

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ALABAMA)

SHELBY COUNTY)

Before me, L. H. Ellis, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State personally appeared J. M. Baldwin, who is known to me and who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he lives on land located in Section 10, Township 20, Range 1 east, Shelby County, Alabama, and has lived there something like thirty five years or more. Further deposing affiant says that he is now seventy four years of age, and is acquainted with what is known as the "J. M. Finley tract of land" situated in Sections one and two, Township 20, Range 1 east, Shelby County, Alabama, and in Section 36, Township 19, Range 1 east, Shelby County, and has known said land all of his life, or rather ever since he can recollect.

Further deposing affiant says that he recalls the occasion when John Dixon and W. R. Phillips bought said land and placed thereon cattle, and that he remembers that they went in possession of said land and put a man in possession of said land and of said cattle immediately after they bought it, but he does not remember the name of the man. Further deposing affiant says that about two years after they bought said land they placed one Will Hardy in possession of said land and said cattle and said Hardy remained in possession of it as a tenant of said Dixon and Phillips, for about 12 or 15 years, and cultivated a portion of said land each and every year. Further deposing affiant says that he remembers when said Dixon sold said land to J. C. Jackson in 1902. Further deposing affiant says that said Jackson immediately after his purchase went in possession of said land and continuously cut timber therefrom and exercised acts of ownership over said land for about six years and until he sold it to W. L. and J. W. Tumlin in 1908.

Further deposing affiant says that said Tumlins, immediately after their purchase of said land from said Jackson, went in possession of said land and cut timber thereon and they and their lessees turpented it and those operations continued continuously until they sold and deeded the same to A. F. Estes.

Further deposing affiant says that he during and throughout the aforementioned period of time, never knew or heard of any person, firm or corporation advancing any claim or title to said land adversely to said Dixon and said Phillips, or adversely to said Tumlins or said Estes.

Attest:

his
J. M. x Baldwin
mark

J. W. Hester

Sworn and subscribed to before me this
16th day of July, 1928.

L. H. Ellis--Notary Public

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 July 18th 1928 at 0 oclock A.M. and recorded in Deed record 86 page 425 and examined.

L. B. Riddle--Judge of Probate