

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before the undersigned authority, personally appeared Jessie Bird, who after being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am acquainted with the following described land in Shelby County, Alabama:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW diagonal half of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 15; also the SE diagonal half of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NE diagonal half of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 16; all in Township 19 South, Range 2 West.

I have known this land all of my life, and I am 74 years of age. My husband was J. A. Bird, who died in 1934. For more than 10 years prior to his death he was in actual, open, notorious, continuous, exclusive, hostile and adverse possession of all of said property except the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, and cultivated part of it each and every year until the time of his death. The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15 came to me by inheritance of my father, R. M. Bailey.

On February 8, 1910, Sara P. Lowery, Mattie J. Newsom, Lucrecia Rutherford and Ethel Bailey, who were the sole heirs at law and next of kin of my father R. M. Bailey, except myself, deeded to me and my husband the forty last above described and this deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama in Deed Book 243 at page 244.

From the date of the execution of said deed up to the time of Mr. Bird's death he and I were in actual, open, notorious, continuous, exclusive, hostile and adverse possession of said part living upon it and cultivating parts of it each and every year and after his death, I have remained in possession of the same, living upon it and having portions of it cultivated each and every year.

In 1947 I had all of the above described property set aside to me as a homestead.

My attention is called to a deed executed by G. B. Lowery and wife Ola Lowery, dated January 19, 1921 and recorded in the Probate

Office of Shelby County, Alabama in Deed Book 72 at page 501, the grantee is J. A. Beard, who is one and the same person as J. A. Bird, my husband.

Jessie Bird

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Sworn to and subscribed before
me this the 14th day of April, 1954.

Hardy Ellis

Notary Public, State of Alabama at Large.

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the <u>14</u> day of <u>April</u> 19 <u>54</u> at <u>11</u> O'clock <u>AM</u> .
and recorded in <u>Deed</u> Book <u>166</u> Page <u>38</u> this <u>15</u> day of <u>April</u> 19 <u>54</u> .
Deed Tax _____ Mortgage Tax _____ has been paid.
L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate