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STATE OF ALABAMA)
SHELBY COUNTY)

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Before me L. B. Riddle, Judge of Probate in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared J. P. Pearson, who being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

That he has known the southeast quarter of southeast quarter (SE¹/₄ of SE¹/₄) of Section thirty one (31) township 18, Hange One (1) west, since 1875; that when affiant first knew said lands, Samuel F. Bowdon owned the same, and was in the open, visible, adverse possession of the same, and so occupied and held the same up to and until the 15th day of February, 1887 when he conveyed the same to Dawson and Cox; that Dawson and Cox took possession of said lands under said conveyance and held and occupied the same as did Bowdon before them until the 17th day of January 1894, when the said B, F. Dawson conveyed his half interest in said lands to S. D. Cox; that S. D. Cox occupied and held possession of said property as did the parties above named, up to and until the 3rd day of February 1909, when he sold and conveyed the same to Robert F. Cox; that Robert F. Cox took possession of said land and the said deed and has held possession of the same as did the parties above named from said 3rd day of Feby. 1909 up to and including the date of the making of this affidavit;

Affiant further states that he has known the southwest quarter of southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) Section 32, township 18, Range 1 west, since 1875, and when Affiant first knew said property it was known as the Robert Bailey place, and at such time was owned and in the possession of the heirs of Robert Bailey who were John R. Bailey, Joseph S. Bailey, Harriett E. Bailey, Julia A. Bailey, Rachel B. Bailey, James M. Bailey, Mary Bailey, J. S. Overton, Daniel Bailey, Robert W, Bailey, H, E. Acton, M. F. Jones, W. Y. Jones and T. M. Acton; that the above named persons constituted the sole heirs at law of Robert Bailey; that on the 15th day of December 1879 the said heirs of Robert Bailey conveyed said land to A. B. Waldrop and under and by virtue of said deed the said "aldrop moved upon said land, build a house thereon, and adversely held the whole of same up to and until the 27th day of Sept. 1890 when he conveyed the same to H. H. Pearson; that H. Pearson went into possession of said land by virtue of said deed and held and occupied the same as A. B. Waldrop before him until the 4th day of January 1900 when he conveyed the same to S. D. Cox, and the said S. D. Cox went into possession of said land under said deed, and occupied and held said land as did Pearson and Waldrop before him until the 3rd day of Feby. 1909 when he conveyed the same to Robert F. Cox and Robert F. Cox went into possession of said lands under said deed and has held possession of the same as did S.D. Cox, Pearson and Waldrop before him from the date of the making of said deed up to and until the date of the making of this affidavit. / Affiant flurther states that he hasknown the northwest quarter of southeast quarter (NWA of SE_{4}) of Section thirty two (32), township 18, Range 1 west, since 1875 and that when affiant first knew said lands the same was owned and occupied by W. T. White and that affiant knows of his own knowledge that the said W. T. White sold and conveyed the same to Stephen Cox, and that said Stephen Cox went into possession of said lands and held the same adversely and peaceably as against the entire world until about the year 1881 when he conveyed the same to William T. Cox; that William T. Cox

then took possession of said lands under said deed and held the same as had Stephen

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Cox and wife before him, and so held said property and occupied the same until the 27th day of Jany. 1883 when he conveyed the same to Stephen D. Cox, that said Stephen D. Cox then took possession of said lands under said deed and held the same as had the persons above named until the 3rd day of Feby. 1909, when he conveyed these lands to Robert F. Cox and that Robert F. Cox went into possession of said land and has held the same as did the parties above named from the date of said last named deed up to and including the making of this affidavit.

Affiant further states that he has known the southwest quarter of southeast quarter (SW_{4}^{1} of SE_{2}^{1}) since 1875 and this land was owned, occupied and conveyed identically as was the northwest quarter of southeast quarter (NW_{4}^{1} of SE_{4}^{1}) Section 32, township 18, range 1 west.

Affiant further states that he has known the southeast quarter of southwest quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) and northwest quarter of southwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) Section 32, township 18, range 1 west, since 1875.

And when affiant first knew said lands in 1875 the same was occupied and in the open, notorious, peaceable and adverse possession of Alfred Griffin; that said Griffin so held said land up to and until the 21st. day of March 1876, when he conveyed the same to A. B. Waldrop; that Waldrop went into possession of said lands and held the same as did Griffin before him until the 27th day of September 1890, when he conveyed the same to H. Pearson, that H. Pearson went into possession of said lands under said deed, and held the same as did Griffin and Waldrop before him until the 4th day of January 1900 when he conveyed the same to S.D. Cox; that S.D. Cox went into possession under said last named deed and held said lands as did Pearson, Waldrop, and Griffin before him up to and until the 3rd day of February 1909 when he conveyed the same to Robert F. Cox; that Robert F. Cox went into possession of said land under said last named deed, and has held the same as the persons named above held before him up to and until the date of the making of this affidavit.

Affiant further states that he has known the east half of southeast quarter (E2 of SE1) Section 32, Township 18, Range 1 west and the same was entered by Robert F. Cox and patent was issued to him on November 20th 1882, that said R. F. Cox took possession of said lands by virtue of said patent and held the same openly, peaceably and adversely from said date up to the 29th day of Jany. 1887 when he conveyed said property to S. D. Cox; that S. D. Cox took possession of said lands and held the same as did R. F. Cox before him from the date of said deed up to and until the 3rd day of February 1909 when he conveyed the same to Robert F. Cox and Robert F. Cox again took possession of said lands under said deed from S. D. Cox and has held the same as did the parties before him up to and until the date of the making of this affidavit.

Affiant further states that he has known since 1875 the northwest quarter of northeast quarter (NW1 of NE1) Section 5, Township 19, Range 1 west, and that when affiant first knew said lands the same was in the possession and owned by W. T. White, and that some time in the seventys W. T. White sold and conveyed the same to Stephen Cx; that about the year 1881 Stephen Cox, sold and conveyed said lands to William T. Cox and William T. Cox went into possession of said land under said deed and held the same peaceably, adversely and continuously up to and until the 27th day of Jany. 1883 when he conveyed the north thirty (30) acres, off said forty (40) to Stephen D. Cox; that Stephen D. Cox then took possession of said

land under said deed and held the same as did the other owners before him up to and until the third day of Feby. 1909, when he conveyed said thirty acres to Robert F. Cox who has been in possession of same, and held the possession of same as did the owners before him from the date of said deed up to and until the making of this affidavit. Affiant further states that Darthula Cox is the widow of the son of William T. Cox named in this abstract and at the time she conveyed to Lacey and others on March 16th 1916, she only owned and was in possession of the south tensacres off of said above named forty acres of land, and the said Lacey and others do not claim nor or they in possession of any part of the north thirty acres of said forty.

Affiant further states that Stephen Cox named in this affidavit was the father of Robert F. Cox, S. D. Cox, and William T. Cox; that R. F. Cox and Robert F. Cox are one and the same person; that S. D. Cox and Stephen D. Cox, are one and the same person; that H. Pearson and Howell Pearson are one and the same person.

Affiant further states that he is not related to any of the parties interested in this title, nor has he any interest in the title to said land being good or bad, but affiant resided for many years near this property, was the friend and neighbor of the parties named in this affidavit and for many years before he was made Circuit Clerk of Shelby County was Justice of the Peace for Beat 13 where the lands named in this abstract are situated and he drafted many of the deeds and took the acknowledgments thereto which we have referred to in this affidavit.

J. P. Pearson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26th day of February 1923.

L. B. Riddle--Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

I, L. B. R iddle, Judge of $^{\#}$ robate for said C ounty hereby fertify that the within ffidavit was filed in this office for record $^{\#}$ eb. 27th 1923 at 9 oclock A.M. and recorded in Vol. 76 R ecord of Deeds pages 57 et seq and examined.

L.B.Riddle--Judge of Probate