

Affidavit

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
SHELBY COUNTY)

Before me, the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared W T Carden, who having been first duly sworn deposes and states as follows, to-wit: viz:

I have known and lived within sight of the S.C. Merrell lands practically all of my life. The said S.C. Merrell lived upon, and cultivated, and used as a home the tract of land which he purchased from Terrell Bice and his wife, in 1906. Said S.C. Merrell held the said property as his own, in open, notorious, continuous and peaceable possession, at all times exercising ownership and control thereof, cultivating the same, renting parts of it, and in 1912 he sold two acres in the South-west corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 24 Range 15 East to Joe Willis, and later sold some of the Eastern and Southern portions of said lands to Alabama Power Company, but retained until his death the 130 acres more or less, described as SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ all in Section 11 Township 24 Range 15 East, and about 15 acres in the NW corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12 Township 24 Range 15 East all in Shelby County, Alabama, this land was continued in the possession, ownership and control of heirs of said S.C. Merrell after his death until same was sold in 1932 by order of Court for division of proceeds among the heirs of the said S.C. Merrell.

I knew the children of S.C. Merrell who were Jane Merrell, Maggie, who married a Crawford, Dora, who married a Kiker, Ida, who married a Varner, Alice, who married a Warren and Lizzie who married a Morris.

W T Carden

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of
May 1933.

A. B. Bristow,
Notary Public.

Filed for record in this office October 16th 1933 at
3 o'clock PM and duly recorded in deed record 95, page
564 and examined.

Cage Head, Judge of Probate.