

State of Alabama, Personally appeared before me the undersigned Jefferson County authority, John Harmon, who being duly sworn deposes and says that he is sixty-nine years of age and that he was born and reared and has lived all of his life in Shelby County, Alabama, and that he has been acquainted with the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4 Township 21, Range 4 West, Shelby County, Alabama, all of his life. That John W. Taylor entered the said lands from the United States Government and that he owned the same up to the fifth day of October 1861, when he sold and conveyed the same to Allen Harmon, his father. My father Allen Harmon owned the said lands then up to the 18th day of April 1877, when he gave and transferred the same to my sister Sarah Henderson. Sarah Henderson owned said property continuously up to her death, but during her lifetime she sold the mineral right to W. F. Aldrich. When my sister Sarah Henderson died she left surviving her four children, Allen Henderson, Haley M. Henderson, H. C. Henderson and William Henderson. These were her only lawful heirs. After my sister's death the said four children divided my sister's property among themselves, and in the division this forty in question was deeded to William Henderson. This was done on the fifth day of December 1896. Thereafter William Henderson & his wife deeded these lands to H. C. Henderson. This was

done December 10, 1897. After this H. C. Henderson and his wife deeded this property to H. M. Henderson. This conveyance was made on the 29th day of January 1898, and H. M. Henderson has since that date, worked and had control of said lands. The said lands are wild lands not being in cultivation, but he has used timber from it, and has had such possession of it as the land is capable of. None of the deeds of conveyance above referred to have been recorded, except that the deed of gift of Allan Harmon to Sarah Henderson has been recorded, but I have seen and have now before me, all of the deeds of conveyance above referred to and they all appear to be genuine. I have looked after these lands a great deal myself, for the parties who have owned them, part of the time paying taxes on them and if any one has ever at any time claimed them, except the parties above mentioned and in the order mentioned, I have never heard of it.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 23rd day of August 1913, John Harmon. *Seal*
W. S. Welch, Notary Public.

The State of Alabama } I hereby certify that the within convey-
 Shelby County } sance was filed in this office for record
 August 25-1913, at 10 o'clock A. M. and recorded in Deed Record
 52 page 275 and examined.

A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate.