

## AFFIDAVIT

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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, L. C. Walker, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State personally appeared J. T. Seale who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says he is 71 years old and has lived near the property described below for the past fifty years and has all along been well acquainted with it and with the persons in possession of it. Said property being described as follows:

The  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16;

The  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 17;

The  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20;

And Fraction D in Section 21; all being in Township 22, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama.

When affiant first remembers said property, it belonged to Thomas J. Wells, who lived on it and farmed parts of it and used parts of it as a pasture and obtained firewood and building lumber from the wooded part of it, each and every year until November, 2, 1900, when he sold the same to W. J. Harris and J. T. Parker who were brothers-in-law and who lived on it and farmed parts of it and used parts of it as a

a pasture and obtained firewood and building lumber from the wooded part of it each and every year until January 11, 1902, when W. J. Harris sold his one-half interest to J. T. Parker, who continued to occupy said property as aforesaid until September 2, 1903, when he sold the same to John Winslett. John Winslett took possession of said property and rented it out to tenants who lived on it and farmed parts of it and used parts of it as a pasture and obtained firewood and building lumber from the wooded parts of it each and every year until the end of 1905; in fact, affiant was a tenant on said property during the years 1904 and 1905. Beginning at the first of the year 1906, John Winslett moved on said place and lived on it and farmed parts of it and used parts of it as a pasture and obtained firewood and building lumber from the wooded parts of it each and every year until about three years prior to his death on December 14, 1928. During said three years, he rented it out to Mr. Pierce Barley, a tenant, who lived on and farmed parts of said property and used parts of it as a pasture and obtained firewood and building lumber from the wooded parts of it each and every year until about the time of said John Winslett's death. After the death of John Winslett, his wife, Emma Winslett and children took possession of said property and held the same until the said Emma Winslett's death on October 1, 1930, at which time the three children of said John Winslett and Emma Winslett, namely: O. W. Winslett, Mary Fannie Winslett Horton, and Carroll Winslett, being the sole and surviving heirs at law of John Winslett and Emma Winslett, took possession of said property and lived on it and farmed parts of it and used parts of it as a pasture and obtained firewood and building lumber from the wooded parts of it until this very day. However, Carroll Winslett, an unmarried woman, died intestate, May 10, 1932, and O. W. Winslett, an unmarried man, died intestate October 6, 1939. Neither John Winslett nor Emma Winslett left a Will and there has been no Administration on their Estate, but I've never known of anyone having any claims against them since their death.

I have never known of W. E. Harrison nor Preston A. Bristow nor A. B. Bristow having any interest whatsoever in said land.

The possession of Mary Fannie Winslett Horton and the possession of those persons through whom she claims, has as far back as affiant can remember to his own knowledge been open, actual, notorious, adverse, hostile, exclusive, peaceful, quiet, continuous and under color of title and claim of ownership. The affiant has never known of anyone being in possession of said property claiming adverse to said owners, nor has he known of anyone disputing their title.

J. T. Seale

State of Alabama

Shelby County

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this the 5th day of November, 1942.

L. C. Walker,

Judge of Probate

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge the 13th day of November, 1942 at 9 o'clock A. M. and recorded in the Deed Record 114 on page 115 this the 30th day of November, 1942.

L. C. Walker,

Judge of Probate

NO TAX DUE ON THIS INSTRUMENT