(IV) State of Alabama
Jefferson County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, William N. Coats, who being duly sworn on oath states as follows, Viz:

My Name is Wm N. Coats. I am 67 yrs of age, and have lived in Shelby County, Alabama since I was four yrs of age and I have known the Southeast quarter of Southwest quarter and South half of Northwest quarter of Southwest quarter and all of the Southwest quarter of Southwest quarter in Section 18 Township 20 Range 2 west in Shelby County, Alabama. I knew this land at the time that Wm W. Bishop bought same from the State in 1888, the State having bought it in at tax sale, and said Bishop moved his family on this land about the time he bought it in 1888, and lived upon same and had adverse, open, notorious, continuous and exclusive possession of same until he sold four acres to Mr. Fitzpatrick and thereafter continued to hold the same kind of possession of the balance until he died. After his death the widow Martha Bishop, now dead, and all his children Viz: J. J. Bishop and wife, A. J. Bishop and wife and Jessie A. Bishop his then unmarried daughter who afterwards married John Odell deeded this land in 1902 to Wm. H. Pleger. Mr. Pleger immediately moved on to this land with his family and continued to live there having the same kind of possession Mr. Bishop had until he, Mr. Pleger sold the same in 1918 to H. L. Halloway. Mr. Halloway immediately moved his family on this land and continued the same kind of possession until he sold to Wesley H. Cochran on 26th of November, 1921, and said Wesley H. Cochran has continued in such possession and has lived there until the present time. While Halloway owned this land he made a deed to his wife but he and his wife and family continued to occupy it together until he sold it as above stated.

I have lived in claim three quarters of a mile of said land before and ever since the time Mr. Bishop bought it at the above time and have never heard of anybody making any claim to the land except Mr. Bishop and those claiming through his title.

W. N. Coats.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 Sept. 1921.

Stuart E. Walker
Notary Public

State of Alabama,
Shelby County.

I, J. W. Weaver, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within affidavit was filed in this office for record 27 day of Dec -1921, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and recorded in Deed Record 72 pages 9 & 10 and examined.

J W Weaver
Judge of Probate