

Affidavit.

State Of Alabama,)

Talladega County,)

Before me, W. W. Stanton, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State personally appeared J.A. Skelton, who is known to me and who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is acquainted with the following land situated in Shelby County, Alabama, viz:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 23, and all of that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26 lying north of Beeswax Creek, all of said land being situated in Township 21, Range 1 E.

Further deposing, affiant says that he is one and the same person as J.A. Skelton, who was grantee in that certain deed executed by J.S. Leeper, et al, on the 21st day of November, 1890, and which said deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 14 at page 229. Further deposing, affiant says that immediately upon the execution of the aforementioned deed he went into possession of the said land therein conveyed and remained in the actual, open, notorious, continuous, exclusive, adverse possession of the same down to the time he sold and deeded the same to D.D. Messerm, et al, on the 13th day of September, 1924, and which last mentioned deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 75 at page 3466, and during all of said time, affiant actually lived on said land and cultivated portions of it each and every year except that portion of the said NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  deeded by affiant to the Alabama Power Company, as shown by deed recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 52 at page 106.

In reference to the mortgage executed jointly by affiant and G.W. Merrell and their respective wives on October 27th, 1916, which is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 120 at page 114, affiant deposes and says that he and said G.W. Merrell jointly mortgaged their lands to the grantee in said mortgage, viz: Claudia C. Jones, and each one of said mortgagors placed in said mortgage the land that he respectively owned, but said G.W. Merrell did not own and did not claim any interest or title to the land hereinabove described.

Sworn and subscribed to before me

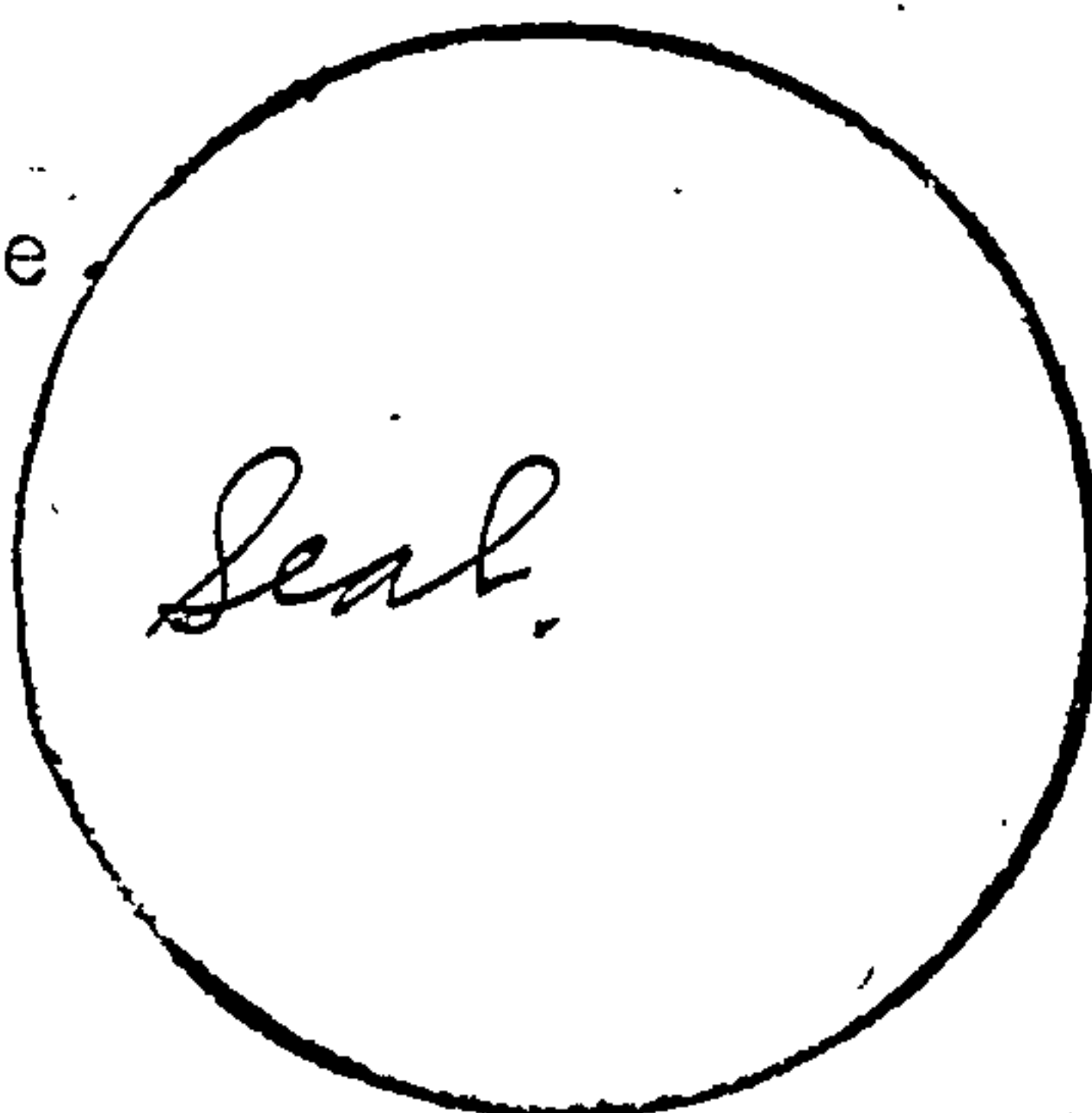
this 23 day of June, 1928.

W. W. Stanton, Notary Public.

The State Of Alabama,)

Shelby County ,)

J. A. Skelton <sup>his</sup> X  
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I, L.B. Riddle, Judge of Probate certify that the within affidavit was filed in this office for record June 25th, 1928 at 2 O'clock P.M. and recorded in deed record 86 on page 293 and examined.

L.B. Riddle, Judge of Probate.