

Affidavit 1667

State of Alabama

Shelby County) Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said State and County, personally appeared W.T.Mason, who, after first being by me duly sworn according to law to speak the truth, deposes and says: He is 54 years of age and has lived approximately seven miles from the town of Columbiana, since the year 1919, and affiant has all along been well acquainted with the property described below and those in possession of it. Said property being described as follows:

Lots 2 and 3 in Block 2, according to the survey and map of J.W. Johnston's Addition to Columbiana, which map was certified to on June 28, 1924, by J.D. Moor, Civil Engineer, Leeds, Alabama, and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, on the 10th day of July 1924, said property being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Northwest corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 21 South of Range 1 West, thence East along the North line of said section 614.4 feet to the East line of Thompson Street, according to above survey, thence 96 degrees and 10 minutes to the right and in a southerly direction along the East line of said Thompson Street 274 feet to the northwest corner of above described lot 3, which is the point of beginning of the property herein described, thence southerly along the East line of said Thompson Street 100 feet to the southwest corner of lot 2, thence 93 degrees and 45 minutes to the left and along the southerly line of lot 2, 140 feet to the west line of an alley, thence in a Northerly direction along the West line of said alley 100 feet to the Northeast corner of above described lot 3, thence westerly along the North line of said lot 3, a distance of 140 feet to the point of beginning, said property being situated in Shelby County Alabama.

That Affiant purchased said property on November 15, 1927 from Mrs. Mary M. Johnston, the widow of J. W. Johnston, and the sole beneficiary under the will of said J. W. Johnston. Affiant's deed to said property is recorded in deed book 79, page 611, in the Probate office of Shelby County, Alabama. Affiant went into immediate possession of said property, each and every foot of it, at the time he purchased it and has kept close supervision over it, and has made personal inspections of said property, each and every foot of it, an average of two times a year, each and every year, since he purchased said property. Affiant has from time to time removed stacks and rubbish from said property, each and every foot of it. Said property each and every foot of it, was enclosed by a fence, with other parcels of property owned by grantees of said J. W. Johnston and his widow, Mary M. Johnston, from November 15, 1927, the date affiant purchased said property, until October, 1938, when W.F. Payne purchased some lots adjoining the above described property, at which time said fence was torn down. Affiant further says he has attended this fence from time to time. At the time affiant purchased said property its boundaries were indicated by wooden stakes at the four corners of said property and affiant took care that said wooden stakes remained intact during each and every year until October, 1938, when affiant and the above said W. F. Payne removed said wooden stakes and put iron stakes in their place, which iron stakes have been there continuously until this very day. Affiant has permitted said property to be used as part of a pasture from year to year during the time he has owned it, and for the past six years he has given L. C. Taylor permission to use said property to graze his cow on. This past spring affiant plowed said property. From time to time affiant has carried prospective purchasers to look at said property and affiant has paid the taxes on said property, each and every foot of it, each and every year since he purchased it.

Affiant further says that since the year 1919, to his personal knowledge J.W. Johnston and then Mary M Johnston and then affiant have been in actual, open and notorious possession of said property and he has never known of the title to said property being disputed.

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W. T. Mason

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 10th day of October, 1940.

L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate - Filed for record Dec 18th 1940 and recorded Deed Rec 109, page
and examined L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate