

State of Alabama,) Personally came before me, Hosea Pearson  
Shelby County { a Notary Public Ex officio J.P. in and for  
said State and County, A. B. Merrell, who makes oath that  
he is acquainted with Richmond Merrell and with the  
location of the East half of the Southwest quarter of  
Section 1, Township 24 Range 15 East, lying north of Spring  
Creek, and that the said Richmond Merrell has been in  
the actual, open, continuous, notorious and peaceable pos-  
session of said tract of land since November 1892, claim-  
ing and using the same as his own; that the said  
Richmond Merrell was put into the possession of said land  
by his mother during her life time, whom he kept and  
cared for a number of years prior to her death, and  
it has always been claimed and understood that he  
was to have said land for the care of his mother;  
that the said Richmond Merrell has cleared part of the said  
land and had fields and enclosures thereon from the time  
he took possession of the same, and paid the taxes on  
said land without claim or interference on the part of  
others and without attaining to others for rents of the  
crops thereon. *A. B. Merrell.*

Six now to and subscribed before me this the 24<sup>th</sup> day  
of January 1913, Hosea Pearson, Notary Public  
The State of Alabama, I hereby certify that the within  
Shelby County Surveyor's Deed has been filed in this of-  
fice for record January 16, 1914 at 1 o'clock P.M. and  
recorded in Deed Record 52- page 527 and examined.

A. P. Longshore Judge of Probate