

This Indenture made this 2^d day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one between Martin W. Melcher and his wife Mary E. Melcher of Marion Township in the County of Douglas and State of Kansas of the first part and Mrs E. E. W. Coulter of Lawrence Douglas County Kansas of the second part.

Witnesseth That the said parties of the first in consideration of the sum of one thousand Dollars to them duly paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have sold and by these presents do grant bargain sell and mortgage to the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Douglas and State of Kansas described as follows to wit: The South West quarter of Section Fifteen (15), Township Fourteen (14) Range Eighteen (18) with the appurtenances And all the estate title and interest of the said parties of the first part therein. And the said Martin W. Melcher does hereby covenant and agree that at the delivery hereof he is the lawful owner of the premises above granted and seized of a good and indefeasible estate of inheritance therein and well warrant and defend the same and that the same is free and clear of all incumbrances

This Grant is intended as a mortgage to secure the payment of the sum of one thousand dollars with interest thereon at the rate of eight (8) per cent per annum payable semiannually according to the terms of one certain promissory note this day executed and delivered by the said Martin W. Melcher to the said party of the second part and this conveyance shall be void if such payment be made as herein specified But if default be made in such payment or any part thereof or interest thereon or the taxes then this conveyance shall become absolute and the whole shall become due and payable and it shall be lawful for said party of the second part her executors, administrators and assigns at any time thereafter to sell the premises hereby granted or any part thereof in the manner prescribed by law appraisement hereby waived or not at the option of the party of the second part her executors administrators or assigns and out of all the money arising from such sale to retain the amount then due for principal and interest together with the costs and charges of making such sale and the surplus if any then be shall be paid

The following is endorsed on the original instrument
The debt hereby secured having been fully paid this mortgage
is fully discharged
E. E. W. Coulter
Lawrence Mo. May 19 1883
Recorded Aug. 29" 1883 at 9:40 am
A. J. Hammond Register of Deeds