

## AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ALABAMA )

SHELBY COUNTY )

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for said State and County C. P. McLane who being by me duly sworn deposes and says:

I reside at Saginaw, Shelby County, Alabama, and have continuously resided therefor the past 31 years. I came there to work for Saginaw Lumber Co. and worked for them and Saginaw Lime & Lumber and Saginaw Lime & Stone Co. up to the year 1918.

I am acquainted with all that property described in a deed from Saginaw Land Co. to Mrs. Kate T. Sharber dated Feby. 1st, 1924 and recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County in Deed Book 77, page 40, which includes  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 34, Township 20, Range 2 west.  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 3, Township 21, Range 2 west.  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ , all in Section 2, Township 21, Range 2 west, all of said land being in Shelby County, Alabama, and lying from 4 to 6 miles from Saginaw.

John E. Morris was Secretary and Treasurer of both of the above companies from the time I started with Saginaw Lumber Company 31 years ago until his death in 1912. I became Secretary and Treasurer of the Saginaw Lime & Lumber Co. and continued in this capacity until 1918. All of the above land was timber land and the company cut the timber off of this land after it purchased same. This land was convenient with other tracts owned by the Company and on different tracts including the above tract. Company built and maintained logging camps. These camps would sometimes remain 2 or 3 years on one tract. After the Company finished cutting the timber, it sold the land to Henry L. Badham. The Company through this tract of land described herein built such tracks and spur tracks as were necessary to get the cut timber to the saw mill. Up to the time the Company sold this tract of land to Badham I have never heard of any person, firm or corporation claiming to own any right, title or interest in this land. The Company operated on it for several years cutting timber and maintaining camps and these operations were well known to the public living in or near this vicinity.

In November 1895, John E. Morris was not living on any part of the above land, but was living at Saginaw, and the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 34, Township 20, Range 2 west, was not his homestead on Nov. 13th, 1895., nor at any time since. Morris lived at Saginaw from 1895 until 1906 when he moved to Birmingham.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
8th Sept. 1927.

C. P. McLane

K. B. Nickerson--Notary Public

THE STATE OF ALABAMA )

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I, L. B. Riddle Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within affidavit was filed in this office for record Oct. 11th 1927 at 9 oclock A.M. and recorded in Deed record 82 page 597 and examined.

L. B. Riddle--Judge of Probate