

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority personally appeared Lee Don Brannen who being known to me and being by me first duly sworn deposes and says as follows:

That he is thirty-two years of age and has been acquainted with the ownership, use, and possession of the following described real property since January 24, 1941:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 22 Range 1 West; The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8, and ten acres on the East side of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, more particularly described as beginning at the NE corner of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and run West 110 yards; thence South 440 yards; thence East 110 yards; thence North 440 yards to point of beginning, all in Township 22, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama.

Further deposing, affiant says that the above described land was purchased by his mother, Mrs. Jacqueline Brannen by two deeds from J. R. Gould and wife, Annie Gould which said deeds were executed on March 28, 1941, and January 24, 1941 respectively, and recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama in deed Book 110 at page 285 and 286.

Affiant further says that upon the execution and delivery of the above stated deeds, Jacqueline Brannen immediately took possession of said land and assessed and paid taxes for each and every year until she sold said above described property to affiant in January of 1948 which deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama in Deed Book 132, at page 52.

Affiant further says that on January 7, 1948, while the property was owned by Mrs. Jacqueline Brannen that he, as her attorney in fact sold the timber on said above described land to Columbiana Heading Company which timber deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County in Deed Book 131, at page 302 and pursuant to such timber deed, the timber on said land was cut by said Columbiana Heading Company down to eight inches in diameter, eight inches from the ground.

Upon the execution and delivery of the deed of Jacqueline Brannen to affiant in 1948, the affiant took possession of such land and exercised the usual acts of possession of such land, camping on the same from time to time and clearing portions of the same.

On December 1, 1952, affiant conveyed the above property to his mother, Jacqueline Brannen by Warranty Deed of that date which said deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama in Deed Book 157, at page 113. Upon the execution and delivery of such deed, said Jacqueline Brannen took possession of said land and has since sold the timber on said land down to nine inches in diameter to one G. W. Walton.

Affiant further says that since his mother first bought the land in 1941, that she and her successors in title have been in the actual, open, and continuous possession of such land assessing the same for taxes and paying the same each and every year.

Affiant further says that since 1941, he and his mother have been the only parties in possession of such land and the only parties who have paid taxes on such land. That he has never heard the title of his mother questioned in any way and he knows of no adverse claim of possession against his mother's title to the land.

Lee Don Brannen

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 11 day of June, 1954.

Charles C. Cress
Notary Public