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QUITCLAIM DEED

State of Washington, County of Island

THIS QUITCLAIM DEED, executed this 26th day of February, 2025, by DOUGLAS STEVEN SHROYER, an unmarried individual, as Grantor, successor in interest to U.S. Land Patent No. 129, issued December 9, 1864, to DOUGLAS STEVEN SHROYER, an unmarried individual, as Grantee.

WHEREAS, the Grantor asserts and claims lawful title as the sole successor in interest to the original grantee, Amos Phinney and Company, under U.S. Land Patent No. 129, issued by the United States of America on December 9, 1864, vesting fee simple title as confirmed by *Bagnell v. Broderick*, 209 U.S. 393 (1908), which holds that a patent conveys the full legal title upon issuance; and

WHEREAS, said patent constitutes the highest evidence of title, conclusive against the United States and all subsequent claimants under junior patents or titles, as established in *U.S. v. Stone*, 69 U.S. (2 Wall.) 525 (1864); and

WHEREAS, the Grantor seeks to clear, confirm, and perfect said title by this instrument, resolving any clouds, ambiguities, or defects in the chain of title arising from the passage of time since the patent's issuance, without intent to sell, convey, or transfer ownership to any other party;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Grantor, for no monetary consideration or other valuable exchange, but solely to clear and perfect title as successor to the aforesaid patent, does hereby REMISE, RELEASE, AND QUITCLAIM unto the Grantee all right, title, claim, and interest in and to the following described real property, situated in the County of Island, State of Washington:

The Government Lots numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), and Four (4); the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E1/2 SW1/4); the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW1/4 SE1/4); the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 NW1/4); and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW1/4 SW1/4), all in Section Thirty-Three (33); Government Lot numbered One (1) and the West Half of the Northeast Quarter (W1/2 NE1/4) of Section Thirty-Two (32); Government Lots numbered One (1) and Two (2) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4 SW1/4) of Section Twenty-Nine (29); all in Township Thirty North (T30N), Range Three East (R3E), Willamette Meridian, containing 577.70 acres, more or less, according to the original survey approved by the United States General Land Office.

TOGETHER WITH all tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining, as vested by said patent and immune from collateral attack per *Collins v. Bartlett*, 44 Cal. 371 (1872), and related authorities.

This Quitclaim Deed is executed solely to affirm and perfect the Grantor's title as Grantee under the federal patent, qualifying for exemption from the real estate excise tax pursuant to WAC 458-61A-215(1), as no consideration passes and no addition to title occurs beyond the Grantor/Grantee herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has executed this Quitclaim Deed on the date first above written.

Dated: February 26, 2025

Douglas Steven Shroyer

DOUGLAS STEVEN SHROYER, Grantor

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KING)

On this 26th day of February, 2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, personally appeared DOUGLAS STEVEN SHROYER, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

John S. Hicks
Notary Public
Printed Name: JOHN S. HICKS
My Commission Expires: 2/26/25

