State of Alabama } Before me, the undersigned authority
Jefferson County } in and for said State and County,
personally appeared John T. Ellis, who, being duly sworn
says:- That he has been in the real estate business
at Montevallo, Shelby County, Alabama for a number of
years; that he is well acquainted with the lands situ-
ated in the S.W¼ and the East half of N.W¼ of Sec-
tion 3, and in the E½ of S.E¼ of Section 4, all in
Township 24, Range 12, East, in Shelby County, Alabama;

as described in the deed of W. G. Robinson and wife to Ramsey and McCormack, recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 34, page 63, said lands so described in said deed being about 140 acres, more or less, and was formerly known as the Wells place; that he has lived within about One-fourth of a mile of said land for the past fifteen years; that when he first moved near said land as aforesaid in August 1901 W. G. Robinson was in possession of said land, had forty or fifty houses thereon, and was engaged in mining on the farm; that some time afterwards, said Robinson had all the houses torn down except what was known as the boarding house, and this house still stands on the place; that while said Robinson was mining said land as aforesaid said houses were occupied by his tenants and workmen; that said boarding house has been in the occupancy of tenants of said Robinson or of Ramsey and McCormack to whom Robinson sold said land, since that time and up to the present; that said house was rented by Doris & John from about 1903 to about 1911, who in turn subrented the same, said Doris & John paying the rent to Ramsey & McCormack; that said house has been rented since the first of 1912 to one Tom White, who is the tenant of Ramsey & McCormack; that parts of said land in the S.W.¼ of Section 3 and the S.E.¼ of Section 4 have been in continuous cultivation since the year 1903 up to the present time by tenants of either said Robinson or said Ramsey & McCormack; that Ramsey & McCormack and those through whom they claim title have been in the continuous, open, notorious, exclusive, peaceable, undisturbed and hostile possession of said land situated in said S.W.¼ of Section 3, and S.E.¼ of Section 4 claiming same as their own, for more than fifteen years to affiant's personal knowledge; that he has never heard of anyone claiming to have any title or interest thereon adverse to said Ramsey & McCormack; that what affiant has hereinabove deposed as to the said S.W.¼ and said S.E.¼ also applies to the E½ of N.W.¼ of Section 3, Township 24, Range 12 East, or so much thereof as is described in said deed aforesaid except that affiant did claim to have some title or claim to said E½ of

NW¼; that affiant has heretofore quit claimed and conveyed any interest he may have had, in and to said property to said Ramsey & McCormack, so that he now makes no claim to any of said land; that with the exception of the claim of affiant as aforesaid which he has since conveyed, affiant has never heard of any person who has claimed to have any title to said E½ of NW¼, or that part thereof described in said deed of said Robinson. to said Ramsey & McCormack, adverse to said Ramsey & McCormack, and those through whom they claim title; that said Ramsey & McCormack and those through whom they claim title have continuously said the date thereon, have claimed it as their property, it has been in charge of their agents, and they have continuously exercised all the acts of ownership over same that the property as capable of; it has been known as their property since they bought it in 1906; that affiant has examined the blue print or plat of the said land sold by said Robinson to Ramsey & McCormack; that said land does not include any lots or land heretofore sold off.

Affiant further says he knows the Southern Mineral Land Company and its President Herman Pfaff; that he knows said Company claims no interest in any of the above described land; they have never exercised any acts of ownership over same; that the said President of said Company told affiant seven or eight years ago that they claimed no right or title whatever in any of said land.

John T. Ellis

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this September 19th 1916.

Griffin Lamkin
Notary Public.

The State of Alabama
Shelby County.

I hereby certify that the within affidavit was filed in this office for record 7th day of October 1916, at 10 o'clock A. M. and recorded in Deed Record 98, Pages 630-632 and examined.

A. P. Longshore
Judge of Probate