

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Personally came and appeared before me, Conrad M. Fowler, a notary public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, Christopher C. Ray and his wife Minnie Ray, who are both personally known to me and who after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth deposes and says:

That they are well acquainted with the following described real estate, to-wit:

The North half of the Southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 21, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama.

That they have known it for more than fifty years. That about the year, 1901, their brother-in-law, John B. Collum purchased above described land from J.R. Pratt and J.R. Hill. That soon thereafter, the said John B. Collum gave them permission to clear and tend said land, the labor in clearing to be rent for the land. That they went into possession of said land as tenants of the said Collum and cleared portions of it putting it into cultivation and cultivated it for one year and that soon thereafter, the said John B. Collum conveyed said land to J.D. Straiton. That said land was allowed to grow back into timber and no cultivation has been had on it since. The land is rough and better suited for the growth of timber than cultivation or any other purpose. About the year, 1907, the said J.D. Straiton and his wife S.L. Straiton conveyed said property to R.J. Phillips, their brother-in-law and in 1920, R.J. Phillips, a single man conveyed said property to S.L. Straiton, who was the wife of the said J.D. Straiton. The said S.L. Straiton owned said property until her death. Some time after her death, her husband J.D. Straiton and wife Maude E. Straiton conveyed to W.F. Atchison said property about the year 1950 and the said W.F. Atchison and wife conveyed said property immediately to F.H. Cornelious. Soon thereafter, all the heirs of the said S.L. Straiton conveyed their interest to F.H. Cornelious. That since they have known this property, the above named owners have from time to time cut timber therefrom and exercised such other rights of possession as has been exercised over said land.

That during the time they have known said land they have never known of Charles F. Brusset or Fred G. Miller or anyone claiming under them to be in possession of any part of said land, that the said Charles F. Brusset and Fred H. Miller did own a large tract of land immediately North of the above described land from which they did cut timber, but that they have not cut any timber on the above described land or exercised any other right of possession over it or made any claim to it since affiants have known it.

That the possession of the said F.H. Cornelious and his predecessors in title for the past fifty years has been actual and continuous to the extent above stated, open, notorious, peaceful, quite, exclusive, adverse, hostile and under color of title and claim of ownership and they have known of no one claiming any right, title or interest in or to said land adverse to above named owners.

Christopher J. Ray  
Minril (Mark) Ray

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 27 day of February, 1952.

Grand W. Walker  
 Notary Public