

STATE OF ALABAMA

JEFFERSON COUNTY

BEFORE ME, the Undersigned Authority, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared G. Ralph Hayes, who is known to me and who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says on oath, that he the said affiant, is 49 years of age and resides on Route 3, Bessmer, Alabama, near Generys Gap; Affiant is familiar with the property known as the "Blake Place," which now belongs to Ewing Carter, and which property is described as:

The southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 28, Township 20, Range 4 West, Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant says that said property at one time belonged to R.M. Blake; that said R.M. Blake purchased said property from T.B. Stovall in about March, 1925; Affiant says that said R.M. Blake from time to time occupied the house on said property in person, and on several occasions rented out said property to various and sundry tenants who cultivated portion of said land; Affiant says that here is about 15 acres of land in said quarter section now open for cultivation, and that the same has been farmed from year to year ever since the time R.M. Blake purchased said property; Affiant says that said property was either farmed by R.M. Blake, or by his tenants, up until the time that said R.M. Blake conveyed the property to D. Trotter Jones and wife, Mary Etta Blake Jones in November, 1934; Affiant says that the said R.M. Blake held the open, notorious, continuous, peaceful and uninterrupted adverse possession of said property during all the time that he owned the same from March, 1925 up until he sold said property to D. Trotter Jones and wife, Mary Etta Blake Jones in November, 1934. Affiant says that the said D. Trotter Jones and wife, Mary Etta Blake Jones, rented out said property from time to time and collected rentals thereon, and exercised many acts of ownership over said property, and held the open, notorious, continuous, peaceful and uninterrupted adverse possession of said property under claim of ownership, all the time that they owned said property from November, 1934, up until they sold said property to Ewing Carter in December, 1944. Affiant further says that the said Ewing Carter has torn down the old residence on said property and erected a new concrete tile residence in place thereof, and has erected a frame barn, built fences, and built a dam for the lake and otherwise generally improved said property; that said Ewing Carter has had the open, notorious, continuous, peaceful and uninterrupted adverse possession of said property under claim of ownership ever since he purchased said property up to and including the present date. Affiant has lived within one mile of said property for many years, and has never heard of anyone questioning the ownership of said property, or claiming any right to possession or title thereon, other than the parties last hereinabove mentioned. Affiant says that there is an old barbed wire fence along the westerly line of the property; that said fence has been up more than Twenty years; Affiant says that the lines of said property are well marked and defined, and are generally known and accepted throughout the neighborhood; Affiant says that George Ross has property along the Northerly line of the property and that the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company has property adjoining said property on the South and East.

G. Ralph Hayes
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 1 day of July, 1948.

J.B. Griffin
Notary Public

Notarial Seal

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge the 16th day of July, 1948 at 8 o'clock A.M. and recorded in the Deed Record 134 on page 270 on this the 16th day of July, 1948.

L.C. Walker,

NO TAX DUE ON THIS INSTRUMENT

Judge of Probate