

State of Alabama } Personally came before me Hosed Pearson, a  
 Shelby County } Notary Public & officio J.P. in and for said  
 State and County, Thos. A. Lovett, who makes oath that he knew  
 Samuel Merrell in his life time and that the said Sam-  
 uel Merrell was in the open, continuous, adverse, notorious  
 and peaceable possession of the East half of the South West  
 quarter of Section 1, Township 24, North of Range 15 East, which  
 lies north of Spring Creek, for a period of 20 years and more  
 prior to the time of his death, claiming it as his own and  
 that after his death his widow and heirs remained in the  
 possession of same until the death of his widow, Mary E.  
 Merrell, about 1892, and that the said Mary E. Merrell agreed  
 to convey to Richmond Merrell, and put him in possession  
 of said tract of land, which he has held openly, notori-  
 ously and continuously since her death.

Affiant further states that the said Samuel Merrell was in  
 the continuous, open, notorious and adverse possession of  
 the East half of the South-East quarter of Section 2, Township  
 24, North of Range 15 East, for 20 years and more prior to his  
 death, claiming it as his own, and after his death, the same  
 was in possession of his widow and heirs, and since the  
 death of his widow, the same has been in the possession  
 of A. B. Merrell and Richmond Merrell, except that part north  
 and east of Spring Creek, who have held, claimed and  
 used the same as their own.

Thomas A. Lovett.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
 January 1913,

Hosed Pearson - N.P. & officio J.P.

The State of Alabama } I hereby certify that the within conveyance  
 Shelby County } was filed in this office for record January  
 16, 1914, at 1 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Deed Record 52  
 page 525 and examined,

A. O. Longshore, Judge of Probate.