

STATE OF ALABAMA)
SHELBY COUNTY)

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared George Huddleston who being sworn on oath says:

That the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 22, Township 19, Range 1 West in said County is improved by two old dwellings and has at all times been used in part as a farm.

That on September 15, 1942 affiant bought said lands from Mrs. Alma V. Bearden, a widow who was then in possession of same and thereupon received a deed in fee simple thereto, said deed having been subsequently recorded in Vol. 115 Record of Deeds page 278 in the Office of the Probate Judge of said County; that said Mrs. Alma V. Bearden claimed to be the owner of said land in fee and was regarded by the neighbors and adjoining land owners as such owner.

That affiant went into possession of said lands upon receiving a deed therefor and remained in such possession claiming to own same in fee simple until October 1, 1945 at which time affiant sold and conveyed said lands by warranty deed in fee simple to Theodore and Mrs. Coraline Edwards (see deed recorded Book 122 page 97 in the Office of the Probate Judge of said County) and thereupon delivered possession thereof to said grantees.

That upon receiving said deed said grantees, Theodore and Mrs. Coraline Edwards went into possession of said land and lived in one of the dwellings and claimed ownership in fee simple thereof until November 14, 1947 at which time affiant purchased from them the said lands and received a deed in fee simple therefor; that the possession of Theodore and Mrs. Coraline Edwards consisted in living on said lands, cultivating part of same and paying all taxes accruing against same.

That upon receiving deed from said grantors affiant went into possession of said lands and held and owned and claimed title in fee simple thereto down to this date; that there is no mineral of any value on said lands; that affiant had the lines thereof run by the County Surveyor; that affiant went over said lands frequently and showed same to prospective purchasers and affiant's possession at all times was adverse to all others and was open, notorious, exclusive and undisputed; that said lands were known to all the neighbors and adjoining land owners as affiant's lands; that said lands were assessed for taxes by affiant during all periods of his said ownership and such taxes were paid in full; that during the ownership of said lands by Mrs. Bearden (Alma V) she assessed and paid all taxes thereon and that during the ownership of Theodore and Mrs. Coraline Edwards they assessed said lands for taxes and paid all such taxes in full; that the acts of possession upon the part of said owners was at all times under claim of ownership in fee simple thereof.

Affiant further states that up until the time he bought said lands from Mrs. Alma Bearden he had never heard of any claim to the mineral interest therein and that since said time no claim to the minerals in said land has ever been made or asserted by any claimant whatsoever. To the contrary it has been assumed and claimed by the various owners of the surface right that the mineral rights remained unseparated from the other interest and that said lands were owned in fee simple.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 14th day of July, 1954.

George Huddleston
P. M. Packard
Notary Public
Jefferson County, Ala.

STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY

I, L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within Deed was filed for record the 20 day of July, 1954, at 10 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Book 168 Page 278, and the Mortgage Tax of Deed has been paid.

L.C. Walker Judge of Probate