

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, L. C. Walker, a Judge of Probate, in and for said County in said State, personally appeared Charles Knowles, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth deposes and says that he is 67 years old and has lived in the community in which the property described below is situated all his life and has all along been well acquainted with it and with those in possession of it. Said property being described as follows:

Parcel A. All that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 24, Range 13 East, lying west of the Montevallo and Montgomery public road except a strip 100 yards wide off the north end, situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Parcel B. Also that part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 24, Range 13 East, described as beginning at the NE corner of said forty acres and running in a southwesterly direction to the middle of the west line of said forty acres, thence north to the northwest corner of said forty acres, thence east to the point of beginning, situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant first remembers said property when he was some 12 years old and at that time, Parcel A belonged to E. F. Seale, who lived on said Parcel A and farmed parts of it and obtained firewood and building timber from the remainder each and every year until the fall of 1899 when he sold the said Parcel A to M.A. and N. T. Lucas. They went into immediate possession of same and rented said land to Affiant, who farmed parts of the same and obtained firewood and building timber from the remainder until November 28, 1900, when the said M. A. and N. T. Lucas sold said Parcel A to Mary Lee West, being one and the same person as Mary L. West.

Affiant first remembers Parcel B when it belonged to Bill Seale. Said Parcel B was all in woods except for about an acre in the northeast portion thereof, which was laid out for cultivation. Said Bill Seale farmed parts of said land and obtained firewood and building timber from the remainder each and every year until a short time prior to 1897, when he sold the same to Mary L. West.

Said Mary L. West went into immediate possession of said Parcels A and B when she purchased the same and rented it out to tenants who farmed parts of it and obtained firewood and building timber from the remainder each and every year until November 27, 1922, when she sold the same to W. T. Tucker, who went into immediate possession of same and farmed parts of it and obtained firewood and building timber from the remainder each and every year until November 30, 1927, when he sold Parcels A and B to Ora L. Prestige, being one and the same person as Ora L. Prestridge and Ora Prestridge, who went into immediate possession of same and farmed parts of it and obtained firewood and building timber from the remainder each and every year until her death on the 11th day of August, 1939. After her death, her Administrator sold Parcels A and B to Ludie Edmonds on the 27th day of January, 1941, who went into immediate possession of same and rented the same out to tenants, who farmed parts of it and obtained firewood and building timber from the remainder until May 7, 1941, when she sold the same to R. L. Vickory and wife, Mattie L. Vickory, who went into immediate possession of same and rented it out to tenants who farmed parts of it and obtained firewood and building timber from the remainder each and every year until this very day.

Affiant has examined the Deed from Mary Lee West and husband, P. O. West, dated

dated November 27, 1922, and recorded in Deed Book 69, Page 539; Deed from W. T. Tucker and wife, Eula E. Tucker, to Ora L. Prestige, dated November 30, 1927, and recorded in Deed Book 679, Page 637, both of said Deeds being recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, and Affiant knows that it was intended to convey ten acres in said Deeds instead of two acres in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 7, Township 24, Range 13 East, Shelby County, Alabama, and that the property is correctly described in Deed from Ora Prestridge, deceased, by T. F. Prestridge, Administrator, to Ludie Edmonds, dated January 27, 1941, and recorded in Deed Book 111, page 228 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant has never heard of Mattie Rennon owning either Parcel A or B described above and has never seen her in the community where the land is situated.

I am a cousin of George W. Randall, who died in the year _____, and I was familiar with his Estate and know that his Estate has no claim against the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 24, Range 13 East, lying west of the Montevallo Road and situated in Shelby County, Alabama, by virtue of that certain mortgage executed by Mary Lee West and husband, P. O. West, to George W. Randall, dated December 7, 1904, for \$270.00, and which was recorded in Mortgage Book 63, Page 229 in the Probate Office of Shelby County Alabama.

The possession of R. L. Vickory and wife, Mattie L. Vickory, and those through they claim has as far back as affiant can ^{re-}member to his own knowledge been open, actual, notorious, adverse, hostile, exclusive, peaceful, quiet, continuous and under color of title and claim of ownership. 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.

Charles Knowles

State of Alabama

Shelby county

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 8th day of February, 1943.

L. C. Walker,

Judge of Probate

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge the 9th day of March, 1943, at 2 o'clock P. M. and recorded in the Deed Record 114 on page 394 on this the 10th day of March, 1943.

L. C. Walker,

Judge of Probate

NO TAX DUE ON THIS INSTRUMENT