

J. F. Pope

Application of John F. Hill
 The State of Alabama, } Affidavit of Adverse Possession
 County of Shelby. } Made By J. F. Pope.

Before me E. H. Payton, a Notary Public in and for said
 County and State, personally appeared J. F. Pope, who is
 personally known to me and who being by me first

duly sworn deposes and says on oath that he is 64 years of age; is now and has been for 36 years past in the business of Merchandising at or near the Post Office of Hillsboro, Alabama. That he lives about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from and has personally known for 40 years next preceding the date hereof the following described lands in said County and State, to wit: The North East Quarter of Section 18, Township 21 Range 2 East and Fractional Section 17, in Township 21, Range 2 East in Shelby County, Alabama. That about the year 1876 said lands were in the actual adverse possession of W. F. Smith under a claim of ownership and remained in his such possession under claim of ownership until about the year 1885 when he sold same to Ann Jones who took possession thereof and remained in such possession under claim of ownership until the year 1887, when he sold same to J. F. Hill & W. F. Crompton, who remained in such possession of said lands until the 28th day of November 1889.

That said lands were acquired by said applicant John F. Hill from W. F. Crompton, and said applicant John F. Hill, who is the same person as J. F. Hill, went into possession thereof on or about the 28 day of November 1889, since which date and up to and including the time of the execution of this affidavit said John F. Hill 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 John F. Hill 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 F. Hill.

That the possession of each one of the above named owners was evidenced by the exercise of the following acts of

ownership and possession, to-wit: they lived upon the lands, cul-
tivated the same, exercised every possible right of possession.

J. W. Payne.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 11th day of Jan. 1918.
my Commission expires Sept 20th 1920. E. H. Payne, Clerk

Notary Public.

The State of Alabama } I hereby certify that the within
Shelby County. } Aff. was filed in this office for
record 11 day of Feby 1918, at 12 o'clock M. and recorded
in Deed Record 63 pages 352-354 and examined -
E. H. Tharmon - Judge of Probate