

STATE OF ALABAMA

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

Comes before me, W. W. Rabren, a notary public for the State of Alabama, Mr. Sam T. Smith, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says: My name is Samuel Tildon Smith and I am 78 years of age.

I was born and raised in the vicinity of the lands in section 1, I now live at London, St. Clair County, Alabama. 2 and 3 of Township 18, Range 2 East, Huntsville Meridian. These lands were located in St. Clair County until about 1899 when the county boundary line was changed. Now they are located in Shelby County. I have known about the above described lands since my boy hood days and know from my own knowledge that the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  except 15 acres southwest of branch, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , all of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  west of mountain, Section 1, Township 18, Range 2 East, situated in Shelby County, Alabama, has been in the possession and control of A. Dewey Smith, as trustee and his ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ successors in title since the year 1908. I know that no one other than A. Dewey Smith, Montpelier Colony Company and E. L. Stringfellow, or someone holding under them has ever been in adverse possession of these lands. I know that A. Dewey Smith, Montpelier Colony Company and E. L. Stringfellow and those holding under them held these lands as their own, openly and notoriously since the year 1908 up until E. L. Stringfellow sold to Coosa River Newsprint Co. the above described lands.

I further know that All of the Section 2, Township 18, Range 2 East, except the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , has always been possessed and controled by A. Dewey Smith and his successors in title since the year 1908. I know from my own personal knowledge that no one other than A. Dewey Smith, Montpelier Colony Company and E. L. Stringfellow, or someone holding under them has ever claimed these lands adversely to them. I know that at no time since 1908 up to the time E. L. Stringfellow conveyed these lands to Coosa River Newsprint Co, did Mrs. B. Y Allen or Mrs. B. Z. Allen, or B. F. Alverson, or E. P. Gates, ~~and~~ reside on these lands and claim them as their own nor did anyone holding under them. I know that A. Dewey Smith and his successors in title and parties holding under them were in possession of these lands and not Mrs. B. Y. Allen, B. F. Alverson or E. P. Gates, since 1908.



I further depose and say that I know of my own personal knowledge that E. K. Stringfellow and his predecessors in title held the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 18, Range 2, East, Shelby County, Alabama as their own for twenty years prior to the time E. L. Stringfellow conveyed these lands to Coosa River Newsprint Company. I know that during the past twenty years S. M. Pickler, B. F. Alverson or Sam M. Simpson or any of his heirs ever claimed these lands nor did they reside on them or anyone holding under them for the past twenty years. I know that E. L. Stringfellow and Montpelier Colony Company or someone holding under them possessed these lands for the past twenty years. The parties S. M. Pickler, B. F. Alverson and Sam M. Simpson and his heirs never did possess or live on or anyone holding under them any part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 18, Range 2 East, Shelby County, Alabama, during the past twenty years.

I know from my own personal knowledge that the following described property was not the homestead of Sam M. Simpson at the time he conveyed to Sam High by deed dated May 5, 1924, and recorded in deed book 73, page 231, office of the Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama, to wit: part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 18, Range 2 East, Shelby County, Alabama, beginning at the NW corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and running South  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to the SW corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , thence to and along the West bank of Keyys Creek to the East and West line of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  on the North side of same, thence West to Starting point, being 10 acres more or less. Sam M. Simpson never did live on this property.

Sam T. Smith

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12th, day of September, 1954.

W. W. Rabren  
W. W. Rabren, notary public

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I, L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within Deed was filed for record the 9 day of Nov, 1954, at 8 o'clock PM and recorded in Deed Record 169 Page 312, and the Mortgage Tax of        Deed Tax of        has been paid.

L.C. Walker Judge of Probate