

Deed of Land Sale to Meskwaki, July 13, 1857

This deed of Bargain and Sale made and executed the Thirteenth day of July AD 1857 by and between Philip Butler, David Butler and Isaac Butler, Guardian for William Butler and Ozias Butler, Minors all of Tama County and State of Iowa parties of the first part and James W. Grimes, Governor of the State of Iowa and his successors in office, in trust for the following named persons Indians and their heirs forever viz Math a Nuh (sic), Wau ka mo (sic), Chalk a mah (sic), Ma ta U a quah (sic), Pot a ca to (sic) of the Second part. Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand Dollars to them paid by the said party of the Second part the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged has granted and Sold and do by these presents grant Bargain Sell Convey and Confirm unto the Said party of the second and to his Successors in office in Trust for the Said Indians their heirs forever the Certain tract or parcel of Real Estate.

Situated in the County of Tama of Iowa, to wit the west half of the SouthEast County of Tama of Iowa, to wit the west half of the SouthEast fourth of Section Number thirty (30), Township Number eighty-three (83), North of Range fifteen (15), west of the 5P.M., containing Eighty acres according to Government Survey and the Said Isaac Butler sells the interest of his wards, the said William Butler and Ozias Butler Infants foresaid, in and to the said tract of parcel of land by virtue and authority of an order of the County Court of Tama County, aforesaid made, granted and decreed and adjudged to him as guardian of the property of Said Infants upon an application to Said Court made by Said Isaac Butler as Guardian aforesaid.

Notice of with a copy of the Petition for Such Sale having first been legally made on all the parties interested, and the Said Isaac Butler having given a Bond as required by law conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty and the just and true application of and accounting for all money by him received which Said order was made by the County Court at the May term thereof held on the first Monday in May AD 1857 and duly recorded in the Book of Records of Said Court.

To Have to hold the premises above described with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto him the said party of the Second part and to his successors in office forever.

The Said Philip Butler, David Butler and the Said Isaac Butler as guardian for Said minors hereby covenanting for themselves their heirs, Executors and administrators that the above described premises are free from all incumbrance that they have full right power and authority to sell the Same and they will Warrant and defend the Title unto the Said party of the Second part their Successors, heirs and assigns against the claims of all persons whomsoever lawfully claiming the Same. In witness whereof the Said parties of the first part hereunto Set their hands and Seal the day and year first above written.

In the presence of
Phillip Butler, Allen Dingee
David Butler, State of Iowa
Isaac Butler, County of Tama, Guardian of William & Ozias Butler, Minors

Be it Remembered that on this thirteenth day of July AD 1857 Before me Allen Dingee a Justice of the Peace in and for Tama County came Philip Butler, David Butler and Said Isaac Butler as guardian of William Butler, Ozias Butler, to me personally known to be the identical persons whose names are Subscribed to the foregoing deed as grantors, and acknowledged Philip and David Butler in their own right and Isaac Butler as foresaid the instrument to be their voluntary act and deed and that they executed the Same for the purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand the day and year last above written. Allen Dingee Justice of the Peace

July 13, 1857

The County Court of Tama County hereby approves of the sale of the above land by Isaac Butler guardian for the Infants William & Ozias Butler. Witness my hand and Seal of Said Court this 13th day of July A.D. 1857.

John C. Vesmilga

Rec'd for Record July 16

**Correct spelling of Meskwaki names as featured in the deed: Me de ne a, W aka mow a, Tta ke e me wa, Me te l ge a, Be ti ko to wa*