STATE OF ALABAMA)
SHELBY COUNTY....)

BEFORE me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared F. C. Douglas, F. C. Oakes, who being duly sworn deposes and says that they now reside in Pelham community, in Shelby County, Alabama; and that they have been acquainted with the ownership, possession, use and location of the hereinafter described tract of land for a period of more than 40 years last past, which lands are described as follows; to wit:

The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 20, Range 3 West; and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1. except that part of parcel of said 40 lying in the Mortheast corner thereof, which was heretofore conveyed by T. J. Cross to Hardinia B. Howie, which deed is recorded in Deed Book 85 on page 128, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, all situated in Section 1, Township 20, Range 3 West. Also, three and one-half acres, more or less, in the Southern part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 20, Range 3 West, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 1 and run thence West along the South line of said last named 40 acre tract to where said line intersects the Western right-of-way line of the Birmingham and Montgomery Highway for a point of beginning; from said point of beginning run thence 121 degrees and 45 minutes to the right along the West line of the Montgomery Highway a distance of 163.9 feet to a fence row, run thence 115 degrees and 4 minutes to the left along said old fence row a distance of 113.2 feet to a corner in the fence line, run thence 26 degrees and 16 minutes to the right of along the old fence line a distance of 1215.4 feet to the West line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1, at an iron stake; run thence South along the West line of said Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 1, to the Southwest corner of said 40, run thence East along the South line of said Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter to the point of beginning, said three and one-half acres, more or less, being situated West of the Birmingham and Montgomery, Highway. All situated in Township 20, Range 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiants further say that the above tract is known as part of the Henry Harless tract of land; that when affiant first knew said land the same was occupied by the two children of the said menry Harless, namely, - Jessie L. Harless, who afterwards married and is now known as Jessie L. Patton, and her brother J. F. Harless, and the same was occupied by said J. F. Harless and his sister Jessie L. Patton, up to the year 1896, at which time the said J. F. Harless and the said Jessie L. Patton made a division of the land formerly known as the Henry Harless Tract and the said J. F. Harless and his wife conveyed in said division the land described above, and other lands to Jessie L. Patton as shown by deed of record; that after said division, as aforesaid, Jessie L. Patton and her husband resided upon the above discribed tract using the same as a homestead up to the date of saleduring the year 1910 to T. J. Cross: that said T. J. Cross immediately took possession of said tract under said conveyance from Jessie L. Patton and husband S. J. Patton and has made the same his home continuously from that date to this date; that a large part of the above tract of land is cleared and has been cleared for more than 40 years, and is fenced and has been cultivated regularly each year; that part that is in woodland has been used as a house site, and for the use of fire wood, timber and building material for more than 40 years.

Affiants further say that when they first knew the property described above that the said J. F. Harless and his sister Jessie L. Patton were in the joint actual possession of said property, and resideng thereon in connection with other lands.

Affiants further say that of their own personal knowledge that for more than 40 years last past that J. F. Harless, and J. L. Patton; and T. J. Cross have been respectively in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceful, actual, exclusive and uninterrupted possession of the above described tract of land, claiming said property as their own respectively against a ll the world and regularly exercising acts of ownership over said lands by regularly cultivating crops upon the cleared land and using the timbered lands for building material, fire wood and as a dwelling site; and that the affiant has never heard the title, or the right of possession of the said T. J. Cross or those through whom he claim, as aforesaid, title to said land to be questioned in any way. Affiant further says that the lines bounding said property are well marked and defined and that he has never heard any dispute as to the location thereof.

F. C. Douglas F. C. Oates

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 9 day of December, 1935

Jno P. Lee,
Justice of the Peace
Shelby County, Alabama

Filed for record in this office the lath day of December, 1935, and recorded in Deed Record No. 99, page 96, and examined.

L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate.