

STATE OF ALABAMA,
SHELBY COUNTY.

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

I am 82 years of age and I have lived in Montevallo, Alabama from the time I was about four years of age. I have known that property which is called Reynolds Subdivision, Montevallo, Alabama, map of which appears at page 37 in Map Book 3, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, since moving to Montevallo as aforesaid.

I recall that the land was once owned by the Hale family. They cultivated portions of the land and there is a small cemetery still located on this property which was used by them as a family burial grounds.

Martha H. Hale conveyed this property to French Nabors and Henry Wilson, as evidenced by a warranty deed which appears of record in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 3 at page 22. This deed is dated December 30, 1878. French Nabors and wife conveyed their interest in this property to H. C. Reynolds on December 31, 1878, as evidenced by a deed which appears of record in Deed Book 4 at page 357 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. Another deed dated February 23, 1883, which appears of record in the same office in Deed Book 10, at page 66, reveals that Henry Wilson conveyed his one-half interest in this property to H. C. Reynolds.

H. C. Reynolds farmed most of this land year after year during this period of time either himself or through tenants. I recall one year when a Mr. Self, who was Mr. Reynolds' tenant, sold his crop of corn at 25¢ a bushel. He sold it at this price because he was in a hurry to leave and the corn was gathered out of the field and sold.

I also recall that H. C. Reynolds placed a large herd of sheep on this property at one time and I recall that he had great difficulty in protecting these sheep from the dogs.

In about 1896, the year after I was married, I was working for my father who was a merchant. One of my jobs was to haul his freight from the depot. The road over which I travelled passed through this property owned by H. C. Reynolds. The road was in very poor repair and I desired

to fix it up and I applied to the County Road Commission for permission to fix up the road as overseer but H. C. Reynolds objected and said I was too young a man for the job and requested that he be permitted to be overseer over this road. He was given this job but for four years he did not improve the road which passed over his property.

The map of Reynolds Subdivision heretofore referred to was filed for record on February 1, 1900, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. Following the filing of this map H. C. Reynolds sold lots off of this subdivision.

As heretofore stated, I have been familiar with this land since my early childhood. I know that for more than twenty years prior to 1908 H. C. Reynolds and persons to whom he sold lots, as aforesaid, had actual, open, notorious, exclusive, adverse, hostile, and peaceable possession of said property, claiming to own the same against all the world.

This the 19th day of September, 1952.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 19th day of September, 1952.

Mary Lee Mahaffey
Notary Public