AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ALABAMA
JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Before me, M. L. Bluttman, a Notary Public personally appeared Gallie Aldridge, who being duly sworn, deposes and says, as follows: I am the wife of J. H. Aldridge. My maiden name was Caroline McLendon, and I have been called Callie, for short. I am the grand-daughter of Dixon McLeondon and Jordan Jones on my mother's side. These persons were grantees in a certain deed of trust recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in book M., page 483, from Eleanor B. Barnett; I have never known Eleanor B. Barnett personally, but I understand that she has beendeed many, many years. In fact, I feel sure I would have known her if she had been living in the last twenty-five or thirty years. I am 52 years old.

I knew Lewis McLendon, one of the beneficiaries in the deed above referred to; he is an uncle of my grandfather, and he has been dead for many years.

I knew the grantors in the deeds from W. M., J. L., P. L., J. H., Callie, E. A. Aldridge to J. S. Evans, recorded in deed book 26, page 369, in the Probate Office of Shelby County. J. H. Aldridge was the husband of affiant, who was a party to said deed. E. A. Aldridge was a single man, and so was W. M. Aldridge at that time. P. L. Aldridge was the wife of J. L. Aldridge. The land described in that deed was no part of the homestead of any of the grantors.

I also knew J. A. Aldridge and Lela Aldridge, who made a conveyance on the 16th day of October, 1894, to W. M., J. H., and J. L. Aldridge, recorded in deed book 44, page 24, in the Probate Office of Shelby County. The grantors in that deed were husband and wife. The property therein conveyed was no part of the homestaed of the grantors.

I also knew and know G. P. and Mrs. L. H. Aldridge, who, on the 30th day of August, 1895, made a deed to W. M., J. H. and J. L. Aldridge, recorded in deed book 44, page 25, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. The grantors in that deed were husband and wife, and the property therein described was no part of their homestead.

I also knew David E. McLendon and Dixon McLendon, who, on the 19th day of March, 1889, joined with Sallie Byrd and husband in a deed to affiant, which was recorded in book 14, page 163, Shelby County.

The said David E. McLendon and Dixon McLendon were unmarried at the time of the execution of said deed.

I am well acquainted with the ownership and possession of the following described property, lying and being in Shelby County, towit:

"Beginning on the Eastern boundary line of Section 4, T. 22, R. 2 W. at a point 881 feet from the S. E. corner of the N. E. Quarter of N. E. Quarter of Section 4, thence north along said Section line and the Eastern boundary line of Section 33, T. 21, same range 870 feet, thence W. to the right of way of the South & North Ala. R. R. thence S. along said right of way to the south boundary line of said Section 33, thence East along said South boundary line of said Section 33 to the N. W. corner of the N. E. quarter of N. W. quarter of Section 4, thence South to to the N. W. corner of the land of Sallie Byrd, thence East along the line of the land of Sallie Byrd to the point of beginning, containing 80 acres, more or less."

I have been acquainted with the possession and ownership of said property for all my life. I bought this property on the 19th day of March, 1889 from Sallie Byrd and husband, and from D. E. McLendon and Dixon McLendon, and received their conveyance therefor, as hereinabove shown; I had known that property for many years before that time, and know that the grantors in that deed were in the actual possession of the property at that time, controlling and cultivating the same, or having the same cultivated by tenants, and claiming the same openly, notoriously and adversely against all the world. I entered upon the possession of said land immediately after the execution of said deed, and remained in the continuous, open, notorious and adverse possession of the same, cultivating it by tenants, and actively controlling the same until the 6th day of February, 1895, when I sold and conveyed the same to Annie Lee O'Neel. The said Annie Lee O'Neel

entered upon said land and held the same openly, notoriously and adversely until on, towit: The 31st of August, 1905, when she sold and conveyed the same to J. S. Evans, who thereupon entered said lands and held the same openly, notoriously and adversely until on, towit: the 11th day of September, 1907, when he sold and conveyed same to G. D. Baldwin, who has ever since been in the actual, open, notorious and adverse possession thereof, claiming the same against all the world. During all this time the title and possession of said land in the several owners, as hereinabove set forth, has hever been questioned by anyone; there has been no litigation or adverse claim in regard to it, or any suggestion of any defect in the title brought home to me.

Caroline Aldridge

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this eht 15th day of December, 1917.

M. L. Bluttman, Notary Public

Notarial Seal

Filed for record in this office on the 27th day of November, 1943, at ten o'clock A. M. and duly recorded in Deed Record Vol. 117 on page 478.

No tax due on this instrument

L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate