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STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

Before me, the undersigned authority in
and for said county in said state, personally appeared
R. E. Campbell, who, being by me first duly sworn on oath,
deposes and says:

That he is 74 years of age and is a resident
of Shelby County, Alabama; that he presently resides on
property in said county described as the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ in
Section 4, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ in Section 5, Township 22, Range
2 West; that he has resided on said described property for
a period in excess of eighteen years; that he has lived
within a mile of the following described property, situated
in Shelby County, Alabama, for a period exceeding eighteen
years:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and all of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying west of Calera Road, situated
in Section 8, Township 22, Range 2 West.

That when he first came to know the above described
property all except approximately 7 acres lying in the south-
west corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and west of Calera Road in
Section 8, Township 22, Range 2 West, Shelby County, Alabama,
was owned by George Wooten; that George Wooten owned and was
in possession of the property prior to the time affiant came
to know the property, and he understands that George Wooten
acquired said property about 1911; that from the time affiant
became acquainted with the said above described property,
about eighteen years ago, until 1941, when George Wooten died,
the property was used and occupied by George Wooten and his
family as their homestead; that George Wooten farmed the lar-
ger portion of said property, pastured part of the remainder,
and left part in timber; that George Wooten had the entire
tract above described under fence during the entire time he

owned and possessed it; that as a matter of fact George Wooten even had the 7 acres above mentioned under fence with the remainder of his property, although said 7 acres was held by the State under a tax sale until 1937 when George Harris, a son-in-law of George Wooten, acquired title thereto from the State; that George Harris permitted George Wooten to use the 7 acres as a part of the whole tract, and the fence which was around the entire 50 acres was maintained and is presently standing to this day.

That after George Wooten died, about July of 1941, his widow continued to reside on the property until about March of 1942, when she, together with all the children of the said George Wooten, joined in a conveyance thereof to C. R. Wamble; that the said George Wooten was survived by his widow and his children, Georgia Wooten, Lillian Wooten Hinton, Sibyl Wooten Harris, Myrtle Wooten Jones, Herbert Wooten, Sidney Wooten, Elwood Wooten, and William Wooten; that he was survived by no other children, or by any children of deceased children.

That after acquiring all the property above described except 7 acres in the southwest corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 22, Range 2 West, C. R. Wamble acquired the 7 acres hereinabove mentioned from George Harris in 1943; that C. R. Wamble thereafter continued to occupy the entire 50 acres, which continued to be fenced as an entire tract, and tore down the old Wooten homestead and erected a new home; that C. R. Wamble occupied and possessed the land, farming and pasturing a part and selling timber from the remainder; that C. R. Wamble let the land out to be farmed by a tenant one year during the time he owned it.

That C. R. Wamble continuously resided on the above described premises from the date of his acquisition

thereof until 1951, when he sold the property to G. E. Reid and his daughter, Mrs. Lorene Reid Reeves; that G. E. Reid thereafter went into possession, occupied the house presently located thereon as his homestead, and remained in possession of said property for about a year, and then sold it to the present owners, Willard R. McDonald and his wife, Vivian O. McDonald; that Mr. and Mrs. McDonald went into possession of the property immediately after purchasing same from G. E. Reid and his daughter, Mrs. Lorene Reid Reeves, and have resided thereon from said time until the present; that Mr. McDonald farms the property and otherwise exercises all acts of possession over it; that the same fence which was standing at the time affiant first knew the property over eighteen years ago is presently around the entire tract of land, and has been so continuously since affiant first knew the property.

That affiant has lived within a mile of the property hereinabove described and has known its ownership and possession for over eighteen years; that he would have known of any dispute as to possession or as to title, and that since he has known the property no one has claimed possession or title adversely to either George Wooten, his widow and children, C. R. Wamble, G. E. Reid and Mrs. Lorene Reid Reeves, or Willard R. McDonald and Vivian O. McDonald during their respective periods of ownership and possession; that the property has been continuously occupied and claimed openly, notoriously, peacefully and adversely by the parties herein referred to, and only by said parties during their respective periods of ownership, ever since affiant has known the property, which has been in excess of eighteen years.

R. E. Campbell
Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 14 day of February, 1955.

Mrs. J. D. Kimbrough
Notary Public

