

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

1 SECTION 1. The governor and the secretary of the state of Iowa are
 2 hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to issue a patent to John
 3 Bishop conveying the West half of the Southwest quarter ($W\frac{1}{2}$ of
 4 $SW\frac{1}{4}$) of section sixteen (16), Township eighty-one North (81N),
 5 Range ten (10) West of the Fifth principal meridian, containing 80
 6 acres, Iowa County, Iowa, for the use and benefit of the successive
 7 owners of said land.

Approved April 24, 1957.

CHAPTER 280

VAN BUREN COUNTY LAND PATENT

H. F. 548

AN ACT authorizing a patent to the north half of the northwest quarter ($N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$) of section sixteen (16), Township seventy (70) North, Range ten (10) West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Van Buren county, Iowa.

WHEREAS, heretofore a patent issued from the United States of America to the State of Iowa for section sixteen (16), township seventy (70) north, range ten (10) west of the 5th principal meridian, a tract of land within Van Buren County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, on or about the 9th day of January, A. D. 1852, the School Fund Commissioner of Van Buren County, Iowa, sold the north half ($N\frac{1}{2}$) of the northwest quarter ($NW\frac{1}{4}$) of said section sixteen (16), also known as lot three (3), above described, to Anthony Crook; and

WHEREAS, it appears that no patent for said land has ever been issued to the said Anthony Crook or to any other person; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the purchase price has been fully paid and that the State of Iowa claims no ownership in the above-described land although the apparent legal title thereto still remains in the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the present owner and owners of the above described premises or portions thereof now in possession of said land, together with the several previous grantors and grantees, have been in open, actual, notorious and adverse possession of said land for more than one hundred and five (105) years last past; now, therefore,

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 2 Iowa are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to issue a patent
 3 to Anthony Crook conveying the north half ($N\frac{1}{2}$) of the northwest
 4 quarter ($NW\frac{1}{4}$) of section sixteen (16), township seventy (70)
 5 north, range ten (10) west of the 5th principal meridian, in Van
 6 Buren County, Iowa, containing eighty (80) acres more or less, ac-
 7 cording to the government survey, for the use and benefit of the suc-
 8 cessive owners of said land.

1 SEC. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall be
 2 in full force and effect from and after its publication in The Record-
 3 Republican, a newspaper published at Bonaparte, Iowa, and in the
 4 Van Buren County Register, a newspaper published in Keosauqua,
 5 Iowa.

Approved April 17, 1957.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House File 548, was published in the Van Buren County Register, Keosauqua, Iowa, April 25, 1957, and in The Record-Republican, Bonaparte, Iowa, April 30, 1957.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 281

DECATUR COUNTY LEGALIZING ACT

H. F. 273

AN ACT to legalize a contract for sale and authorizing a patent to issue to the northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$), section nineteen (19), Township sixty-nine North (69N), Range twenty-five (25), West of the Fifth P.M., in Decatur County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa for the use and benefit of the school fund acquired title to the following described lands: The Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section Nineteen (19), Township Sixty-ninth North (69N), Range Twenty-five (25), West of the Fifth P.M., in Decatur County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the state of Iowa, for the use and benefit of the school fund, acquired the above-described premises by a warranty deed executed by George R. Baker and Lily J. Baker, dated August 7, 1933, given in satisfaction, dated August 7, 1933, of a school-fund mortgage executed by George R. Baker and Lily J. Baker, on April 13, 1920; and

WHEREAS, it appears that a contract of sale of the foregoing described premises was executed by the county auditor of Decatur County, Iowa, April 10, 1947, to W. P. Umpress and Madge Umpress; and

WHEREAS, it does not appear of record that the county auditor or county board of supervisors of Decatur County complied with the provisions of the law governing the sale of school lands in contracting to sell the aforesaid described property to the said W. P. Umpress and Madge Umpress in that there is no showing of record that:

(a) The county board of supervisors of Decatur County passed a resolution providing for the sale of said property and directing and authorizing the trustees of the township to appraise the value of said property.

(b) The trustees of the township certified to the said county board of supervisors their appraisal thereof finding and fixing the value of said property and action of the board thereon.

(c) The county auditor posted notice and advertised said property for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder therefor as provided by statute.

(d) The county auditor exposed, offered for sale and struck off the said property to the highest and best bidder therefor; and