

STATE OF ALABAMA)
BIBB COUNTY)

Before me, Floyd Ambrose a Justice of the Peace in and for said State and County, personally appeared F M Wilkins, who is known to me to be a creditable person who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

"I am 71 years old and have for more than 41 yrs. lived near the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9 Township 22, Range 4 West, Said land being situated, lying and being in Shelby County, Alabama, and am, and have been, familiar with the ownership and possession of said property during said period of time.

I know that the surface of said property was purchased by Bessemer Coal Iron & Land Company in the year 1905, and since said date, Bessemer Coal Iron & Land Company has been in complete possession of the surface, and that at intervals of approximately ten years, they have cut the Timber on said property. Neither the Widow nor the heirs of James O'Neal, nor anyone holding under them, have at any time since March 27, 1905 been in possession of any part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9 Township 22 Range 4 West, situated, lying and being in Shelby County, Alabama, claiming to own it. Bessemer Coal Iron & Land Company has exercised complete ownership over said Land, and has since the year 1905 and until the present date owned and is in open, peaceable, undisturbed adverse possession of the aforesaid property, holding the same against the world; That since the year 1905 Bessemer Coal Iron & Land Company has exercised and openly asserted ownership to the surface of said lands and has been in continuous and uninterrupted and complete possession of the same to the affiants knowledge for more than Forty-Five years; That the affiant has never heard of any adverse claim being asserted against the present ownership of the surface of said lands, adverse to or inconsistent with said ownership as now claimed and asserted by Bessemer Coal Iron & Land Company."

This the 14th day of November, 1951

F. M. Wilkins

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this the 14th
day of November, 1951

Floyd Ambrose
Justice of the Peace