

State of Alabama

Shelby County

Comes now before me, W. W. Rabren, a notary public for the State of Alabama, Mr. J. E. Goodwin; who being first duly sworn to speak the truth deposes and says: My name is J. E. Goodwin, I am 65 years of age and have lived in and near Stereet, Shelby County, Alabama, all my lifetime. I went to live with Mr. Jefferson J. Falkner when I was about 6½ years of age. Although I do not remember the year that Mr. Falkner bought the lands mentioned in deed recorded in deed book 20, page 324, office of the Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama, namely the SW¼ of NE¼ and NE¼ of SW¼ and 30 acres on the West side of the NW¼ of the SE¼, containing above 110 acres, in Section 2, Township 19, Range 1, East, in Shelby County, Alabama, I do remember that he did buy the above described lands from Mr. Asa Goodwin and that Mr. Goodwin was in possession at the time. After Mr. Falkner bought the lands, he moved onto them and lived there for several years. Upon our moving Mr. Falkner rented the lands each year to others up until he sold the lands in 1910 to Mr. Paul Hoffman along with other lands. Hoffman took possession through his son and his son lived on this lands for several years. I do not know just how many years.

I also remember Mr. J. J. Falkner buying the B. W. McGinnis/^{place}about the year 1905, which deed is recorded in deed book 70 page 176 and conveyed the SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 25, and NW¼ and SE¼ of Section 25, Township 18, Range 1, East; also the SW¼ of SW¼ of Section 30, Township 18, Range 2, East. Mr. McGinnis was in possession at the time Falkner bought the lands. Mr. Falkner moved onto the lands and cultivated a part of said lands and lived thereon for several years, although I do not remember just how long, but I do know he kept constructive possession and rented to others until he sold these lands along with others in 1910 to Mr. Hoffman. As to other lands conveyed by Mr. Falkner to Mr. Hoffman in deed recorded in deed book 45, page 84, office of the Judge of Probate, Shelby County,

Page two of affidavit of Mr. J. E. Goodwin:

Alabama, the following lands were the lands which Mr. Falkner purchased these lands from Asa Goodwin after the death of one John Spradley, who did own the place. Mr. Falkner bought this place while living on the Asa Goodwin place which was SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and west 30 acres of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 19, Range 1 East. After Mr. John Spradley died, Mr. Falkner bought the following lands which were known as the Spradley place and Mr. Spradley lived on them until his death.; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$. S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 19, Range 1, East. Also SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 19, Range 1, East. We, meaning Mr. Falkner, stayed in possession of these lands until they were conveyed to Mr. Paul Hoffman in 1910 by deed which is recorded in deed book 45, page 84, office of the Judge of Probate Shelby County, Alabama. I further say that Mr. Falkner held actual adverse and notorious and openly possession of the Spradley place for more than ten years; I would say from 10 to 20 years. I say this for I was only a boy when we moved onto the Goodwin place while I was grown and married when he sold to Hoffman in 1910. xx

As to the lands referred to above as lands purchased from B. W. McGinnis, which is recorded in deed book 70, Page 176. Mr. Bassell W. McGinnis was the son of ~~xxxx~~ Doc. McGinnis, I never did know his name, he was a baptist preacher and when he died he willed it to his son BWW. McGinnis, an unmarried man did not live on the lands at the time he sold them to Mr. Falkner. As far as I know there was no one living on the lands claiming them adversely to Doc. McGinnis prior to his death and the sale to Mr. Falkner.

J. E. Goodwin
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of August, 1954.

W. W. R. BREN
W. W. R. BREN, NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY

I, L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within Deed was filed for record the 16 day of Aug, 1954, at 8 o'clock PM and recorded in Deed Record 169 Page 375, and the Mortgage Tax of Deed Tax of Deed has been paid.

L.C. Walker Judge of Probate