

W. N. Coates , to The Public, Affidavit, Dated September 10th, 1928.

Recites:

W. N. Coates, being first duly sworn deposes and says:

My name is William N. Coates and I ~~am~~ 74 years of age and have lived in Shelby County, Alabama, since I was 4 years of age, and I have known the North Half of North West Fourth and North West Fourth of North East Fourth, Section 19 and Four (4) acres in South West Corner of the South West Fourth of South West Fourth of Section 18, all in Township 20 Range 2 West, and containing approximately 124 acres of land, that I knew the lands when purchased by J. A. Fitzpatrick from Mary D. A. and husband J. B. Rowell, along about the year 1892 (NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19 Tp. 20 Range 2 West) and that I acquired the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19 Tp. 20 Range 2 West , by quick claims from varuous heirs, along about year 1896, and that E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19 Tp. 20 Range 2 West was acquired by A. W. Cost, by the various heirs, giveing quick claim deed to same, along about the year 1900, and that the South West corner, of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18 Tp. 20 Range 2 West containing four (4) acres, was dole by Martha Bishop to J; A. Fitzpatrick, along about the year 1895 or 1896, and that this above described property has changed hands a few times since the above transactions were made, that F. C. Oates, of Pelham, Ala., bought all aboved described lands, (except the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19 Tp. 20 Range 2 West, containing 20 acres, from Ed. Payne & wife Emma S. Payne, in year 1927) at foreclosure deed, ~~sale~~, at Columbiana Ala., along about year 1916, and since that time, he (F. C. Oates) has had adverse, open, notorious, continuous and exclusive but peaceful possession of the aboved described property, as above stated and that he has sold from off part of above described lands, timbers, wood and etc., without interference whatever.

I have lived in about three quarters of a mile of said lands, above described, ever since the time Mr. Fitzpatrick, purchased it at the above time and I have never heard of any body makeing any claim to the lands except, thru the various transfers, and that since Mr. Oates, purchased same, I have heard of no one in any form makeing claim for aboved desribed lands, he has at will exercised his ownership.

W. N. Coates.

Sworn to and aubscribed before me this the 11th day of September, 1928.

W. A. Hammond, N.P. & Ex. Off. J.P.

The State Of Alabama,)

Shelby County,)

I, L. B. Riddle, Judge of Probate certify that the within affidavit was filed in this office for record December 6th, 1928 at 11 O'clock A.M. and recorded in deed record 87 on page 306 and examined.

L.B. Riddle, Judge of Probate.