Recorded Nov. 10th 1899
J. E. Solomon
Register of Deeds
By Lillie R. Sherman
Deputy

The following is endorsed on the original instrument.
Know all men by these presents, that the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company the mortgagee within named, does hereby acknowledge full payment of the debt secured by the foregoing mortgage, and authorize the Register of Deeds of Douglas County Kansas to discharge the same of record. In Witness whereof the said Company has caused these presents to be signed by its President and its common seal to be affixed, this 6th day of November A.D. 1899
Amzi Dodd President
(Corp. Seal)

This Indenture, Made this Nineteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety five by and between Joseph Griffis an unmarried man of the County of Douglas and State of Kansas, party of the first part, and The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, a body politic and corporate by the laws of the State of New Jersey, located at the City of Newark, in the County of Essex, and State of New Jersey, party of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Two Thousand (2000) Dollars, to him in hand paid, by the said party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, convey, and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to its successors and assigns forever, all of the following described tract, piece or parcel of land, lying and situate in the County of Douglas and State of Kansas, to wit: The South West quarter of Section Sixteen (16) Township Fourteen (14) Range Twenty (20), Containing 160 Acres: being the Homestead of said party of the first part.

To Have and to Hold the same, with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and all rights of homestead exemption, unto the said party of the second part, and to its successors and assigns forever.

And the said party of the first part 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, free and clear of all incumbrances, and that he will warrant and defend the same in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever, against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

Provided Always, and this instrument is made, executed and delivered upon the following conditions, to wit:

First: Said party of the first part is justly indebted unto the said party of the second part in the principal sum of Two Thousand (2000) Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, being for a loan of said amount made by the said party of the second part to the said party of the first part, according to the tenor and effect of a certain First Mortgage Note executed and delivered by the said party of the first part, bearing even date herewith, and payable on the first day of March A.D. 1900, with interest thereon, from March 1. 1895 until maturity, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first days of March and September in each year, the installments of interest being further evidenced by interest coupons attached to said note; both principal and interest being payable to the order of said party of the second part, at its office in Newark New Jersey; the principal sum