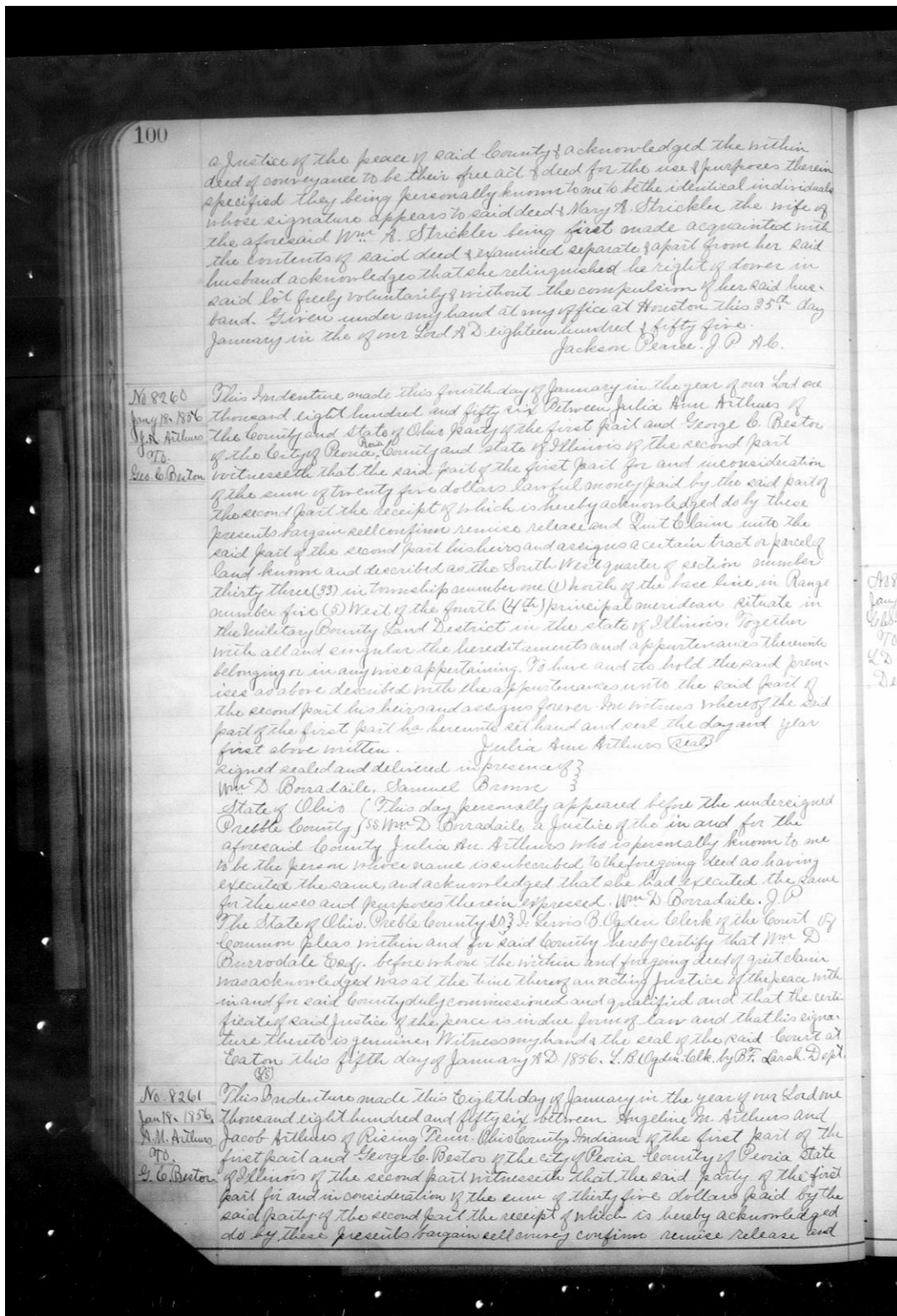
Know all men by these presents that we Wm. A. Strickler & Mary his wife of Adams County Ill. party of the first part to Robert Dismore of the same Co & State of the second part for & in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars to us in hand paid by the said Robert Dismore the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained & sold & by these presents do grant bargain sell & quit claim unto the said Robert Dismore his heirs & assigns (the following described lot of ground lying & being situated in Adams Co. Ill. & described as follows) Commencing at the N. E. corner of the South East q. of sec. (35) thirty five in T. 2 N. Range 6 West of the 4th principal meridian run thence West two Rods thence South West to the middle line of said q. Eighteen rods from the East line of said q. then East to the middle of the East line thence North to the place of beginning the whole to comprise five Acres all my right title interest & estate claim & demand both at law & in equity & as well in possession as in expectancy (to the above described lot of land with all singular the hereditaments & appurtenances thereunto belonging in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals this twenty 5 day of Jan in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty four.

William A. Strickler
 Mary A. Strickler

State of Illinois } This day William A. Strickler & Mary A. Strickler Adams County his wife personally appeared before me the undersigned

Attachment # 15

Adams County, Illinois, Deed, 1825-1886, vol 24, pg 99; William A. Strickler and Mary A. Strickler his wife to Robert Dismore, warranty deed, 25 June 1854, recorded 18 Jan 1856; Family History Library film 967678 item 2, DGS 8202216 image 391.



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A Justice of the peace of said County, acknowledged the within deed of conveyance to be their free act & deed for the use & purposes therein specified they being personally known to me to be the identical individuals whose signature appears to said deed & Mary A. Strickler the wife of the aforesaid Wm. A. Strickler being first made acquainted with the contents of said deed & examined separate & apart from her said husband acknowledged that she relinquished the right of dower in said lot freely voluntarily & without the compulsion of her said husband. Given under my hand at my office at Houston this 25th day January in the 4th year A.D. eighteen hundred & fifty five.

Jackson Clarke, J. P. A. B.

No 8260
 Jan 18 1856
 J. A. Arthur
 J. P.
 Geo. C. Bester

This indenture made this fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five Between Julia Ann Arthur of the County and State of Ohio Party of the first part and George C. Bester of the City of Peoria, County and State of Illinois of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of twenty five dollars lawful money paid by the said party of the second part the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged do by these presents bargain sell confirm remise release and Quit Claim unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land known and described as the South West quarter of section number thirty three (33) in township number one (1) north of the base line in Range number five (5) West of the fourth (4th) principal meridian situate in the Military County and District in the State of Illinois together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances therewith belonging or in anywise appertaining. To have and to hold the said premises as above described with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever In witness whereof the said party of the first part has hereunto set hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Julia Ann Arthur (Seal)

signed sealed and delivered in presence of
 Wm. D. Borradale, Samuel Bannock
 State of Ohio (This day personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace of said County Julia Ann Arthur who is personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing deed as having executed the same, and acknowledged that she had executed the same for the uses and purposes therein expressed. Wm. D. Borradale, J. P. of the State of Ohio, Peoria County, D. J. Lewis B. Ogden Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas within and for said County hereby certify that Wm. D. Borradale Esq. before whom the within and foregoing deed of quit claim was acknowledged was at the time thereof an acting Justice of the Peace with in and for said County duly commissioned and qualified and that the execution of said Justice of the Peace is in due form of law and that his signature thereto is genuine. Witness my hand & the seal of the said Court at Peoria this fifth day of January A.D. 1856. L. B. Ogden, Clerk by D. F. Lark, Dep't.

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 J. A. Arthur
 Geo. C. Bester

No 8261
 Jan 18 1856
 J. A. Arthur
 J. P.
 Geo. C. Bester

This indenture made this eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six Between Angelina M. Arthur and Jacob Arthur of Peoria County, Indiana of the first part of the first part and George C. Bester of the City of Peoria County of Peoria State of Illinois of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of thirty five dollars paid by the said party of the second part the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged do by these presents bargain sell confirm remise release and

Attachment # 15B

Adams County, Illinois, Deed, 1825-1886, vol 24, pg 100; William A. Strickler and Mary A. Strickler his wife to Robert Dismore, warranty deed, 25 June 1854, recorded 18 Jan 1856; Family History Library film 967678 item 2, DGS 8202216 image 392.