

# Joseph Korn's Deed

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Robin Yeamans (YRobin777@aol.com), an attorney living in California, provided the attached 1854 deed (see page 2) to Korn's.org on April 16, 2007. It pertains to property in Dixon, Illinois that was purchased by "Joseph Korn's, of Holmes County Ohio". On that date Robin also provided the following background information:

- "I'm quite sure I'm descended from the Kornses who were in Holmes County, Ohio. Elizabeth Hoyman Korn's was the wife of William and the mother of Joseph Korn's who was the father of Emanuel B Korn's who was the father of Mildred Korn's Yeamans who is my grandmother."
- "I talked to my Uncle Robert Yeamans today (son of Mildred Korn's Yeamans, now in his late 90's), and he remembered that eventually Emanuel B. Korn's and Josie Winters came to California, where they built Korn's Court, a motel, at 1738 E. 4th St. in Long Beach CA. This was the first time I'd heard that EB came to California; I thought he died in So. Dakota. However, the motel did not do well financially, and I believe they lost it."

In regards to the attached deed, on April 17, 2007 Robin wrote that it is "what put me onto the trail of the Holmes County relatives."

A close look at the deed suggests that the faded name may actually be written "Koons" instead of "Korn's". It is very common for names to be misspelled on old documents; in many cases a name will be found to be spelled a number of different ways on the same document. On this document, however the name is written, it should unquestionably should be interpreted as "Korn's" because the deed was passed down to Robin in family papers. Robin wrote "I don't remember either parent talking to me about the deed to me at all--or the affidavit either. I ended up with a number of family papers that weren't commented on or explained. I just kept all the old, official looking papers I could because I was interested in family history."

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

CERTIFICATE

No. 30578

Whereas

Joseph Koons, of Arkansas Territory

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Joseph Koons according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1827, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the purchase of

Section thirty six in Township twenty one North Range eight East in the District of lands subject to Sale at Auction containing One Hundred and sixty Acres.

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said Tract has been purchased by the said

Joseph Koons NOW, KNOW YE, That the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said Joseph Koons

and to his heirs, the said Tract above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said Joseph Koons and to his heirs and assigns forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Franklin Pierce, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

have caused this Letter to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fiftieth year and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the seventy-ninth.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

Franklin Pierce

By M. H. Miller, Asst. Sec'y.

M. H. Miller acting RECORDER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

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