

The State of Alabama } Before me, J. D. Strip-
 Shelby County } ling, a Justice of the
 Peace in and for said county and State, person-
 ally appeared Sam Lacey, who having been
 by me duly sworn, deposes and says, that
 he is 75 years of age, and has resided
 in Shelby County for 75 years; that he
 is well acquainted with the SW^{1/4} of the
 NE^{1/4} of Section 17, Township 21, South,
 Range 3, West, Shelby County, Alabama,
 and has known said land for 50 years;
 that it is part of a tract which formerly
 belonged to Wm Lucas, and was sold by
 him to James P. Lacey, deceased; that
 said land has been claimed by James
 P. Lacey and his heirs, for the past
 50 years, and has been in their pos-
 session; that James P. Lacey prior
 to his death and his children since
 his death, have been using the said
 land in connection with other lands
 situated near it, and have been during
 many years getting fire-wood, rails,
 posts and cross-ties from said land; that
 no one, so far as he knows, has claim-
 ed said land since James P. Lacey
 came into possession of it, except
 he and his heirs, and no one now
 claims it except the Lacey heirs;
 That he recollects distinctly when James
 P. Lacey bought said land and it
 was in 1859 or the early part of 1860;
 that James P. Lacey at the same time
 bought other land from Wm Lucas,
 buying what was known as the
 Lucas place; That Mr. James P. Lacey
 went into possession of said land
 when he bought it and it has been
 in his possession and in the pos-
 session of his children since then until

the present time; That W^m Lucas was living
 on part of the property sold to Mr. James P.
 Lacey, and I remember distinctly hearing
 him say that he had sold out to Mr.
 Lacey, and he moved away and Mr.
 Lacey took possession.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
 the 5th day of August 1909.

J. D. Strippling, - Justice of the Peace.
 Filed & Recorded Sept 26th 1910.
 A. I. Langston, Judge of Probate.