

State of Alabama } Personally before me - - - in and for
 Jefferson County } said State and County, appeared N.A. Armstrong
 who having been first duly sworn, deposes and says under oath
 that his name is N.A. Armstrong, that he is 61 years of age, that he
 resides in Jefferson County, Alabama, that he is acquainted with and
 knows a certain tract or parcel of land that is located and situa-
 ted in the Counties of Jefferson and Shelby in the State of Alabama,
 that is described as the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 12 T^h 8 Range, West, containing
 one hundred and sixty (160) acres, that he has been acquainted
 with, and knows said tract, or parcel of land for 47 years, that
 said land was owned by one Isaac Loney Sr. in his life time
 in fee simple, that he was in the possession of said land
 under an open, notorious and continuous possession for 20
 years, until his death, under claim of title to it, that he had
 said land assessed as his property, and paid the taxes on
 it since about the year 1847 up to the time of his death, that he
 operated a grist mill and tan yard during the time he
 resided in Shelby County, Alabama, that he purchased said
 land for the purpose to get wood and timber and bark to ope-
 rate this mill and tan yard, that during the time when
 he resided in Shelby County, Alabama, and operated said mill
 and tan yard, and after he purchased said land, he cut
 or had cut, wood and timber, and tan bark off of same
 continuously up to the time or date that he moved to the
 State of Texas in the year 1869, that he, or his heirs, cleared about
 five (5) or ten (10) acres of said land on or near the East line
 of it, and cultivated the same for a number of years, that
 said land was, and is timbered mountain land, and was
 not used for cultivation, except the above mentioned five (5)
 or ten (10) acres of same, that he purchased the land from
 one Mary Willis, and then sold it to A.H. Whitfield that said
 Whitfield did not pay the purchase money for it, and hav-
 ing executed a mortgage on it to him Loney, he Loney
 foreclosed said mortgage on the land, and at the foreclosure
 sale purchased it that pursuant to the foreclosure sale a
 deed to the land was executed to said Loney that both
 this deed and the deed to the land executed by Mary
 Willis as aforesaid were recorded in the Probate Court of
 Shelby County, Alabama, that the Court House of Shelby County
 Alabama, was burned in or about the year 1870, and the

records and books of the Probate Court of Shelby County, Alabama were burned in said burning of said Court House, that said deeds have been lost and destroyed since they were recorded, or about the time that they were recorded in said Probate Court that he Isaac Loney Jr. died shortly after he moved to the State of Texas, leaving the following named heirs at law, and children viz: Isaac Loney, M. B. Loney, D. F. Loney, and N. C. Loney, that all of same are now living in the State of Texas, that they have remained in the possession of said land, and are now in the possession of it, that since the death of their father they have assessed it for taxes and paid the taxes on it continuously and that the land surveyed about or since the time of the death of their father, and that no one has ever made any claim to said land, or the ownership of it during the time that affiant has been acquainted with and known the same.

Witness: W. B. Edwards

N. A. Armstrong Affiant

S. H. Collins.

L. M. Fulkner.

The State of Alabama) I hereby certify that the within conveyance
Shelby County was filed in this office for record 5 January
1915, at 11 o'clock A. M. and recorded in Deed Record 55 page
315 and examined.

A. C. Longshore, Judge of Probate.