

Judiciary.  
March 29, 1924.

House File No. 312.  
BY CLARK OF LINN. ✓

## A BILL FOR

An act to authorize the issuance of a patent to certain lands in Winnebago County, Iowa, to William E. Cox.

Whereas, Geo. W. Marquardt and J. G. Fink conveyed to the Trustees of the University of Iowa, the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) Section Twenty-five (25) Township One Hundred (100) North, Range Twenty-five (25) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Winnebago County, Iowa, by warranty deed dated March 1, 1866, and recorded in Book "C", page 328, Deed Records of Winnebago County, Iowa; and

Whereas, by decree of the District Court of Iowa in and for Winnebago County, the title to said real estate was quieted in the State of Iowa for the use of the State University of Iowa by decree entered June 9, 1902; and

Whereas, Lovell Swisher, Treasurer of the Board of Regents of the State University of Iowa, and on behalf of said Board of Regents, on May 14, 1903, conveyed said real estate to George L. Cox by warranty deed, which deed was thereafter recorded in Book 48, page 600, Deed Records of Winnebago County, Iowa; and

Whereas, the said George L. Cox died intestate in Winnebago County, Iowa, on or about June 9, 1920, seized of the fee simple title to said real estate, and his surviving spouse and sole heirs-at-law have heretofore conveyed all of their right, title and interest in and to said land to William E. Cox by conveyances now of record in the office of the County Recorder of Winnebago County, Iowa; and the said William E. Cox and his grantors have been in the open, continuous, notorious and adverse possession of said real estate under color of right and claim of title, for more than twenty (20) years last past; and

Whereas, doubts have arisen whether any title remained in the State of Iowa by reason of the aforesaid decree, and whether the said conveyance by Lovell Swisher, Treasurer of the Board of Regents of the State University of Iowa, to George L. Cox was sufficient to transfer to him the full fee simple title to said real estate; now, therefore,

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

1           Section 1. That the governor and secretary of state shall,

2 in the name of the State of Iowa and under its seal, convey by  
3 patent to the said William E. Cox, the following described real  
4 estate situated in Winnebago County, Iowa, to-wit:  
5 The East Half of the Northwest Quarter ( $E\frac{1}{2}N\frac{1}{4}$ )  
6 Section Twenty-five (25) Township One Hundred  
7 (100) North, Range Twenty-five (25) West of the  
8 Fifth Principal Meridian;  
9 and thereby transfer to the said William E. Cox any and all  
10 interest which the State of Iowa may have in and to said  
11 described real estate, said patent to issue without expense  
12 to the State of Iowa.

1       Sec. 2. This act, being deemed of immediate importance  
2 shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
3 publication in The Forest City Summit, a newspaper published  
4 in Forest City, Iowa, and The Iowa Forum, a newspaper  
5 published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, without expense  
6 to the State.