Milner J A
Affidavit of lost Deed.

The State of Alabama) Before me M. H. May Notary Pub-
~~Shelby~~ Dallas County } lic & Justice of the Peace of aind
for the said County, and State, personally appeared
John A. Milner, who being duly sworn deposes and
says, that he is familiar with the tract of land
about one and half miles, northerly from Calera, Shel-
by County Alabama, known as the "Welch old mill
Place", having lived at said Calera - It contained
originally about six hundred acres - & first knew
said place in 1858, at which date Mr. Johnson F. M. Welch
the owner, resided thereon, and was then in peac-
able & undisputed possession of it, said tract.
That in 1863 affiant states, that he purchased from
said Welch, for the South & North Rail Road Compa-
ny, and as the agent of said Rail road & by order
of the Board of Directors thereof, the said "Welch old
Mill tract" of land and received from him, his
warranty deed to the same - Affiant further
states that said Deed was sent by him to the Pro-
bate Judge of Shelby County, Alabama for record,
and has never heard from it since & believe
that it was destroyed by the Federal Army -
That said North & South Rail road Company, contin-
ued in possession of said tract of land, contin-
uously & without interruption, up to 1887
Sworn to & subscribed before me this John A. Milner
the 20th day of August 1888.

M. H. May N. P. & E. of J. P.

Filed Aug 31st 1888 recorded

R. A. Cobb Judge of Probate