

STATE OF ALABAMA, X  
SHELBY COUNTY.....X

Before me, Paul O. Luck, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Hiram Moore, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says, that he resides in Shelby County, Alabama, West of the Town of Columbiana, Alabama; that he is 84 years of age, and that for a period of more than 62 years, last past, he has been acquainted with the location, the use, ownership, parties in possession and the boundaries of the following described lands situated in Shelby County, Alabama, to wit:

The East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6; and the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 5; and the West Half of the Northeast Quarter; and all of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7; and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 8; and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8; and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter, and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 8; and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17; and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 18; all in Township 21, South, Range 1 West, and containing 720 acres, and formerly known as the Roper Farm, and in later years known as the Browne Lands, and all situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant further says that since the year 1892, he has lived in close proximity of the above described lands, and that said lands were then known as the Roper-Sterrett-Browne Lands, and that William Bradford Browne, who married Lizzie M. Roper, was the Agent and party in possession of said lands for his wife; that when he first knew said lands the same were used extensively for farming purposes, and that there was situated thereon some 4 or 5 dwellings occupied by the tenants of the owner thereof; in fact, affiant's brother, J. W. Moore, leased and operated said farm from the owners thereof for a number of years, and from the year 1892 to date, affiant has never known or heard of the title, the boundaries, or the rights of possession of said lands to be questioned by anyone contrary to the claim of the Roper-Sterrett-Browne interest.



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Affiant further says that the tradition is that the said lands have been in the ownership and possession of the Roper-Sterrett-Browne families for more than 100 years.

Affiant further says that he has never heard or known of Robert B. Gorsuch, Coosa Valley Oil and Mining Company, Thomas Leach making any claim to said lands, or exercising any privileges pertaining to any part of the above described lands.

Affiant further says that he knew George L. Armstrong, and John W. Rice during their lifetime, and was familiar with the lands owned by each, and he knows that neither of the above named parties ever owned or claimed to own, or was in the possession of any parts of the lands described above.

Affiant further says that he never knew or heard of H. T. DeBardeleben, or the Saginaw Lumber Company ever being in the possession or claiming to own any interest in the lands described in this affidavit.

Affiant further says that he knew J. G. Davis, sometimes called Jerb Davis, during his lifetime, and he knows that the said J. G. Davis never owned or claimed to own, or was ever in possession of any part of the lands described in this affidavit.

Affiant further says that he knew W. M. Davis, better known as Meadow Davis, during his lifetime, and he knows that the said W. M. Davis never did own, or claim to own, nor did he ever exercise any possession over any parts of the above described lands set forth in this affidavit.

Affiant further says that he knew J. F. Archer during his lifetime and knows that the said J. F. Archer was never in the possession, or owned, or claimed to own any part of the lands described above, but affiant says that J. F. Archer did own lands in close proximity thereof.

Affiant further says that he has never heard of Mary M. Baker, Mrs. M. M. Pond, or Lester Mason & Company ever making any claim to said lands, or ever being in the possession of any part of the said lands described in this affidavit.

Affiant further says that he knew Burrell David during

his lifetime, who owned certain lands in Section 8; in fact, he was the owner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 21, Range 1 West, but never claimed to own, or was in the possession of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 8, Township 21, Range 1 West.

Affiant further says of his own personal knowledge that he knows that for a period of 62 years, last past, the heirs at law of Lizzie M. Roper Browne, and those through whom the said heirs hold title to the above described lands, have been, respectively, in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceable and adverse possession of said lands claiming said lands as their own, respectively, against all the world, and that during the past 62 years, affiant knows that William Bradford Browne, during his lifetime, and after his death, his son-in-law, Fred G. Koenig, Sr., continuously during his lifetime, acted as the Agents for the owners, as aforesaid, of the above described lands, and regularly exercised acts of ownership over said lands, either by cultivating said lands, or by having lands for pasture, or by cutting timber therefrom; that the affiant has never heard the title of the said Lizzie M. Roper Browne, her heirs, or those through whom they hold title to said lands to be questioned by anyone in any way.

*William Bradford Browne*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 1954.

*Paul O. Gwalt*  
Notary Public, Shelby County, Alabama.

STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY  
I, L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within \_\_\_\_\_  
was filed for record the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1954, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_  
and recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ Record \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ and the Mortgage Tax of \_\_\_\_\_  
Deed Tax of \_\_\_\_\_ has been paid. *L.C. Walker* Judge of Probate