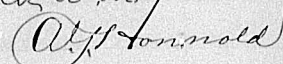


Witness my hand + official seal.



Edwin A. Phelps
Notary Public in & for said
County of Suffolk

Recorded April 28th 1884 at 11 O'clock A.M.

(Attest) 
Register of Deeds

This Indenture made this 29th day of Decr in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three between Alma Bittenhouse and Jesse Bittenhouse her husband of Marion in the County of Douglas and State of Kansas of the first part and Henry M^r Padden of the second part;

Witnesseth- That the said parties of the first part in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and fifty 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 his 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 east half (6 1/2) of the North West Quarter (N. W. 1/4) in Section Seventeen (S. 17) Township Fifteen (T. 15) of Range Eighteen (R. 18) Except Thirteen and a half acres in the South West corner the amount of land intended to be conveyed being Sixty six and one half acres (66 1/2) more or less with the appurtenances and all the estate title and interest of the said parties of the first part therein. And the said Alma and Jesse Bittenhouse do hereby covenant and agree that at the delivery hereof they are the lawful owners of the premises above granted and seized of a good and indefeasible estate of inheritance therein free and clear of all incumbrances whatever.

This Grant is intended as a mortgage to secure the payment of the sum of Two Hundred and fifty Dollars according to the terms of a certain note this day executed by the said parties of the first part to the said party of the second part; and payable in two years from date at eight per cent interest per annum, interest payable semi-annually until paid And this conveyance shall be void if such payment be made as is herein specified But if default be made in such payment or any part

Release of this Mortgage see Mortgage Book 9 page 360.