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STATE OF ALABAMA )

SHELBY COUNTY )

Before me L. L. Saxon, a Notary Public in and for said County and State personally appeared G. T. Stonecypher, known to me, and who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says on oath as follows:

My name is G. T. Stonecypher and I live at Shelby Springs, Alabama. Immediately upon the execution and delivery of the deed to me by J. W. Shoemaker and wife on the 1st day of May 1920, which said deed is recorded in Deed Book No. 66, page 531, I took possession of the following described lands to-wit:

The southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, and all that part of the north half of the southeast quarter lying north and west of the Southern Railroad and three and one half acres in the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter north and west of the Southern Railroad. J. W. Shoemaker was in possession of and living on said property when I bought it and he turned the possession over to me immediately upon the execution of the deed and I moved into the house vacated by Mr. Shoemaker. All of the above described lands were under fence and the fence was very old, indicating that it had been there a long time. Since May 1st, 1920, until the present time I have been in the actual open, notorious, exclusive, continuous, uninterrupted and adverse possession of all of said property, and no other person, firm or corporation has made any claim to any right, title or interest in, or possession of any of said property since I have been in possession, and I have continued to live in the house on said property all this time. The description in the deed made by J. W. Shoemaker to me followed the description in the old deeds and some of the description is erroneous and does not describe some little parts of the land I bought and took possession of. There are also some exceptions in the deed which followed the exceptions in the old deeds but the parties in whose favors the exceptions were made were never in possession of the lots and made no claim whatever to them except Rosa Goodenough claimed to own one acre in the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and I obtained a deed from her for a small consideration. In the Shoemaker deed to me four acres is described in the northwest quarter of southeast quarter which was intended to be four acres in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter. There is a pear orchard on this four acres which shows that it is a very old orchard and has been under fence for a great many years. I have been in possession of that orchard ever since I bought the place and the old citizens around there tell me that it was known as the M. A. Cooper orchard for 35 or 40 years. I have attempted to assess my property for taxes in accordance with the above description and any other description on any part was erroneous. I am not familiar with assessing property for taxes and the tax assessor has assisted me with the deed I had from Mr. Shoemaker and on account of the description in that deed, and not being familiar especially with land numbers at that time the assessments have not been made exactly in accordance with the lands I bought and went into possession of from Mr. Shoemaker.

G. T. Stonecypher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 31st. day of March 1926.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA )  
SHELBY COUNTY )

L. L. Saxon

I hereby certify that the within affidavit was filed in this office for record March 16th 1931 at 2 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Deed record 92 page 250 and examined.

Cage Head--Judge of Probate