(37a) State of Alabama } Before me James T. Crawford a Notary Public in and for
Shelby County } said State and County personally appeared W. M. Cardin
who being by me duly sworn deposes and says as follows: James
S. Cardin was my father, He died in Cleburne County Arkansas Jan. 2, 1901. Just prior to his death to wit: on the 3rd day of January 1901, he being in Shelby County Alabama, at the time he bargained and sold to John T. Watson, certain lands which he owned in said Shelby County Ala. to wit: The Northeast quarter and the East half of the Northwest quarter and the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 34, Township 24 N. of Range 15 E. The consideration was $300. and was paid by the said John T. Watson to the said James S. Cardin to wit on the 5th day of January 1901. My said father, James S. Carden thereupon delivered possession of said land to said John T. Watson. He did not execute to said Watson a deed of conveyance to said lands for the reason that he deemed it necessary that his wife who was in Arkansas should join in such conveyance. He did execute to said Watson a bond for title reciting that the consideration was paid on the delivery of the bond. Said bond was conditioned to execute a proper deed within a reasonable time. It was the expressed intention of the said Cardin to execute such deed as soon as possible after his arrival at his home in Arkansas. His sureties on said bond were John M. Bates, W. M. Cornell and J. D. Whitten. Soon after his arrival in Arkansas and before he executed the deed he met with an accident from which he died on the date above mentioned. The said John T. Watson went into possession of the said land by virtue of his said purchase and remained in possession, residing on and cultivating said land until he sold to W. H. Smith in Oct. 1904, then W. H. Smith moved on the land and remained in occupation and possession thereof and cultivated it until he sold and reconveyed it to Watson in Oct. 1905, when said Watson moved on it again and remained in possession until he sold it to L. White Nov. 13, 1911. Since which time the said L. White has been in possession living on and cultivating said land occupying said land and claiming it as his own. The possession of the said Watson, Smith and White was openly notoriously continuously uninterruptedly peaceably and adversely.
The heirs of the said James S. Cardin are all of legal age except the youngest one Ernest Cardin who is nearly eighteen years of age

and Cora Carden age about 14 years of age and Glover Cardin about 12 or 13 years of age who are the Children of James Cardin dec'd, said Cora and Glover Cardin reside with their mother Mrs. C. H. Hill in Shelby County Ala. and Lou Annie Cardin about 16 years of age, Catharine Cardin about 13 years of age and Lillie Carden about 10 years of age the children of Thomas Carden dec'd said heirs of Thomas Carden reside with their mother Mrs. W. H. Crawford at Ensley Ala. and they all acknowledge and acquiesce in the ownership and possession of the said John F. Watch, W. F. Smith and L. White and none of them nor the widow of the said James S. Cardin nor any other person so far as affiant knows claims any right or interest in said lands.

W. M. Cardin.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of Sept. 1912.

James. T. Crawford N. P.

State of Alabama } Before me James. T. Crawford a Notary Public in and for said
Shelby County } State and County personally appeared, John M. Bates, who being by me duly sworn, stated on oath that the facts stated in the foregoing affidavit of W. M. Cardin are true, they have personal knowledge of the same that they were sureties on the bond for title mentioned therein

John M. Bates.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of Sept. 1912.

James. T. Crawford. N. P.

The State of Alabama } I hereby certify that the within conveyance was
Shelby County } filed in this office for record 17 Sept. 1912 at 3 o'clock P. M. and recorded in Deed Record 48 page 375 and examined.

A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate