

State of Alabama, } Before me, S. S. McBarly, a Notary Public in and
 Jefferson County, } for said County in said State, personally
 appeared James M. Howard, who, being duly sworn, deposed
 and says: That he is, and has been for many years, ac-
 quainted with the lands described as:
 West half of North East Quarter, North East Quarter of South
 East Quarter, West half of South East Quarter, East half of
 South West Quarter, East half of North West Quarter, South
 West Quarter of South West Quarter, in Section Twenty Six, Town-
 ship Eighteen, Range One West, in Shelby County, Alabama.
 That prior to the year 1888, said land was owned by Joseph
 McDaniel, who lived on said land, and cultivated a large
 part thereof: that the uncultivated portions of land consisted
 of timber lands, and said McDaniel held possession of the
 same in connection with the cultivated portions and the
 part that he lived on; that he took from said timbered land
 fuel for fire wood and for building and repairing fences,
 went over the same frequently, and was known and re-
 garded as the owner of said lands; that such possession of
 said lands continued, to affiant's knowledge, for a period
 of at least twelve years prior to the 1888: and that during
 said period, said Joseph McDaniel held the actual ad-
 verse, continuous, open, undisputed and recognized posses-
 sion of said land, under claim of ownership, and was
 known in the community as the owner of the said lands
 above described, and that his title thereto was never disputed
 or questioned to the knowledge of affiant.

James M. Howard

Sworn to and subscribed before
 me, this, 4th day of March, 1918.

S. S. McBarly
 Notary Public.

The State of Alabama, } I hereby Certify that the within
 Shelby County, } Aff. was filed in this office for
 record 14 day of March, 1918, at 5 o'clock P.M. and
 recorded in Deed Record 63 Page 501 and examined.
 G. H. Howard Judge of Probate