Affidavit 757002)

STATE OF ALABAMA )
SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared B. J. Owen, who being duly sworn deposes and says that he resides at Columbiana, Alabama; that he was reared and formerly lived in the Wilsonville Community; that for a period of more than forty years last past he has been acquainted with the ownership, possession and use of the following described lands situated in Wilsonville, Shelby County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 20, Range 2 East, which lies east of the right of way of the highway, and containing 27 acres, more or less.

Affiant further says that he remembers when T. R. Stevens purchased the above described lands from B. L. Green and that soon after the date of said purchase the said T. R. Stevens built a residence on the above described tract of land and resided thereon and cultivated the tillable land thereto connected for several years, in fact up until the date and occasion of the sale to W. W. Wingard, sometimes known as William W. Wingard, about the year 1909. The said William W. Wingard resided on said property and cultivated the tillable land thereon for several years, in fact up until the time about the year 1911, when he sold said lands to one Jesse M. Honeycutt; and that affiant remembers that during the time the said Wingard resided upon said property, and at the date of the conveyance on November 7, 1911, that the said William W. Wingard was an unmarried man. Affiant further says that Jesse M. Honeycutt moved on and occupied the above described lands soon after he purchased the same from the said William W. Wingard; and that he lived thereon and cultivated said lands for several years. Affiant further says that his best recollection is that the said Jesse M. Honeycutt resided upon said property at the time of his death.

Affiant further says that he remembers the occasion when said property was sold and purchased by L. B. Riddle, and the said Riddle in turn during latter part of 1918 conveyed the property to W. G. Brown. Affiant further says he rented the property from W. G. Brown during the year 1919 and cultivated said lands. Affiant further says that he remembers the occasion in 1921 when W. G. Brown conveyed this property to Mrs. Katie Thornton; and that soon thereafter Mrs. Katie Thornton moved upon said property and resided thereon for some five or six years,

and after that time she has regularly rented said property to various tenants from year to year.

Affiant further says that of his own personal knowledge he knows that for more than forty years last past Mrs. Katie Thornton and those through whom the said Mrs. Katie Thornton holds title to the above described land, have been, respectively, in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceable and adverse possession of said lands, claiming them as their own, respectively, and residing thereon as a homestead and cultivating the lands contiguous thereto and claiming the same against all the world, and exercising acts of ownership over said lands as heretofore named; that affiant has never heard the title of the said Mrs. Katie Thornton, or those through whom she holds title to said lands to be questioned in any way.

B. J. Owen

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 15 day of January, 1941

L. C. Walker, Judge of Prohate, Shelby County, Alabama.

Filed for record in this office the 21st day of January, 1941 at 2 PM and recorded in Deed Record #111 on page 102 and 103 and examined.

L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama.