

State of Alabama, } Before me, the undersigned
 Shelby County, } authority, in and for said
 County, in said State, personally appeared J.
 M. Bates, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says
 on oath as follows: That he has been living
 in the Community where the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the
 the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 24,
 Range 15-E situated in Shelby County, Alabama,
 is located for more than twenty years and
 that he has personal knowledge that a portion of
 said tract of land has been in cultivation
 continuously each year for a period of more
 than twenty years. Affiant remembers when W.
 H. Shradet owned said land which was more
 than twenty years ago when he first owned the
 land and that said W. H. Shradet owned said
 land and cultivated a portion of it or had a
 portion of it cultivated each year when he first
 owned the said land which was prior to
 1898 up until he sold the said land to L. H.
 Hand and Will E. Hise, which was sold
 fourteen or fifteen years ago and that since

the said land was sold to the said L. D. Hand, and Will Ellison the said Will Ellison bought the interest of the said L. D. Hand in the said land and Will Ellison was in possession of same, cultivating part of the land from the time Hand bought it until afterwards about twelve years ago he sold the said land to J. H. Hamilton who owned and cultivated the said land or had the same cultivated up until during the year 1914 when he sold the said land to R. L. Etnes and that R. L. Etnes either cultivated or had the said land cultivated each year up until during the year 1916 he sold said land to George Mims, who, affiant understands, has recently sold to R. E. L. Hadley, and that R. E. L. Hadley and his predecessor in title have been in open, notorious, exclusion and continuous possession of said land for more than 20 years, claiming same as their own.

J. M. Bates.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me on this the 30th day
of September 1918.

Notary James F. Bradford N.P.

The State of Alabama, I hereby certify that the
Shelby County. { within } was filed in
this office for record 14 day of Oct, 1918, at 5-
o'clock P. M. and recorded in Deed Record 64
Pages 383-384 and examined.

L. H. Weaver, Judge of Probate.