

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, Mr. J.F. McEwen, who, after being first by me duly sworn according to law to speak the truth deposes and says:

My name is J.F. McEwen. I am 55 years of age. I was born and reared on adjoining lands of the hereinafter described land and have known the following described land all of my life, and those in possession, to-wit:

A part of the East half of Southeast quarter of Section 27, Township 20, Range 1 East, described as follows: Begin at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 27, thence along the Eastern line of said forty 131.0 feet to point of beginning and from said point of beginning run along the East line of said forty South 2°30' East 340 feet; thence South 87°45' West 355.8 feet; thence South 2°30' East 1060.0 feet; thence South 89°30' West 991.0 feet to the West line of the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 27; thence along the West line of said Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter and Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter North 2°30' West 1019.7 feet to the Fourmile road; thence along said road South 83° East 319.8 feet; thence North 2°30' West, 576.0 feet; thence North 89°30' East 1034.4 feet to the point of beginning containing 31.0 acres, more or less, situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

When I was a very small boy, Mr. J.H. Ray moved on the above described land and occupied it with adjacent lands as a farm and homestead as long as he lived and reared his family there. Mr. J.H. Ray died about the year 1952. After Mr. J.H. Ray's death, his widow, Mrs. Susan Ray and her son, Curry Ray remained in possession of said property until the death of Mrs. Susan Ray about the year 1948. Her son, Curry Ray continued to live on said place as one of the heirs and co-owners until about the year 1951, he secured a deed from the other heirs of J.H. Ray, which are as follows:

Frank Ray, whose wife is Pauline Ray,  
Ada Ray Stone, whose husband is C.R. Stone,  
Lena Ray Lyon, whose husband is Walter Lyon,  
Bertha Ray, the widow of Buster Ray, a son of J.H. Ray,  
who died about the year 1919, and who left surviving him said widow and the following children:

Pinkie Ray Mills, whose husband is Arthur Mills,  
Homer Ray, whose wife is Mabel Ray,  
Houston Ray, whose wife is Nellie Ray,  
Howard Ray, whose wife is Dorothy Ray,  
Onnie Ray, whose wife is Velma Ray,  
Tony Ray, whose wife is Margaret Ray,  
Roland Ray, whose wife is Ruth Ray,  
Pauline Ray Hewitt, whose husband is Roy Clayton Hewitt  
Hazel Ray, an unmarried woman.

I am well acquainted with this family and have known them all of my life, and I know the above named who executed the



above deed to Curry Ray in 1951 are all of the heirs of J.H. Ray, except the said Curry Ray. Mr. Curry Ray has remained in possession of above described land and is now in possession.

I am familiar with the lands/<sup>formerly</sup> owned by Connie Cross and conveyed to him by J. William Spearman and wife on August 17, 1923, and recorded in Deed Book 72, page 95 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama.

In the deed from Mr. Spearman to J.H. Ray in Book 27, page 238 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, there is excepted 11 acres which is not described in said deed. This 11 acres is the same land that Mr. Spearman conveyed to Mr. Connie Cross by deed shown in Deed Book 73, page 95 in said Probate Office.

I am familiar with the branch mentioned in said deed and know that said branch runs in a southeasterly direction and passes near the Northeast corner of said 11 acre tract, described in the deed from J. William Spearman to Mr. Connie Cross, above referred to, as recorded in Deed Book 73, page 95 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. From said corner of the North boundary of said 11 acre tract runs in a westerly direction along an old fence to a ditch. A fence has been along this line since I can remember. The West boundary of said 11 acre tract is a ditch running South and is the boundary between said 11 acre tract and the caption lands.

I know of my own personal knowledge with the foregoing correction in description or rather explanation of the description, that Mr. Curry Ray and his predecessors in title, as above named, have been in actual, continuous, peaceful, quite, open, notorious, adverse, hostile and exclusive possession of the above described land for more than forty years, and I have known of no one claiming any right, title or interest in or to said lands adverse to the said Curry Ray, and his brothers and sisters or father, and there has been no dispute or question about the boundary line between them and the Connie Cross land above referred to.

C. F. McEwen

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 22nd day of January, 1954.

S. A. Lopez  
Notary Public

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the 25 day of Jan 1954 at 10 o'clock PM.  
and recorded in Deed Book 164 Page 284 this 20 day of Jan 1954.  
Deed Tax \_\_\_\_\_ Mortgage Tax \_\_\_\_\_ has been paid.

L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate