AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, X
SHELBY COUNTY.....)(

Before me, Paul O. Luck, a Notary Public in and for said County, and in said State, personally appeared H. T. Riley, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he resides near Columbiana, in Shelby County, Alabama; and that for a period of fifty-four years last past, he has been acquainted with the location, ownership, use, possession of the following described lands, to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, all in Section 15, Township 21, Range 1 East, situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant further says that when he first knew of the ownership and use of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 15 that the same was owned and occupied by T.M. Duncan as a homestead and that on or about the year 1890 the said T.M. Duncan conveyed said forty acres to H.H.

Stoudemire and at that time there was approximately twenty-five acres of land cleared and in cultivation, and that the remainder was in woodland which was used for firewood and for rail timber; affiant further says that he worked as a farm hand, on or about the time the said lands were purchased by H.H. Stoudemire, on the above described lands and cut rails and firewood from this particular forty acres; affiant further sayd that this tract of land had a log dwelling house on it and that said dwelling was used by H.H. Stoudemire for tenant farmers continuously up until on or about the year 1906 when this property was sold by H.H. Stoudemire to John S. Stone; affiant further says that John S. Stone went into possession of the above described forty acres soon after the date of purchase, as afores id, and continued in possession until about the year 1920 at which time he sold said lands to J.F. Pope; affiant further says that J.F. Pope, the heirs-at-law of J.F. Pope, and the J. F. Pope Company, Incorporated have been in the continous possession by tenants since the date of purchase of the above described property.

Affiant further says that he knows of his own personal knowledge that for the past fifty-four years or longer that the above described lands have been continuously used either as a homestead site, or for farming purposes by the several owners, namely, T. M. Duncan, H.H. Stoudemire, John S. Stone, and J.F. Pope, the heirs-at-law of J.F. Pope, and the J.F. Pope & Company, Incorporated, by its agents.

Affiant further says that of his own personal knowledge that he knows that for the past fifty-four years, That J.F. Pope Company, Incorporated, and those through whom said Company holds title, namely, T. M. Duncan, H.H. Stoudemire, John S. Stone, and the heirs-at-law of J.F. Pope, to the above described land have been respectively in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceable, and adverse possession of said forty acres of land, claiming said lands as their own respectively against the world and exercising acts of ownership over said lands by regularly cultivating a large part of it in farm products from year to year, and using the woodland thereof for firewood and for farm purposes; that affiant has never heard the title of the said The J.F. Pope Company, Incorporated, or those through whom it holds title to said Lands to be questioned in any way.

Affiant further says that he knew Celestia Dunlap, who was a school teacher when she owned the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 21, Range 1 East, and particularly on or about November 8, 1900, when she conveyed the above described forty acre tract to J.T. Vansant, and knows of his own personal knowledge that the said Celestia Dunlap at that time was an unmarried woman.

H. T. Riley

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 2 day of November, 1943.

Paul O. Luck
Notary Public, Shelby County, Alabama

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge the 1st day of December, 1943 at 11 o'clock A.M. and recorded in the Deed Record 117 on page 482 on this the 1st day of December, 1943.

NO TAX DUE ON THIS INSTRUMENT

L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate