

State of Alabama

Shelby County

Comes now Mr. E. J. Gilbert before me W. W. Rabren, a notary public for the State of Alabama, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says; that he is 86 years of age and has lived at the same residence near Chelsea Alabama in Shelby County, Alabama for all his lifetime and has during all his adult life being familiar with the following described lands, to wit: The $n\frac{1}{2}$ of the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 20, Range 1 West, situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant further says that he knew said lands at the time the same was patented to James M. Wilder, and that James M. Wilder went into possession, built a house on the lands and cultivated part of the lands. Affiant further says that he remembers the occasion when James M. Wilder exchanged this land to A. T. Robinson for other lands and that A. T. Robinson went into possession of the above described lands and lived there with his family until his death 10 or 15 years after he went into possession, and that the widow and some of the children of A. T. Robinson continued to reside on the above described premises for some years after the death of A. T. Robinson. Affiant further says that he remembers the above described lands being sold for taxes about the year 1917 to the State of Alabama. That from the time the State of Alabama purchased the lands for taxes until the year about 1925 when W. A. J. Blackerby purchased said lands from the State of Alabama, there was no one in possession of the said lands. Affiant further says that W. A. J. Blackerby cut the timber on said lands soon after his purchase of them and that Mr. J. T. Niven fenced the above described lands and used the lands for pasture for ten or 15 years.

Affiant further says that he knew W. F. Isbell and also R. M. Isbell, who were brothers, and remembers the time when they purchased lands in the vicinity of the lands heretofore described and that the lands that W. F. Isbell really owned, was in possession of was the $N\frac{1}{2}$ of the $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 20, Range 1 West, and other lands, and at no time did he have possession to the above described lands or any part thereof as described in the deed from W. S. Isbell to R. M. Isbell dated May 4th. 1912 and recorded in deed book 62 page 470, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama.

Continuation of Affidavit of Mr. E. J. Gilbert

Affiant further says that he knows of his own personal knowledge that the said W. F. Isbell, R. M. Isbell, John William Isbell, M. F. Isbell, Emma Lee and husband Alton Lee, Birdie Isbell and husband Irvin Isbell, Rosemaia Isbell, Thurman Isbell, J. L. Isbell and R. W. S. Isbell or either of them, or anyone holding under them, have never been in the actual, open, notorious or peaceable possession of said lands for the past forty years.

Affiant further says that of his own personal knowledge he knows that since the date that said lands were patented to James M. Wilder, and W. A. J. Blackerby and those through whom said W. A. J. Blackerby holds title, namely, James M. Wilder, A. T. Robinson and the State of Alabama, to the above described lands, have been respectively in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceful and adverse possession of said lands, claiming the same as their own respectively against all of the world and exercising acts of ownership over said lands.

Affiant further says that he makes this affidavit in connection with the conveyance of the above described lands by E. L. Stringfellow to the Coosa River Newsprint Company.

E. J. Gilbert

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 20th. day of July, 1954.

W. W. Rabren

W. W. RABREN, Notary public

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| STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY | | | |
| I, L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within | | | |
| was filed for record the | 11 | day of | July 1954 |
| and recorded in | Record | 167 | Page 29 |
| Deed Tax of | | has been paid. | |
| L.C. Walker Judge of Probate | | | |