

SEC. 2. Deeds and mortgages made by Clark declared valid. That all deeds, mortgages, and other contracts in writing, in relation to any of the lots of said town of Fredonia, executed by the said Clark, are hereby declared to be as legal and valid, to all intents and purposes, as if a complete and legal plat of said town had been made out and duly recorded prior to the execution of any such deed, mortgage, or other contract in writing.

SEC. 3. Time of taking effect. This act to take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, 14th February, 1844.

CHAPTER 119.

ROAD.

AN ACT to revive an act entitled, "An act to review and establish a part of a territorial road leading from Fort Madison, in Lee county, to Iowaville, in Van Buren county," approved 13th February, 1843.

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

SECTION 1. Time given for location of extended. That the time given in the act aforesaid for [136] the relocation of said road, be and the same is hereby extended until the first Monday in August next.

SEC. 2. Appointment of commissioners to re-locate. That Benjamin Saylor and Joel Avery are hereby appointed to act as commissioners in re-locating said road, in the place of E. A. Boyer and John Saylor.

Approved, 14th February, 1844.

CHAPTER 120.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

AN ACT for an act donating to the Baptist church of Iowa City a certain lot of ground therein named.

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

SECTION 1. Church reserve in block 51 donated. That there be donated unto the Baptist church of Iowa City, the church reserve in block numbered fifty-one (51) in Iowa City, as designated on the plat of said town.

SEC. 2. Secretary required to make deed to trustees; effect of deed. That the secretary of this territory be and he is hereby directed, on application, to execute and deliver a deed for the above parcel of ground so donated, to George S. Hampton, Elijah Walker and Alonzo Dennison, trustees of the Baptist church of Iowa City, and their successors in office, conveying the said piece of ground to them for the use of the said Baptist church: provided, the said deed shall be executed in all respects and in the same manner, and shall have the same legal effect, as other deeds for lots in Iowa City to purchasers, as are now directed by law.

SEC. 3. Trustees authorized to sell and convey; proceeds of sale, how applied in the purchase of another lot. That the said trustees, or their successors in office, by the direction of the said Baptist church, are hereby

authorized, at any time after the passage of this act, to sell and dispose of all or a part of the said piece of ground so donated by this act to any person or persons, and to execute a deed or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers for the same; and the said trustees are hereby directed and required to invest the proceeds thereof in the purchase of a lot of ground in Iowa City, and the balance, if any, to be applied to the erection of a house of public worship for the use and benefit of the said Baptist church.

SEC. 4. Lot so purchased to be forever held for religious and literary purposes. The lot of ground so purchased shall be forever thereafter used for religious and literary purposes, agreeably to the forms and customs of said Baptist church.

SEC. 5. Time of taking effect. This act to be in force from and after the passage thereof.

Approved, 14th February, 1844.

[137] CHAPTER 121.

ROAD.

AN ACT to change a part of a territorial road running from Burlington to the mouth of the Des Moines river.

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

SECTION 1. Part of road running from Burlington to mouth of the Des Moines river located on section line. That all that part of a territorial road running from Burlington to the mouth of the Des Moines river, lying between James McMurry's and section twenty-three and fourteen, shall be considered and established on the section line.

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

Approved, 14th February, 1844.

CHAPTER 122.

DAVIS COUNTY.

AN ACT to organize the county of Dav's and to provide for the location of the seat of justice thereof.

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

SECTION 1. County, organization of; part of the first judicial district. That the county of Davis be and the same is hereby organized, from and after the first day of March, 1844; and the inhabitants of said county shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges to which, by law, the inhabitants of other organized counties of this territory are entitled to, and that said county shall constitute a part of the first judicial district of this territory.

[138] **SEC. 2. Clerk to designate the precincts, give notice of elections, and appoint judges.** That the clerk of the district court of said county, shall, and in case there should be no such clerk appointed and qualified, or