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STATE OFALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority, personall appeared T. P. Ray, who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he resides in the Community known as Ray Town, and he gets his mail Columbiana Route One, in Shelby County, Alabama; that for a period of more than fifty years, last past, he has been acquainted with the following tracttof lands, to-wit:

The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, of Section 13, Township 20, Range 1 West.

Affiant further says that he has known the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13, Township 20, Range 1 West, for more than fifty years and that during that time y ur affiant has been the only owner and party in possession of said premises. Affiant further says that in the year 1904 that the above described property was assessed by the tax assessor of Shelby County, Alabama in the name of 'Owner Unknown" and at said sale your affiant became the purchaser thereof, as shown in Tax Sale record 2, page 48, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama; and that on the 4th day of August, 1906, the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama; and deed conveying this property, which

is shown in Deed Book 48, on page 51, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Snelby County, Alabama. Affiant further says that prior to the date of said sale and for a number of years prior thereto there was no one in possession or claiming said forty acres, but that immediately upon the purchase of the same by your affiant, as shown of record, that he immediately entered into possession of said lands and has been in possession continuously up until the present time; that when your affiant became the purchaser thereof, as shown or record, he immediately began assessing said property for taxes and has regularly assessed the same continuously for the past thirty-five years; that he immediately entered into the possession and sold the timber therefrom and has from time to time cut timber and fire wood therefrom, and for some years cultivated a part of said forty. Affiant further says that for a good many years, approximately twenty years, that he has had this tract of land enclosed under fence and has use it for pasture purposes. Affiant further says that at the time he purchased the above described land at a tax sale it was unknown in the community to whom the said property belonged.

Affiant further says that he knows that for the past fifty years that there has been no claimants or party in possession of said Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 13, except your affiant, and that he has since the date of said tax sale, as aforesaid, been in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceful and adverse possession of said forty acres of land, regularly assessing said forty for taxes, and paying the taxes thereon, cutting wood and timber therefrom, cultivating part of the same, and for approximately twenty years, he has had the same under fence for pasture purposes, and claiming said lands as his own against all the world, and exercising acts of ownership over the same, as aforesaid; that he has never heard his title to said property to be questioned in any way.

Affiant further says that he bought the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter from Walter E. Lester, or W. E. Lester, being the one and the same party, on February 3, 1900, and immediately entered into possession of the same, regularly assessed and paid taxes thereon, and cut timber from the woodland part thereof, cultivated part of it for more than thirty years and for approximately twenty years has had it under fence.

Affiant further says that his possession of the above described lands have been open, notorious, continuous and peaceful and adverse, and that he has claimed the same under ownership and has exercised acts of ownership, as aforesaid; that he has never heard his title questioned in any way, nor has his possession been questioned in any way.

T. P. Ray

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 25th day of November, 1939.

L. G. Fulton, Clerk of Circuit Court Shelby County, Alabama.

Filed in this office January 17, 1940 at 8 am and recorded in Deed Record 107 at page 486 and examined.

L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate