

State of Alabama) Personally, before me J.B. Davis a Justice of the
 Shelby County, Peace in and for said State and County, ap-
 peared Mrs. M.F. Castleberry, who having been first duly sworn
 deposes and says under oath that her name is M.F. Castleberry
 that she is 73 years of age, that she resides in Shelby County,
 Alabama, that he is acquainted with and knows a certain
 tract or parcel of land that is located and situated in the
 Counties of Jefferson and Shelby, in the State of Alabama
 that is described as the $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 9, Twp. 8, Range 1 West, con-
 taining one hundred and sixty (160) acres that he has been
 acquainted with and known said tract or parcel of land
 for 50 years, that said land was owned by one Isaac Loring
 Sr. in his life time, in fee simple, that he was in the posses-
 sion of said land under an open, notorious and continuous
 possession for 45 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 1864 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 back to operate his 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 having, 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 1880, 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 Sr. 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 W. 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 had the land surveyed about, or since the time of the death of their father, and that no one has ever made any claims to said land, or the ownership of it during the time that affiant has been acquainted with, and known the same.

Mr. F. Castleberry Affiant
Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this the 20th day of July, 1911.

J. B. Davis, Justice of the Peace.
The State of Alabama) I hereby certify that the within conveyance
Shelby County) same was filed in this office for record
5 January, 1915, at 11 o'clock A. M. and recorded in Deed Record
55 page 318 and examined.

A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate