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STATE OF ALABAMA,
SHELBY COUNTY.

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Elmer Carden, who is known to me and who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says:

I am acquainted with the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 12, Township 24, Range 15 East, Shelby County, Alabama, and have known this land for forty years or more. I was born and reared in the community where this land lies and still reside there. This land was formerly known as the Matthews land. The Matthews tract of land consisted of this forty acres and quite a bit of other land in that section of the county.

Mr. S. C. Merrell, who was known as Sanders Merrell, owned land in this same community but it lies one-half mile west of the forty above described. Mr. Merrell never did own, nor was he ever in possession of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of said Section 12. Mr. Merrell has been dead eighteen or twenty years and the land he owned in this section of the country is now owned by others.

I am acquainted with Mr. A. V. Glasscock who owns and is in possession of that part of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of said Section 12, lying south and west of Spring Creek. He has been in actual possession of it and had a fishing camp on this property since he acquired it in 1946.

Mr. Keener Matthews (K. N.) was the owner of and in possession of this particular forty acres of land for the last forty years until he sold that part of the forty south of the creek to Mr. A. V. Glasscock. It is my understanding also that this tract of land and a large body of land adjoining it was known as the Ware property but I have no personal knowledge of the Wares. I am not informed whether Mr. K. N. Matthews, who was a preacher, owned the entire tract but he was a min in possession of it during the time I have known it. During the time I have known the land no other person, firm or corporation has laid any claim to the forty acres of land south of the creek, or been in possession of it except Mr. Matthews and persons owning under him.

Elmer Carden
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Sworn and subscribed to before me on this the 21st day of October, 1951.

Handy Ellis
Notary Public State at Large for Alabama

Filed in the Office of the Probate Judge on the 17 day of Nov 1951 at 2:30 o'clock P M.
and recorded in Deed Book 149 Page 265 this 23 day of Nov 1951.
Deed Tax Mortgage Tax has been paid.
L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate