

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ALABAMA

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SHELBY COUNTY

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared L.B. Riddle, who is known to me and who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says:

I was acquainted with G.B. McLeod, T.A. McLeod, and J.P. McLeod, who was also known as John McLeod. G.B. McLeod was also known as Granville McLeod. T.A. McLeod was also known as Tom McLeod.

I was reared at, or near, Wilsonville, Alabama, in Shelby County, close by where the McLeod's lived. Said J.P. McLeod (John McLeod) died intestate subsequent to 1913. He was unmarried and he left surviving him as his sole heirs at law and next of kin, his brothers, T.A. McLeod and G.B. McLeod. Said G.B. McLeod (Granville McLeod) died intestate, an inhabitant of Shelby County, Alabama, on or about December 10, 1935, and left surviving him as his sole heirs at law and next of kin, his widow, Lizzie McLeod, and one daughter, Maggie McLeod Manigault, whose husband is W.W. Manigault. His estate was administered in the Probate Court of Shelby County, Alabama, and a final settlement had. Said T.A. McLeod died intestate on the 22nd day of April, 1947, and left surviving him, as his sole heirs at law and next of kin his widow, Lena McLeod, and the following children, all of whom were over twenty years of age:

- 1. Anna McLeod Robinson, a daughter (Annie)
- 2. Will Park McLeod, a son
- 3. Mildred McLeod Mahlatjie, a daughter
- 4. Daniel McLeod, a son

5. Gaines McLeod, a son.

His estate was administered in the Probate Court of Shelby County, Alabama, and a final settlement of the estate was had by decree of the Court dated August 18, 1948.

I am acquainted with the West half of the Northeast Quarter, and the East half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 21, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama, and have known this land for fifty years or more. E. Weaver, and others, executed to said G.B. McLeod, T.A. McLeod, and J.P. McLeod, a deed to this 160 acres of land on the 8th day of November, 1908, which is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 43, at page 20. The grantees in said deed went into possession of said property immediately after execution of said deed, and cultivated portions of it each and every year, or had it cultivated each and every year be tenants until the death of said J.P. McLeod (John McLeod) and thereafter said G.B. McLeod and T.A. McLeod remained in possession of said property, cultivating portions of it, or having portions of it cultivated each and every year until the death of said G.B. McLeod, and thereafter, T.A. McLeod and the heirs at law of G.B. McLeod remained in possession of the same, cultivating portions of it, or having portions of it cultivated each and every year until the fall of 1943, when the said McLeod land was divided between T.A. McLeod and the heirs of said G.B. McLeod (Granville McLeod) and during all the time aforementioned the said McLeods as referred to, had the actual, open, notorious, exclusive, continuous, adverse possession of said property, cultivating portions of it, or having it cultivated each and every year, and during that time no other person, firm, or corporation ever advances any claim thereto. Their possession was peaceable and absolute during that period of time. The McLeods owned land other than this 160 acres, some of which lay to the west and northwest, and some of which lay south, southwest, and southeast. It was a large tract of land. This 160 acres of land at the time of division was subject to two mortgages to J.H. Blalock, and it was deeded to Mildred McLeod, who is the same person as M. McLeod and Mildred McLeod Mahlatjie.

L.B. Riddle

Sworn and subscribed to before me on this the 7th day of October, 1950.

Handy Ellis, Notary Public State at Large

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the 3 day of November 1950 at 2:00 P.M. and recorded in Deed Record 143 on page 79 this the 27 day of November, 1950.

L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate

NO TAX DUE ON THIS INSTRUMENT.
