

shall be held at the house of Thornton Bishop, in said town.

SEC. 2. The seat of justice of said county of Burnette County seat. herein created, shall be and hereby is located in the north east quarter of section twenty seven (27), township forty one (41), of range sixteen (16), at the village hereafter to be known as the village of Gordon.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 95.

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An Act to authorize county judges to perform and discharge the trust specified in an act of Congress, approved May 23d, 1844, viz.: "An act for the relief of the citizens of towns upon the lands of the United States under certain circumstances."

Whereas, Under the above named act of Congress any Relative to public lands. portion of the surveyed public lands, which had been and should be settled or occupied as a town site, (not subject to entry under the pre-emption laws of the United States) authority was given to county judges (or to the corporate authorities, if the town or site was incorporated) of the respective counties in which such lands were situated, to enter the same, in trust, for the use and benefit of the occupants or proprietors thereof, to be disposed of under such regulations as the legislative authority of the state in which such lands were situated should prescribe; therefore,

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Whenever any portion of the surveyed public lands shall have been claimed or occupied as a town site, and regularly laid off into town lots, and the plat thereof recorded pursuant to law by the occupants or proprietors thereof, and the entry made under the aforesaid act of Congress, the said trustee or trustees shall have power and he or they are hereby authorized and instructed Trustees to convey title in certain cases.

to convey to the said occupants or proprietors, their assigns or legal representatives, a full and just title to each of their respective interests in such town site, which conveyance shall be binding in law, and shall be favorably construed in all courts and places in this state.

To cause survey to be made.

SEC. 2. In case no survey or record of the plat of such town site shall have been made, prior to such entry, then it shall be lawful, and it is hereby made the duty of said trustee or trustees to cause such site to be surveyed and platted, (as near as may be according to the respective possessions, rights and interests of the occupants or proprietors thereon, allowing all necessary streets and alleys) and the plat thereof recorded pursuant to law, the expense of such survey and plat first to be paid, rateably by said occupants or proprietors, according to each of their respective interests, and the conveyance to be made pursuant to the provisions of the first section of this act.

Conflicting claims—county judges duty

SEC. 3. In case there shall be conflicting claims to any lots or parts of lots so surveyed and platted as provided in section 2, it shall be lawful for the judge of the county and he is hereby required on application for that purpose, by any claimant to any lot or part of any town lot so by him surveyed or platted, to proceed, hear and determine the right and interest of the said claimants in said lot or lots or parts of lot, according to equity and justice, and shall award make, according to the respective interests of the parties, and the award of said judge shall be final and conclusive. The said judge before he shall proceed to hear and determine any such matter, shall give due notice to the said parties, and allow them time to have a fair hearing upon their respective claims.

Public act.

SEC. 4. This act is hereby declared to be a public act, and shall be favorably construed in all courts and places.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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