

State of Alabama, } Personally, before me W. E. Perry, a Notary
 Jefferson County, } Public, in and for said state and County,
 appeared, Eli R. Jones, who having been first duly sworn, deposes
 and says under oath, that his name is Eli R. Jones, that he is
 58 years of age, that he resides in Jefferson County, Alabama,
 that he is acquainted with and knows a certain tract or par-
 cel of land that is located and situated in the Counties of
 Jefferson and Shelby in the State of Alabama, that is described
 as the S.W. 1/4 of Sec. 19, T. 9, R. 18, Range, West, containing one hundred
 and sixty (160) acres, that he has been acquainted with and
 knows said tract or parcel of land for over 40 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 our own notoriety and continuous possession for over 70 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 bark 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 1878, 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 he died shortly after he moved to the State of Texas, leaving the following named heirs at law, and children viz: Isaac Loney, M. R. 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 lands 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 claim to said land, or the ownership of it during the time that affiant has been acquainted with, and known the same.

Eli B. Jones, Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 26 day of July 1916,

W.E. Berry, Notary Public. *(Seal)*

The State of Alabama) I hereby certify that the within convey-
Shelby County,)
ance was filed in this office for record
5-January 1915, at 11 o'clock A.M. and recorded in Deed Re-
cord 557 page 321 and examined

A.P. Longshore, Judge of Probate