

State of Kansas }
 Douglas County }

Be it Remembered, That on this 25 day of January, A.D. 1899, before me, J. S. Steele, a Notary Public in and for said County and State came J. N. Johnston, R. B. Johnston and Helen A. Johnston his wife, to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument, and duly acknowledged the execution of the same. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, on the day and year last above written.



My Commission Expires June 20 - 1902

J. S. Steele

Notary Public

Recorded January 25 1899 at 10⁴⁰ O'clock A.M.

G. H. Foxman
 Register of Deeds

(The following is endorsed on the original instrument)
 Recorded Nov 23 1900 The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, the mortgagee within named does hereby acknowledge full payment of the debt secured by the foregoing mortgage, and authorizes the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Kansas to discharge the same of Record. The Certificate thereof, the said Company has caused to be signed by its Vice President and its common seal to be affixed to this copy of the same.
 November 23 1900
 The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company
 By Edward L. Robbins, Vice President
 (Corp Seal)

This Indenture, made this Twenty Fifth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine. - Between Howard D. Sheppard and Susie O. Sheppard (Husband and wife) 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 Twenty Three thousand Dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm to the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, all the foregoing described real estate, situate in the County of Douglas, and State of Kansas, to wit: The North West quarter of Section Nine (9) in Township Fifteen (15) of Range Twenty one (21) containing 160 acres. Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, expressly including all dower and right of dower or curtesy of the said party of the first part therein, and all rights of homestead exemption; To have and to hold, the same unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever. Provided Always, That if the said party of the first part shall pay or cause to be paid to the