

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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JEFFERSON COUNTY)

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared the undersigned Maude Edwards Nolan, who being by me duly sworn deposes and says:

I am the owner of that certain tract of land described as the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{2}$ and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 22, Range 1 East, situated in Shelby County, Alabama, except ten acres situated in the Northwest corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 3, heretofore sold by me to Mary E. Finn, said ten acres being described as follows:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 3, thence East 933.38 feet, thence South 466.69 feet, thence West 933.38 feet, thence North 466.69 feet to the point of beginning.

Said land was given to me by my great aunt, Miss Bettie V. Horton, by her will. My great aunt died on March 12th, 1928, and her will by which she gave and devised said lands to me was duly probated in the Probate Court of Shelby County, Alabama, on November 19th, 1928.

My great aunt, Miss Bettie V. Horton, was living on said land at the time of her death and had owned said lands for fifty-two years before her death and had resided on said lands, claiming to own the same, during all that time, and so far as I know no one ever disputed her title thereto. I was living with my great aunt at the time of her death and I have lived on said lands and claimed to own the same continuously for the past seventeen years, ever since my great aunt's death, and no one has ever disputed my title thereto or questioned my title in any way. Some of the lands have been cultivated each year from year to year. Some of said lands have been enclosed with fences ever since I have owned the land and as far back as I can remember and the house on the lands in which I live is the same house as that in which my great aunt, Miss Bettie V. Horton, lived practically all of her life, and she was over eighty years of age at the time of her death.

The said lands were bought by my great grandfather, Willie Horton, in 1847, about ninety-eight years ago, and the Horton family has owned and been in possession of said lands continuously during all that time. According to my information my great grandfather executed two mortgages on the lands, one dated April 30th, 1859, to George A. Logan for \$1240.00 and another dated February 8th, 1861, to George A. Logan for \$1250.00, that my great grandfather did not pay said mortgages but my grandfather, Isaac W. Edwards, whose wife was a daughter of Willie Horton, and a great aunt of affiant, acquired said lands under said mortgages and my great aunt, Miss Bettie V. Horton, purchased the lands from her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Edwards, who as stated were my grandfather and grandmother, who made a deed conveying said lands to Miss Bettie V. Horton on January 22nd, 1876, and my great aunt, Miss Bettie V. Horton, as stated, lived in the house on said lands and claimed to own the same continuously from the time she purchased it from Isaac W. Edwards and wife on January 22nd, 1876, up to the time of her death on March 12th, 1928.

My possession of said lands and my title thereto have never in any manner been disputed or questioned during the seventeen years that I have owned the same and I have been in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceable, exclusive possession of said lands during the past seventeen years, claiming to be the sole and absolute owner of the same, adverse to all the world and my aunt, who by her will gave the land to me, was likewise in the open, notorious, peaceable, exclusive, continuous, adverse possession of said lands, claiming to own the same absolutely, for more than fifty-two years prior and up to her death.

Maude Edwards Nolan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of September, 1945.

Sam'l. L. Graham, Notary Public.

Filed for record in this office on the 27th day of September, 1945, at one o'clock P. M. and duly recorded in Deed Record Vol. 121 on page 564 and examined.

L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate.

NO TAX DUE ON THIS INSTRUMENT.