

## AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA )

JEFFERSON COUNTY )

Before me the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared Sallie J. Smith, who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says: She is the Sallie J. Smith who at one time owned the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  in Section 3, Township 22, Range 2 west in Shelby County Alabama. I bought this property from Martha J. Blackburn and her husband J. W. Blackburn about April 1900. They executed a warranty deed to me which deed was signed by the said Martha J. Blackburn and her husband J. W. Blackburn both of whom I had known since I was ten or eleven years old. Claiming under this deed I moved on the said property about March 1901 and lived there until about December 1903 then I moved off and a tenant claiming under me moved on the said property. I moved back on the property in May 1905. The deed executed to me by Martha J. Blackburn and her husband J. W. Blackburn was never recorded. About April 1906 the said deed was brought to Birmingham by my husband, Jas. R. Smith to be used in the drawing of a timber deed. When this deed was brought to Birmingham it was the last I ever saw of it. I called on the party in Birmingham who had the deed but was never able to get it. My husband James R. Smith died on May 14th 1906 without ever having gotten my deed back and I was never able to get it back.

When I bought the property I made notes payable to Martha J. Blackburn and J. W. Blackburn. I had been paying these notes ever since I bought the property in 1900. When my husband Jas. R. Smith, died I owed a balance of about Fifty and No/100 (\$50.00) Dollars on the property. I paid the balance to J. W. Blackburn on or about the 7th day of September, 1906, and had him execute a new deed to me to replace the one theretofore executed by Martha J. Blackburn and himself. Martha J. Blackburn died prior to September 7, 1906, and J. W. Blackburn had remarried. His third wife, J. C. Blackburn, joined him in the new deed to me. I had owned the said property for more than six (6) years when this new deed was made and had been in possession of said property during that time and had sold the timber.

J. W. Blackburn is dead and has been dead for several years.

Sallie J. Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the  
25th day of January 1927.

Douglas P. Wingo--Notary Public

THE STATE OF ALABAMA )

SHELBY COUNTY )

I, Cager Head, Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within affidavit was filed in this office for record Jan. 17th 1929 at 9 oclock A.M. and recorded in Deed record 37 page 485 and examined.

Cager Head--Judge of Probate