

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
SHELBY COUNTY.

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Jessie Bird, who is known to me and who being by me first duly sworn does depose and say as follows:

I am 72 years of age and I have lived in Shelby County all of my life and I have known the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 19, Range 2 West, Shelby County, Alabama, since early childhood. I remember when F. P. Sorrell owned this property and had possession of it. I do not recall the occasion when the land was deeded to him by George W. Sorrell but I am told that record of such a deed appears in Deed Book 12 at Page 523 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. I lived close to the residence of F. P. Sorrell and I played with his children. Mr. Sorrell was a farmer and he cultivated portions of this land each and every year until the time he sold it to James M. Lowery. I would say that my knowledge of the possession of this land by F. P. Sorrell extends back about 7 years from the date of this sale. Record of the Sorrell-Lowery deed appears in Deed Book 18 at Page 508 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, and said deed is dated October 30, 1895. Immediately after this sale F. P. Sorrell moved from this land and James M. Lowery took possession of it. Mr. Lowery was a farmer and he cultivated portions of this property each and every year from the time he took possession thereof until he sold it in about 1899. I do not know the exact date of this sale but I do recall that J. M. Lowery moved from this property right after he sold it. A deed from J. M. Lowery and M. F. Lowery to George A. Steele appears of record in Deed Book 22 at Page 213 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. George A. Steele lived in Birmingham and I do not recall any acts of possession of this land by George A. Steele.

I do recall when T. W. Johnson took possession of this land. He, I am told, acquired title by tax sale on July 17, 1905, record of which is in Tax Sale Record 2 at Page 50. I do recall that it was about this time that Johnson put fences on some of the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 16 and he pastured and raised cattle and mule colts on this land for from four to six years. The house in which Frank P. Sorrell lived and which was later occupied by J. M. Lowery was situated on a portion of the SE 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 16.

The possession of F. P. Sorrell during the period of time covered by this affidavit and the possession of James M. Lowery during the period of time covered by this affidavit and the possession of T. W. Johnson during the period of time covered by this affidavit was actual, open, notorious, exclusive, continuous, peaceable, adverse and hostile.

George A. Steele as stated did not move on to this land after he acquired title to it but on no occasion did I ever hear of his title to the S 1/2 of said SW 1/4 being disputed in any manner whatsoever during his ownership thereof.

Done this the 30th day of January, 1952.

Jessie Bird

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on this the 30th day of January, 1952.

Conrad M. Fowler  
Notary Public

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the 31 day of Jan 19 52 at 10 o'clock A M  
and recorded in Deed Book 151 Page 71 this 6 day of Feb 1952.  
Deed Tax — Mortgage Tax — has been paid.

L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate.