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State of Alabama } Personally came before me James J. Crawford  
 Shelly County, } a Notary Public in and for said County and State  
 J. D. Whitten who being duly sworn deposes and says:  
 That he knew James S. Gardner in his life time who prior to the  
 year 1901 lived in the State of Arkansas and that on the 3rd  
 of January 1901 the said James S. Gardner, being in Shelly County,  
 Alabama, bargained and sold certain lands in said County to John  
 F. Watson Sr.; The NE<sup>1/4</sup> and the E<sup>1/2</sup> of the NW<sup>1/4</sup> and the NW<sup>1/4</sup> of  
 the SE<sup>1/4</sup> of Section 24, Township 24, North of Range 15 East and that

the consideration was \$300.00 and was paid by the said John F. Watson to the said James S. Gorden on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1901.

Affiant further states that the said John F. Watson immediately went into possession and moved on to the said lands and was living on the same, claiming it as his own, at the time of the death of said James S. Gorden which occurred a short while after the sale of said lands to said John F. Watson.

Affiant further states that the said John F. Watson and those claiming said lands under him down to and including the present owner, L. White had been in the open, peaceable, continuous, adverse, uninterrupted and notorious possession of said lands since said time of purchase by said John F. Watson until the present time claiming and using the same as their own and have constantly had thereon houses and fields and enclosures, cultivating and occupying said lands continuously since the time the said John F. Watson moved onto and took possession.

J. D. Whitten.



Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1913:

Witness: H. J. Simms.

James T. Bradford, Notary Public,

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. at 1 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Deed Record 52 page  
115, and examined.

A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate