

State of Alabama, I, &c., the undersigned, P. H. Gator and  
 Jefferson County, James D. Gator being duly sworn,  
 do pose and say that we are familiar with that part of the  
 North East Quarter of the North West Quarter of Section  
 Swanton, Township Nineeen Ranch Range the West, now  
 claimed by the undersigned, James D. Gator by virtue  
 of Conveyance from the undersigned, P. H. Gator date  
 December 7, 1908, recorded in the Office of the Judge  
 of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book  
 39, page 179, and situated in Shelby County, Alabama,  
 along the Cahaba River. We have known this land  
 practically all our lives as we were born and  
 raised in the vicinity thereof, and were familiar with  
 it when Samuel Gator conveyed it to John Gator in  
 1879 although we do not remember the date  
 of such conveyance. This land is mostly bottomland  
 and has been in cultivation continuously since  
 it was conveyed to John Gator and probably for a  
 good many years before that. John Gator gave the land  
 to two of his grand children, Charley Bailey and Eva  
 Moseley, wife of C. A. Moseley. We know nothing about a  
 conveyance but Bailey and Mrs. Moseley and her hus-  
 band took possession of the land and lived on it  
 and claimed it beginning approximately twenty years  
 ago. Partly swapped his interest in this land to his

sister for her interest in a forty acre by and then Mosby and wife exonerated the mortgage to Cahaba Lodge No. 1057, J. D. O. F., which is of record and is dated in 1900. This Mortgage was not paid and the Lodge foreclosed the mortgage and took possession of the property and maintained possession until they sold to E. B. Burton and wife in 1908. Burton went into possession and continued in possession until he sold and conveyed to the undersigned P. H. Acton. His crop was washed away in the freshet of October, 1906, and this forced him to sell to satisfy the mortgage to the Lodge. The undersigned P. H. Acton immediately sold to the undersigned James D. Acton and paid James D. Acton back possession of the land and continued in possession continuously without interruption up to the present time. The land has been planted and cultivated each and every year beginning with 1908 and continuously up to the present time and there has been continuous possession first by Burton and wife and then by the undersigned James D. Acton during all of this period. The undersigned P. H. Acton had no actual possession as he sold immediately to James D. Acton. The transfer of possession was direct from Burton to James D. Acton.

The undersigned P. H. Acton personally paid off the indebtedness to Cahaba Lodge No. 1057 N. C. L. F. denoted by mortgage of Burtons and date dated June 25th, 1908, and took up the notes and mortgage. At the time of the conveyance by the Lodge to Burton there was no W. M. Duke a trustee of the Lodge. The name of trustees of the Duke who was trustee of the Lodge at that time are H. H. Duke and the Duke who joined in the conveyance to Burton as one of the Lodge trustees was said H. H. Duke, who is now dead. There must have been a mistake made in the recording of the deed to Burton.

The undersigned James D. Acton further states that since he acquired the above land in 1908, he has assessed same for taxes and paid taxes on same continuously, and that no one to his knowledge

other than the owners as set forth in above affidavit has  
ever claimed any right or title to this property during  
all this period, and that since 1905 no one but the said  
Lodge and the grantees from said Lodge as set forth above,  
have claimed any title to same.

{ P. H. Acton.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of September, 1917.

(Seal) A. E. Day, Notary Public  
The State of Alabama,

Shelby County, I hereby certify that the within affidavit was filed in this office for record 18 day of Oct. 1917, at 2 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Book Record 63 Pages 16 - 18 and examined.

G. H. Haven  
Judge of Probate