

STATE OF ALABAMA,

SHELBY COUNTY.

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

I am acquainted with the E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 13, Township 19, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama, and have known the same all my life and I am now 46 years of age. During all of my life I have lived in the community or section where this land is located. I was acquainted with J. W. Arthur in his lifetime. He died prior to 1946 and left surviving him his widow, Mrs. J. W. Arthur and two children, Mrs. B. C. Harris, whose husband was B. C. Harris and Mrs. Billie A. Sandlin whose husband was R. S. Sandlin.

These two children and the widow constituted the sole heirs at law and next-of-kin of said J. W. Arthur and they deeded this property to me by deed dated May 8, 1946, and recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 124 at Page 110.

Said J. W. Arthur acquired a deed from the State Auditor of Alabama on March 10, 1928, which deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama in Deed Book 85 at Page 465 and in this deed there was conveyed to said J. W. Arthur the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 13. On the 10th day of February, 1928 the State Auditor of Alabama deeded to said J. W. Arthur the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, of said Section 13 and this deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama in Deed Book 85 at Page 390. Soon after J. W. Arthur acquired title to said land as hereinabove set out through arrangements with him I cut the pine timber on said land and about six years later still through arrangements with him I cut the hardwood timber on said land. My father and I cultivated about three acres on this land through arrangements with Dr. Arthur and after his death with the widow of Dr. J. W. Arthur for ten <sup>consecutive</sup> years or more and finally I bought it from the heirs as hereinabove set out. During all the time title ~~to~~ the property was in said J. W. Arthur he regularly assessed and paid taxes on said property and continued to exercise acts of ownership over it. After

After his death his widow and heirs-at-law continued in possession of the property and regularly assessed it for taxes and paid taxes thereon until they deeded it to me. After <sup>9</sup>~~he~~ acquired the property <sup>9</sup>~~he~~ cut timber from it on various and sundry occasions as I needed and regularly assessed it for taxes and paid taxes on it down to present time. From 1928 when J. W. Arthur obtained title to the property as hereinabove set out no other firm or corporation has been in possession of it or any portion of it down to the present time except after his death, his widow and heirs aforesaid were in possession of it and since I acquired it I have been in possession of it and from 1928 until present time no other firm or corporation except the Arthurs and myself has advanced any claim on the property or the possession thereof.

Roy Gardner  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me

on this the 17th day of December,

1951.

Henry Ellis  
Notary Public State of Georgia  
for Alabama

Filed in the Office of the Probate Judge on the 17 day of Dec 1951 at 4 o'clock P M.  
and recorded in Deed Book 150 Page 54 this 20 day of Dec 1951.  
Deed Tax — Mortgage Tax — has been paid.  
L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate