

AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM S. PRITCHARD

STATE OF ALABAMA

JEFFERSON COUNTY

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, one WILLIAM S. PRITCHARD, who is known to me and who being by me first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

That he resides in the City of Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama, and has been actively engaged in the practice of law in the said City for more than twenty-five years next before the date of this affidavit. Affiant further says that he is well a cquainted with the SW_2^1 of the SE_4^1 and the W_2^1 of the SE_4^1 of the SE_4^1 , Section 19, Township 19, Range 2 East, in Shelby County, Alabama. And that affiant was the owner of said land for many years. That one W.R. Hoffman who was then in the actual, open and visible possession of said lands, claiming to own the same in his own right, conveyed said property to affiant and Margaret W. Burton and Myrtle O. Wilkinson in 1933; that affiant and said other named grantees thereupon went into the immediate, actual, open possession of said lands so conveyed and continued in such possession until the year 1934, when the said Margaret W. Burton and Myrtle O. Wilkinson conveyed their interest in said property to affiant. That thereafter affiant continued in the open, exclusive, adverse and visible possession under claim of absolute title to said lands and claiming to own the same in his own right until affiant conveyed the same to B. George in the year 1946; that during all of said period from the year 1934 when affiant so acquired the full title to said lands until theyear 1946, when affiant so conveyed the same to said B. George, affiant exercised all of the usual acts of possession of an owner of which said lands were capable; that he annually assessed and paid the taxes thereon and affiant's ownership was well known in the community in which said lands were situated and that no person ever disputed affiant's title to said lands or and part thereof during the said period of about twelve years in which affiant so owned the same.

At the time when W.R. Hoffman conveyed the lands herein referred to, to affiant, William S. Pritchard and the said Margaret W. Burton and Myrtle O. Wilkinson, all of said land was under fence and a substantial part thereof was then being cultivated by the said W.R. Hoffman personally, or through tenants to whom portions of said land were rented by the said W.R. Hoffman. That upon the date of said conveyance, affiant took over the management and control of said lands from the said W.R. Hoffman and continued to rent said lands to tenant farmers who actually cultivated said lands and paid affiant rent therefor. Said land was continuously under fence and continuously under cultivation each and every year from the date of said conveyance until the said Pritchard conveyed said lands to B. George in the year 1946. After Margaret W. Burton and Myrtle O. Wilkinson, joined by their respective husbands in 1933, conveyed said lands to affiant, William S. Pritchard, the said Pritchard farmed said lands, maintained fences around all of the said lands and personally and individually collected the rent thereon for each year until the said sale to the said B. George.

No one ever, at any time during the period covered by this affidavit asserted any claim of any right, title or ownership in or to any of the said land other than the said ritchard.

Affiant makes this affidavit for the purpose of clearing the title to the said lands.

William S. Pritchard

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 13th day of March, 1951.

Louise J. Stewart, Notary Public

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Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the 15th day of "arch, 1951 at 2:00 P.M. and recorded in Deed Record 145 on page 197 this the 31st day of March, 1951.

L.C. Walker

Judge of Probate

NO TAX DUE ON THIS INSTRUMENT.