

State of Alabama, } Personally before me J. D. Davis a Jus-
 Shelby County. Stire of the Peace, in and for said State
 and County, appeared R. M. Threault, who having been
 first duly sworn deposes and says under oath, that his
 name is R. M. Threault that he is 47 years of age, that he
 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 it is described as
 the S W 1/4 of Sec. 19, T. 16 Range 1 West, containing one hundred
 and sixty (160) acres, that he has been acquainted with, and
 known said tract, or parcel, of land for 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 an open notorious and continuous posses-
 sion for 25 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 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 this
 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 pur-
 suant 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, 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 claim to said land, or the ownership of it during the time that affiant has been acquainted with, and from the same

R. M. Thivett. Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 20th day of July 1911,

The State of Alabama } I hereby certify that the within conveyance
Shelby County } was filed in this office for record 6 Jan-
uary 1915, at 11 o'clock A. M. and recorded in Deed Record 55
page 326. and examined

A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate.