

CHAPTER 195.

RELIEF OF THE GRANTEES OF CHARLES M. DOWNS.

H. F. 285.

AN ACT for the relief of the grantees of Charles M. Downs, and for the purpose of having a patent issued in the name of George S. Stall and Frances E. Stall for a certain tract of land.

WHEREAS, On the 23rd day of July, 1856, one Charles M. Downs purchased from Leroy Lambert, school fund commissioner, of Dallas county, Iowa, the west half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the south-east quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of section sixteen (16) in township seventy-nine (79) north, of range twenty-six (26) west of the 5th principal meridian, Iowa, and,

WHEREAS, The said Charles M. Downs afterwards paid in full the purchase price of said land to the county of Dallas and state of Iowa, through its proper officers, and,

WHEREAS, The said Charles M. Downs became entitled to receive a patent from the state of Iowa, for the said tract of land, and,

WHEREAS, By mistake of the officers of said county, the said real estate was improperly described in the certificate issued to said Charles M. Downs for a patent as the west half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the south-east quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of lot eleven (11) in section sixteen (16) in township seventy-nine (79) north, of range twenty-six (26) west of the 5th principal meridian, Iowa, instead of the correct description as hereinbefore given, and,

WHEREAS, A patent was issued by the state of Iowa in accordance with said erroneous description, and,

WHEREAS, The said Charles M. Downs has conveyed all his title to the said tract of land, to-wit: The said west half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the southeast quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of section sixteen (16) in township seventy-nine (79) north, of range twenty-six (26) west of the 5th principal meridian, Iowa, and that his said title has passed through numerous intervening grantees and become vested in George S. Stall and Frances E. Stall who are now the owners of said real estate, and,

WHEREAS, All of said facts have been certified to the secretary of state of the state of Iowa by the board of supervisors of said county with a request that a patent for said land, by the correct description, be issued as provided by law, and,

WHEREAS, The title to said land is still in the state of Iowa, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Conveyance of title. That the title to the west half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the south-east quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of section sixteen (16) in township seventy-nine (79) north, of range twenty-six (26) west of the 5th principal meridian, Iowa, does hereby pass from the state of Iowa, to said George S. Stall and Frances E. Stall, and that the same shall vest in them pursuant to said purchase.

SEC. 2. Patent. That the governor of the state and the secretary of state are hereby authorized and directed to issue to said George S. Stall and Frances E. Stall a patent for the tract described in section one of this act, in the usual form, and deliver it to said George S. Stall and Frances E. Stall, to be recorded in the proper county.

SEC. 3. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force from and after its publication in the Register and Leader, a newspaper published in Des Moines, Iowa, and in the Dallas County News, a newspaper published in Adel, Iowa.

Approved March 7, A. D. 1904.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader, March 10, 1904, and the Dallas County News, March 16, 1904.

W. B. MARTIN,
Secretary of State.