

The State of Alabama } Before me N. J. Horsley a Notary Public in and
Shelby County } In said County in said state personally ap-
peared J. A. Skelton who being first duly sworn according to law
doth depose and say as follows to wit:

That he is acquainted with the following lands in Shelby County
Alabama to wit: part of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Section 27 Township 21 South
Range 1 East North of Bearward Creek containing 10 acres & fully de-
scribed in a deed of even date herewith made by R. E. Moore
wife Ida Moore to Alabama Caves Company to which reference
is here made for complete and accurate description.

That he has known said lands for a period of 22 years during
which time they have been in the open, notorious, exclusive ac-
tual and adverse possession of their successive owners hereinafter
named under claim of ownership. That when he first knew said
lands they were owned by and in the actual adverse possession
of J. R. Brinson who owned the same and who continued in such
possession of said lands as the owner thereof until the year
1890 when he conveyed to the said G. W. Merrell and the said G. W.
Merrell held possession of the same until he sold and conveyed
same to R. E. Moore about February 12th 1907 who took possession
of same and held them adversely as aforesaid and has been in
possession of the same until the present time.

Benjamin Harper & Lucinda Harper have not lived on or claimed
or had possession of this land since 1896. And they are not owned
and in the possession of --- That he has never heard the
title to said lands questioned in any way and no one has ever
claimed any interest in them during said time except the
owners above named and no one claims any interest in them
now as against the present owner named above.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 19th day of Feb. 1913,
N. J. Horsley Notary Public
H. J. Simmons
J. A. Skelton

The State of Alabama } I hereby certify that the within conveyance was
Shelby County } filed in this office for record April 3, 1913, at 1
o'clock P.M. and recorded in Deed Record 52 - page 104 - and examined
A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate.