

[22] CHAPTER 23.

JACOB MINTUN.

AN ACT to legalize the acts of Jacob Mintun, a justice of the peace.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the official acts and proceedings of Jacob Mintun, who was appointed a justice of the peace in the spring of 1842, by the trustees of the township of Wapello, in the county of Louisa, are hereby declared to be as legal and as valid to all intents and purposes as if the said Jacob Mintun had been duly elected a justice of the peace for said township, at the annual township election.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

[Presented, 24th January, 1843; retained three days by the governor, and takes effect without his approval.]

CHAPTER 24.

FERRIES.

AN ACT to authorize William Benham and David B. Sears, to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river, near the head of Rock Island.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:

SECTION 1. **William Benham and David B. Sears, to keep a ferry across Mississippi river at the head of Rock Island—privileges and term of years—regulations and restrictions.** That William Benham and David B. Sears, their heirs and assigns, be and they are hereby authorized to establish and keep a ferry across the Mississippi river at the head of Rock Island, from fractional section thirty-two, in township number seventy-eight, north of range number four, east of the fifth principal meridian in the county of Scott, with the exclusive privilege, for the distance of one mile above, and one mile below said fractional section, for the term of [23] ten years from the passage of this act; provided, that said ferry when so established, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations, and under the same restrictions as other ferries are, or may hereafter be, by the laws of this territory, fixing the rate of toll and prescribing the manner in which licensed ferries shall be kept and regulated.

SEC. 2. **Boats and hands to be kept.** That said William Benham and David B. Sears, their heirs and assigns, shall on or before the first day of April next, procure and constantly keep for said ferry a good and sufficient number of flat boats and other water crafts, with a sufficient number of hands to convey all persons and their property across said river, when passable, without delay.

SEC. 3. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 26th January, 1843.