

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, Martha B. Joiner, the undersigned authority in and for said county in said state personally appeared G. B. Bentley, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is G. B. Bentley. I am 62 years of age and have lived in Shelby County, Alabama, all of my life and have all along been acquainted with the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 21, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama. Affiant further says that said land has been owned by Shelby Iron Company of Alabama and its predecessors in title throughout all the years and since he can remember it and said Company has been in the actual possession of said land and they have sold the saw timber off the land two or three times, the last Company to which it was sold was Brown Lumber Company and they have been in the process of cutting it for the past 16 years, along with other timber. Prior to the time the saw timber was sold, it is common knowledge in this county that Shelby Iron Company used the timber on said land for coal purposes. Affiant further says that he knows where Sam H. Goodwin lived before his death and that he also knows where the widow of Sam H. Goodwin lives and that the land which Sam H. Goodwin owned and on which he lived before his death and which is widow lives on now is approximately 6 miles north of the above described land. Affiant further says that neither Sam H. Goodwin nor his wife, Myrtie Goodwin nor Mary E. Wideman nor anyone else other than the Shelby Iron Company of Alabama, to affiant's knowledge, have ever owned or claimed any interest in or contested the possession of said Shelby Iron Company of Alabama in said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 21, Township 21, Range 1 West.

Affiant further says that he has all along during the years above mentioned been familiar with the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 21, Range 1 West and that the things he has said about the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 21 regarding Shelby Iron Company's ownership of same are equally true of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 21. Affiant further says that to his knowledge, neither J. L. Johnson nor Esten J. Johnson nor R. L. Holcombe have ever owned said 80 acres of land nor has he ever heard of them making any claim to the same.

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Sworn to and subscribed to by G. B. Bentley before me this the 23rd day of April, 1954.

Martha B. Joiner
Notary Public

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the 26 day of April, 1954 at 8 o'clock
M. and recorded in Deed Book 166 Page 124 this 24 day of April, 1954.
Deed Tax _____ Mortgage Tax _____ has been paid.
L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate