Affidavit

State of Alabama, } Personally came before me the undersigned au-
Shelby County, } thority John S. Stone who being duly sworn makes
oath that he knew G. W. Merrell in December 1896 and that he was
a single man on said date.
That affiant knew James Skelton and Lurena Skelton who joined
with said Merrell on December 2nd 1896 in conveying the West
half of the Northwest quarter of Section 26, south of Kessiah Creek,
Township 21 South of Range 1 East in Shelby County Alabama, to
Benjamin Harper and Lucind Harper. That the said Lurend Skel-
ton is the same person as Luvana Skelton and was one of
the grantees in the deed from J.R. Browning and wife to the above
mentioned lands, and that she was the wife of James Skelton
on November 2nd 1890.
That affiant was acquainted with Benjamin Harper and Lu-
cind Harper, and that they are the same persons who conveyed
said lands to I.M. Ingram on December 6th 1904 and mentioned in
said deed as E.B. Harper and wife L.J. Harper.
Affiant further states that he is the same person who con-
veyed said lands in Section 26 Township 21 South of Range 1 East
described in deed dated April 9th 1907 to A.P. Longshore and
which lands were conveyed to affiant by G.W. Busby in 1898
and that affiant immediately went into possession of said

lands, claiming holding and using the same as his own and he held the same continuously, openly and adversely until he conveyed to A P Longshore in April 1907 and that the said A P Longshore immediately went into possession of said lands and has held claimed and used the same openly, continuously and notoriously until the present time.

Affiant further states that the lands in Section 26, Township 21, South of Range 1 East, described in said deed from Busby to affiant and from affiant to A P Longshore, conveys the North East quarter of the South East quarter and the South East quarter of the Northwest quarter and all that part of the Northeast quarter lying south of Beeswax Creek, and West of the Coosa River and that this is the identical land which affiant and A P Longshore have had in possession. That this is part of the same lands now owned by A P Longshore, and that the said A P Longshore, and those under whom he claims, have had the open notorious, continuous and adverse possessing of the same for more than twenty (20) years.

And that the said A P Longshore and those under whom he claims have been in the open, notorious, continuous and peaceable possession of the West half of the North West quarter of Section 26, Township 21 South of Range 1 East, lying south of Beeswax Creek for more than twenty (20) years.

John L. Stone.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th day of February 1913,

Witness;

Ben Wood Mitchell;

Jno. E. Miles.
Justice of the Peace.

The State of Alabama, Shelby County } I hereby certify that the that the within conveyance was filed in this office for record March 10, 1913 at 2 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Deed Record 52, page 11, and examined.

A P Longshore, Judge of Probate