

CHAPTER 403

CHARLES E. ANDERSON

S. F. 762.

AN ACT to confirm the title of Charles E. Anderson to the north-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section number fifteen (15) in township number seventy-two (72) north, of range number fifteen (15) west of the fifth principal meridian in Wapello County, Iowa, and authorizing the issuance of a patent to him therefor.

WHEREAS the north-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section number fifteen (15) in township number seventy-two (72) north, of range number fifteen (15) west of the fifth principal meridian in Wapello county, Iowa, together with other lands, was granted by the United States to the state of Iowa to aid in the improvement of the Des Moines river, by act of congress, approved August 8, 1846, and

WHEREAS by act of the general assembly of the state of Iowa, approved February 24, 1847, and by act of the general assembly of the state of Iowa, approved January 18, 1849, a board of public works was created to have general supervision of the work of improvement of the Des Moines river, and to have power to sell the lands donated for such improvement, and

WHEREAS said board of public works did on June 20, 1850, issue a certificate of purchase to William Lewis of Wapello county, Iowa, for the north-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section number fifteen (15) in township number seventy-two (72) north, of range number fifteen (15) west of the fifth principal meridian showing payment by said William Lewis of the full purchase price of said land, and

WHEREAS by mistake a patent was executed by the state of Iowa to said William Lewis for the south-east quarter of the north-east quarter of said section fifteen (15), which had been sold to Benjamin B. Sayers on June 15, 1850 and paid for by him, and

WHEREAS no patent has been issued by the state of Iowa covering the north-east quarter of the south-west quarter of said section fifteen (15), and

WHEREAS taxes were levied on said land by the state of Iowa for the years 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, which taxes were not paid, and

WHEREAS at tax sales for the taxes hereinbefore mentioned said land was sold to Pliny Sexton, and

WHEREAS Charles E. Anderson is now the owner of said land by chain of conveyances from said Pliny Sexton and others, and has been, together with his grantors, in possession of said land since April 23, 1867, and

WHEREAS the state of Iowa does not now assert title to said land and the failure to issue a patent therefor creates an apparent defect in the title to said land, therefore

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

- 1 SECTION 1. That the title to the north-east quarter of the south-
- 2 west quarter of section number fifteen (15) in township number sev-

3 enty-two (72) north, of range number fifteen (15) west of the fifth
4 principal meridian in Wapello county, Iowa, be confirmed in Charles
5 E. Anderson, his heirs and grantees, forever, and the governor and
6 secretary of state are hereby authorized to issue, without expense to
7 the state of Iowa, a patent conveying said above described land to
8 Charles E. Anderson.

1 SEC. 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting pending
2 litigation.

1 SEC. 3. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be
2 in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in
3 the Des Moines Register and the Des Moines Capital, newspapers
4 published at Des Moines, Iowa, said publication to be without expense
5 to the state of Iowa.

Approved March 25, A. D. 1921.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Register and the Des Moines Capital March 28, 1921.

W. C. RAMSAY, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 404

JOHANNES ANDERSEN

S. F. 627.

AN ACT authorizing, empowering and directing the governor and secretary of state to convey by patent to Johannes Andersen certain real estate in Iowa City, Johnson county, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the United States of America, by act of congress, granted to the territory of Iowa the whole of section 10, township 79, north, range 6, west of the 5th principal meridian in Johnson county, Iowa, for capitol purposes; and

WHEREAS, said section was thereafter platted by duly authorized commissioners as Iowa City, Iowa, and the plat thereof duly recorded in Johnson county, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, all that part of said section lying west of the Iowa river was designated on said plat as "Out lot 20"; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, by an instrument signed by the county surveyor and entitled "Alteration of plat of Iowa City" and recorded in Johnson county, Iowa, said Out lot 20 was declared to be subdivided into two eighty (80) foot streets along the north and west lines thereof and the remainder into four tracts designated respectively Out lots 20, 21, 22 and 23; and

WHEREAS, thereafter an instrument purporting to be a "Vacation" of said "Alteration" was filed and recorded in Johnson county, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, said Out lots as designated in said "Alteration" were sold and duly patented by the state of Iowa to the respective purchasers thereof, but no patent was ever executed or delivered conveying any part of the eighty