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STATE OF ALABAMA)

SHELBY COUNTY)

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for said State and County J. E. Roach who being by me duly sworn deposes and says as follows:

I have resided in Shelby County, all my life and am acquainted with the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, Tp. 20, R. 2 west in Shelby County, Alabama, John S. Roach who received a patent from the government in 1858 was my father and he lived on a tract of land adjoining this 80 where I was born. My father died in 1872 leaving 5 boys and 2 girls. Before the estate was settled up one of the boys, J. N. Roach, who had never married, died. That left 4 boys. My father, at the time of his death owned 240 acres in Shelby County, and it was about 1884 or 1885 when the estate was settled. It was settled by all the children and my mother, quit claiming one to another of certain different forties. All the children at the time of the division were 21 years of age. I was the youngest. None had died leaving any minor children. There were at the time six of us. I received from all my brothers and sisters and mother a quit claim deed to $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 3. I paid them in money for any excess of the land that I ought to have received as an heir. I took possession of it on the division of the estate of my father not later than 1885, and kept possession of it until I sold it to Saginaw Lumber Co. in 1902. I lived on a tract adjoining it, and fenced and cultivated this 80, viz: $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 3 for about 17 years. I cultivated it every year and my possession of it from 1885 to 1902, was open, notorious, hostile and adverse under my claim of ownership. No one ever claimed any interest in it, whatever since the estate of my father was divided. I had this quit claim deed from my brothers, sisters and mother, and have looked for it but cant find it where it should be. I never recorded it and I may have turned it over to Saginaw Lumber Co, when I sold to them. My brothers were named A. J. , I. T., J. W., and J. N. Roach, my sisters were M. F., and Rebecca J. Roach, my mother's name were Martha Jane Roach. J. N. Roach died before the estate was wound, but was unmarried at the time. All are now living except my mother and brothers J. W. and J. N. Roach. My two brothers live in Louisiana. My sisters live in Shelby County. J. N. Roach left some children , all 21 years of age now. There are 5 boys and one girl. They are scattered throughout the country, none of them has ever made any claim to this land. Each of the heirs of my father got his or her share and I executed quit claim deeds to them to the rent of my father's property at the time the estate was settled.

J. E. Roach

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

8th day of Sept. 1927.

Henry W. Naish
Notary Public Ex Officio
Justice of the Peace

THE STATE OF ALABAMA)

SHELBY COUNTY)

I, L.B.Riddle Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within affidavit was filed in this office for record Oct. 11th 1927 at 2 oclock P.M. and recorded in Deed record 82 page 59) and examined.

L.B.Riddle--Judge of Probate