

## AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA )

JEFFERSON COUNTY )

Before me the undersigned, authority, personally appeared T. W. Johnson who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is 52 years old and is a resident of Shelby County, Ala. that he was born and was raised within two miles of the following lands situated in Shelby County, Ala; viz: SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20, all in township 19, range 2 west, and has been familiar with said lands since his earliest recollections as a child; that he has resided in the community in which said lands are located all of his life; that said lands and other property were set aside (or attempted to be set aside) as exempt to one Martha A. F. Lee as being the widow of one Green C. Lee, deceased, by the Probate Court of Shelby County, Ala., in January 1886; that upon said exemption being set apart to said Martha A. F. Lee by said Court; whether legally done or not, she went into the actual possession of said lands cultivating the same and occupied them as her homestead under absolute claim of ownership from January 1886, up to and including May 25, 1897; that during said period

of time, said Martha A. F. Lee was generally recognized in said community as the owner of said lands and her title, possession and ownership thereof was never questioned by any one whomsoever; that one F. M. Lee who was a first cousin of said Green Lee, assisted said Martha A. F. Lee in the cultivation of said lands during said period of time, but without his in any way claiming said lands or any part thereof or interest therein; that, on May 25, 1897, said Martha A. F. Lee, who signed her name as Mattie Lee, and said F. M. Lee sold and conveyed said lands to one W. M. Allen; that said F. M. Lee at said time was also unmarried; that said W. M. Allen forthwith took possession of said lands and had actual, open, visible, continuous and exclusive possession thereof from May 25, 1897; up to and including June 15, 1901; that, during said period of time, said W. M. Allen was generally recognized in said community as the owner of said lands; and that his title, possession and ownership thereof was never questioned or disputed by any one whomsoever; that on June 15, 1901, said W. M. Allen and wife sold and conveyed said lands and other property to affiant; that affiant forthwith took possession thereof and from said time up to the present, for a period of more than 26 years, has had actual, open, continuous, visible and exclusive possession thereof through tenants to whom he has annually for the past 26 years rented said lands, who attorned to affiant as landlord and owner and each year paid to him the rents agreed upon; and that affiant's title, possession and ownership of said lands has never been questioned or disputed by any one whomsoever. Further affiant deposeth not.

T. W. Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this the 20th day of July 1927.

Roscoe Chamblee  
Notary Public Jefferson County Ala.

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SHELBY COUNTY )

I L.B. Riddle Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within affidavit was filed in this office for record July 27th 1927 at 2 o'clock P.M. and recorded in deed record 82 page 336 and examined.

L.B. Riddle--Judge of Probate