

## AFFIDAVIT

dated Sept. 10th 1928

JNO. M. ODELL TO THE PUBLIC

## Recites:

Jno. M. O'Dell being first duly sworn, deposes and says: my name is Jno. M. O'Dell and I am 70 years of age, and have been living in Shelby County, State of Alabama, since I was 70 years of age, and I have known the north half of the northwest fourth and the northwest fourth of the northeast fourth, Section 19, and four (4) acres in the southwest corner of southwest fourth of southwest fourth Section 18, all in Township 20, Range 2 west, and containing approximately 124 acres of land, that I knew that the above described lands were purchased by J. A. Fitzpatrick from Mary D. A. and husband J.B. Rowell, along about the year 1892 (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 19, Tp. 20 Range 2 west), and that a W. N. Coates acquired the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 19, Tp. 20, Range 2 west, by quick claim deeds from the various heirs along about year 1896, and that the east  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the 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, quick claim deeds to the said A.W. Cost, along about year 1900, and that the southwest corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 18, Tp. 20, Range 2 west, containing four (4) acres and was sold by Martha Bishop, to J. A. Fitzpatrick, along about year 1895 to 1896, and that this above described property, has changed hands a few times, since the above transaction was made and that F. C. Oates, of Pelham, Ala. purchased the above described property (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 Payne, in year 1927) at a foreclosure deed at Columbiana, Alabama, along in year 1916 and since that time, he (F.C. Oates) has had adverse, open, notorious, continuous, exclusive and peaceable possession of above described lands or property, as above stated and that he has sold from off part of above described lands, timbers, wood and etc., without interference whatsoever.

I have lived with a short distance, of above described lands, ever since the time that Mr. Fitzpatrick, purchased it at above time and that, I have never heard of any one making claim to the lands, except through the various transfers and that since Mr. Oates, purchased same, I have heard of no one in any form making, or attempting to make claim to any of above described lands, he has at will exercised his ownership.

John M. O'Dell

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

W. A. Hammond--N.P. &amp; Ex Off. J.P.

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 Dec. 6th 1928 at 2 o'clock P.M. and recorded in deed record 87 page 308 and examined.

L. B. Riddle--Judge of Probate