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STATE OF ALABAMA

BOOK 179 PAGE 131

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, Karl C. Harrison, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State personally appeared E. A. Grantham, who after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is E. A. Grantham. I am 74 years of age and have lived within one mile or so of the hereinafter described land all of my life and have all along been well acquainted with it and the persons in possession of it. Said land being described as follows:

The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 20, Range 1 East,
Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant says he recalls that Ida C. Hester owned said land prior to the year 1900, and that she was in the actual possession of the same as the owner thereof and during the time she owned it she had the timber cut from it and the logs were hauled to Westover and sawed into lumber. Affiant further says said land joined some land owned by J. M. Baldwin and affiant recalls when Ida Hester and husband J. W. Hester conveyed said land to J. M. Baldwin in the year 1900, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 23 Page 377 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. Affiant further says that the said J. M. Baldwin went into the immediate possession of said land and held the same along with other lands which he owned and he claimed to own the same and paid taxes on it during all the years until he and his wife sold it to C. J. Falkner in December 1927, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 79 Page 636 in said Probate Office. Affiant further says that C. J. Falkner went into immediate possession of the land and he took affiant to look over the land and in fact, he offered to sell the land to me for a Texas pony, but I did not purchase it. Affiant further says that C. J. Falkner continued in the possession of said land until he conveyed it to his wife on December 18, 1928, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 83 Page 348 in said Probate Office. Affiant further says that Ethel B. Falkner went into immediate possession of said land and she sold the timber from said land. Affiant says that the said Ethel B. Falkner continued in the actual possession of said land until she sold it to M. A. Russell in May 1934, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 94 Page 297 in said Probate Office. Affiant further says that the said M. A. Russell went into immediate possession of said land and let the timber grow while he owned the same and was in the actual possession of the same until he sold it to Curtis L. Morgan on November 15, 1946, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 127 Page 94 in said Probate Office. Affiant says that Curtis L. Morgan went into the actual possession

of the same and continued in the possession as the owner thereof until he sold it to Sam W. Farris and George W. Farris on July 9, 1948. The said Sam W. Farris and George W. Farris owned the land only a short time and they conveyed their interest to Gray S. Gravlee and Dewease Gravlee on July 19, 1948, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 132 Page 460 in said Probate Office. The said Gravlees went into immediate possession of the same and claimed to own the land and have been in possession of the same until this very day.

Affiant further says that he has never heard of anyone contesting the possession or disputing the title of Gray S. Gravlee and Dewease Gravlee nor their predecessors in title for as far back as affiant can remember.

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Sworn to and subscribed to by E. A. Grantham before me this the 31st day of March, 1956.

Carl A. Harn
Notary Public

STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY	
I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within	<i>L. C. Walker</i>
was filed for record the <u>3</u> day of <u>April</u> 19 <u>56</u> at <u>1</u> o'clock <u>P.</u> M.	
and recorded in <u>Deed</u> Record <u>179</u> Page <u>131</u> and the Mortgage Tax of	
Deed Tax of <u>1</u> has been paid.	
	Judge of Probate