

The Federal Land Bank of New Orleans
Application of John H. Lewis

The State of Alabama }
County of Shelby.

Affidavit of Adverse Possession made
By Pickens Minor.

Before me L. C. Pope, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Pickens Minor who is personally known to me and who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says an oath that he is 70 years of age; is now and has been for 50 years past in the business of Farming, at or near the Post Office of Wilsonville, Alabama; that he lives about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from and has personally known for 50 years next preceding the date hereof the following described lands in said County and State to-wit:

The $N\frac{1}{2}$ of the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 21, Range 1 East, in Shelby County, Alabama.

That about the year 1877 said lands were in the actual adverse possession of William Powell under a claim of ownership and remained in his such possession under claim of ownership until about the year 1899, when he sold same to R. Mitchell, who took possession thereof and remained in such possession under claim of ownership until the year 1912, when he sold same to J. W. Freeman, who remained in such possession of said lands until the 16 day of December 1912, when he sold the same to John A. Sims who has remained in continuous possession of same up to the present date.

That said lands were acquired by said applicant John A. Sims from J. W. Freeman, and said applicant John A. Sims went into possession thereof on or about the 16 day of December 1912. Since which date and up to and including the time of the execution of this affidavit said Sims has been continuously in the open, visible, notorious, hostile, exclusive, peaceful, adverse possession of all said lands, paying taxes thereon and claiming to own the same. That said Sims and those through whom he holds said lands, to the personal knowledge of Affiant, have consecutively, successively and uninterruptedly held open, visible, Notorious, hostile, exclusive, peaceful and continuous adverse possession of all said lands, paying taxes thereon and claiming to own the same for more than 40 years just past, and that Affiant does not know of nor has he ever heard of any claim to any portion of said lands adverse

to or casting any doubt whatever upon the absolute ownership thereof by said John A. Davis

That the possession of each one of the above named rivers was evidenced by the exercise of the following acts of ownership and possession to-wit: Cultivating herein upon same cutting fire wood, cutting timber off of for various uses.

Witness my hand and subscribed before me this 2nd day of Jan 1917.

L. C. Pope
Notary Public

My Commission expires Dec. 16-1919.

State of Alabama } I hereby certify that the within aff.
Shelby County } was filed in this office for record
31 day of Jan. 1917 at 10 o'clock A.M. and recorded in
Deed Record 63 Pages 226-227 and examined.

E. H. Thomas

Judge of Probate