

CHAPTER 285

POWESHIEK COUNTY LAND PATENT

S. F. 168

AN ACT authorizing a patent to issue to the south half (S½) of the northwest quarter (NW¼) of section one (1), Township seventy-nine (79) North, Range fifteen (15) West, of the 5th P. M. Poweshiek County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, it appears that on September 4, 1841 the United States of America issued a patent to the state of Iowa for the following described land, to wit: the south half (S½) of the northwest quarter (NW¼) of section one (1), township seventy-nine (79) north, range fifteen (15) west, of the 5th P. M. Poweshiek County, Iowa, and

WHEREAS, it further appears that Poweshiek County, by the commissioners, for the use of the school fund sold the foregoing described premises by contract, which contract subsequently was foreclosed, and that a sheriff's deed was issued on April 13, 1863, to one M. K. Lewis, and certificate of final payment was issued to M. K. Lewis on December 26, 1863 and on October 14, 1867 another sheriff's deed was issued and a certificate of final payment was made to M. K. Lewis on February 22, 1877, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the above described property or portions thereof have since that time been sold and resold through a chain of title since the aforementioned sale to M. K. Lewis, and

WHEREAS, it appears that no certificate of purchase or patent for said land has ever been issued to the said M. K. Lewis, or to any other person, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the state of Iowa claims no ownership in the foregoing described land although the apparent legal title thereto remains in the state of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the present owner and owners of the above described premises or portions thereof now in possession of said land together with the several previous grantors and grantees, has been in open, actual, notorious and adverse possession of said land and the parts thereof for more than ninety (90) years last past; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the governor and the secretary of state of the
- 2 state of Iowa are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to issue
- 3 a patent to M. K. Lewis conveying the south half (S½) of the north-
- 4 west quarter (NW¼) of section one (1), township seventy-nine (79)
- 5 north, range fifteen (15) west, of the 5th P. M. Poweshiek County,
- 6 Iowa, for the use and benefit of the successive owners of said land.

Approved April 6, 1955.