

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Personally came and appeared before me, S.A. Lokey, a notary public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, W.R. Morris, who, after being first by me duly sworn according to law to speak the truth deposes and says:

That he is 64 years of age. That he is a resident of Shelby County, Alabama, and has been all of his life. That he is well acquainted with the following described property, to-wit:

Call 1: The Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter; the North half of Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 24, Range 15 East. Also Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of said Section 18, Township 24, Range 15 East. Also the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 24, Range 14 East. Situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Call 2: The South half of the Southwest Quarter; South half of the Southeast Quarter, the South half of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter; the Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, the Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 24, Range 15 East and that part of the North half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 24, Range 15 that lies on the North side of Waxahatchie Creek. Situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

That affiant's father, W.P. Morris bought the above described land described in Call 1 from Elbert S. Sawyer and wife Lucy K. Sawyer and Martha S. Sawyer, who was the mother of Elbert S. Sawyer in the summer of 1903. The said W.P. Morris was a tenant of said Sawyer at the time and he remained in possession claiming to own the same after said purchase and continued to live on and cultivate said land each year. After the year 1915, W.A. Reynolds purchased the land described in Call 2 above and rented it to said W.P. Morris and the said W.P. Morris cultivated said land in connection with the land described in Call 1. Each year until the spring of 1913, when the said W.P. Morris purchased the said land described in Call 2 from W.A. Reynolds and thereafter remained in possession of and lived on and cultivated a part of the above described tract, cut wood from it and in every way used it as a farm and homestead until his death about the year 1931. After the

death of affiant's father, his mother lived on above described land and had parts of it cultivated by tenants who cut wood from it, sold timber from it, pastured it and in every way used it as a homestead for several years.

Affiant's mother, after a few years went to live with her children and affiant took charge of said property, as one of the heirs of W.F. Morris and while said land has not been cultivated since affiant's mother moved from it, affiant has kept the taxes paid each year, has had timber cut from land, has kept off trespassers and tried to keep fire out and in every way used said property as timber growing land.

The said W.F. Morris died intestate and left surviving him as his sole heirs at law:

W.R. Morris  
 Lettie Smith  
 John H. Morris  
 W.T. Morris.  
 Ethel Morris Blow  
 Lela B. Porter  
 Luther Morris  
 Fessie Porter

Affiant's mother, the widow of the said W.P. Morris died about the year 1947.

The said Lettie Smith has since departed this life intestate, leaving surviving her her husband H.A. Smith and the following children who were her sole heirs at law:

Alonza Smith  
 Louise Mills  
 William Arthur Smith  
 Joyce Killingsworth  
 Kathleen Reynolds  
 Charles Smith  
 Marcele Smith

That the possession of my father, the said W.P. Morris and his widow and heirs and since the year 1903 as to the lands in Call 1 and since the year 1918 as to lands in Call 2 was up until my mother, the widow of W.P. Morris moved from said land, actual and continuous, open and notorious and at all times since said dates been peaceful, quiet, exclusive, adverse, hostile and under color of title and claim of ownership and no person has been in possession of any part of said land since said dates of my father's purchase, claiming to own any part of said land or to hold adverse to the said W.P. Morris, his widow and heirs and affiant has never known

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of any one claiming any right, title or interest in or to said land adverse to the said W.P. Morris, his widow and/or heirs.

W. P. Morris

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1952.

S. G. Loken  
Notary Public

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the 2 day of Mar 1952 at 3 o'clock P  
and recorded in Deed Book 181 Page 432 this 5 day of Mar 1952.  
Deed Tax        Mortgage Tax        has been paid.  
L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate