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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, *J. H. Moore JP*, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared F. F. Farrell, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is F. F. Farrell. I am 69 years of age and have lived in Shelby County, Alabama, all of my life. I purchased the following described land/along with other land, from S. E. Hodgens and husband, W. N. Hodgens, on January 10, 1927, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 79 Page 340 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, Said land being described as follows:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, Township 20, Range 2 West, Shelby County, Alabama.


Affiant further says at the time he purchased said land, Mr. & Mrs. Hodgens had owned it and lived on the house situated on the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 1 and had been in possession of all of the above described land for more than 20 years and they had claimed to own the same and affiant had never heard of anyone disputing their ownership. Mr. & Mrs. Hodgens had portions of said land fenced in and they cultivated portions of it and obtained firewood from portions of it each and every year while they owned it. Upon having it called to affiant's attention that W. N. Hodgens purchased the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 1 in 1902 from J. E. Hodgens and his wife, S. E. Hodgens, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 27 Page 255 in said Probate Office, affiant says that it is his recollection that W. N. Hodgens and his wife S. E. Hodgens owned or were in possession of the remainder of the above described land at about the same time as that purchased from J. E. Hodgens and his wife in 1902, as mentioned above.

Affiant further says with reference to S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, Township 20, Range 2 West, which he purchased from Minnie Scroggins and husband, Frank Scroggins, in the year 1927, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 79 Page 566 in said Probate Office, that the said Scroggins had said 20 acres fenced in and used the same as a pasture from the time they purchased it from Martha J. Boothe in 1923 to the time they sold it to affiant, as mentioned above. Affiant further says that Martha J. Boothe owned said land as far back as he can remember, which was possibly some 40 to 50 years ago and the said Martha J. Boothe cultivated the land throughout the years she owned it and affiant has never heard of anyone contesting the possession or disputing the title of said persons to said 20 acres described in this paragraph.

Affiant further says that W.N. Hodgens was one and the same person as Walter N. Hodgens and his wife, S. E. Hodgens was one/the same person as Salena E. Hodgens.

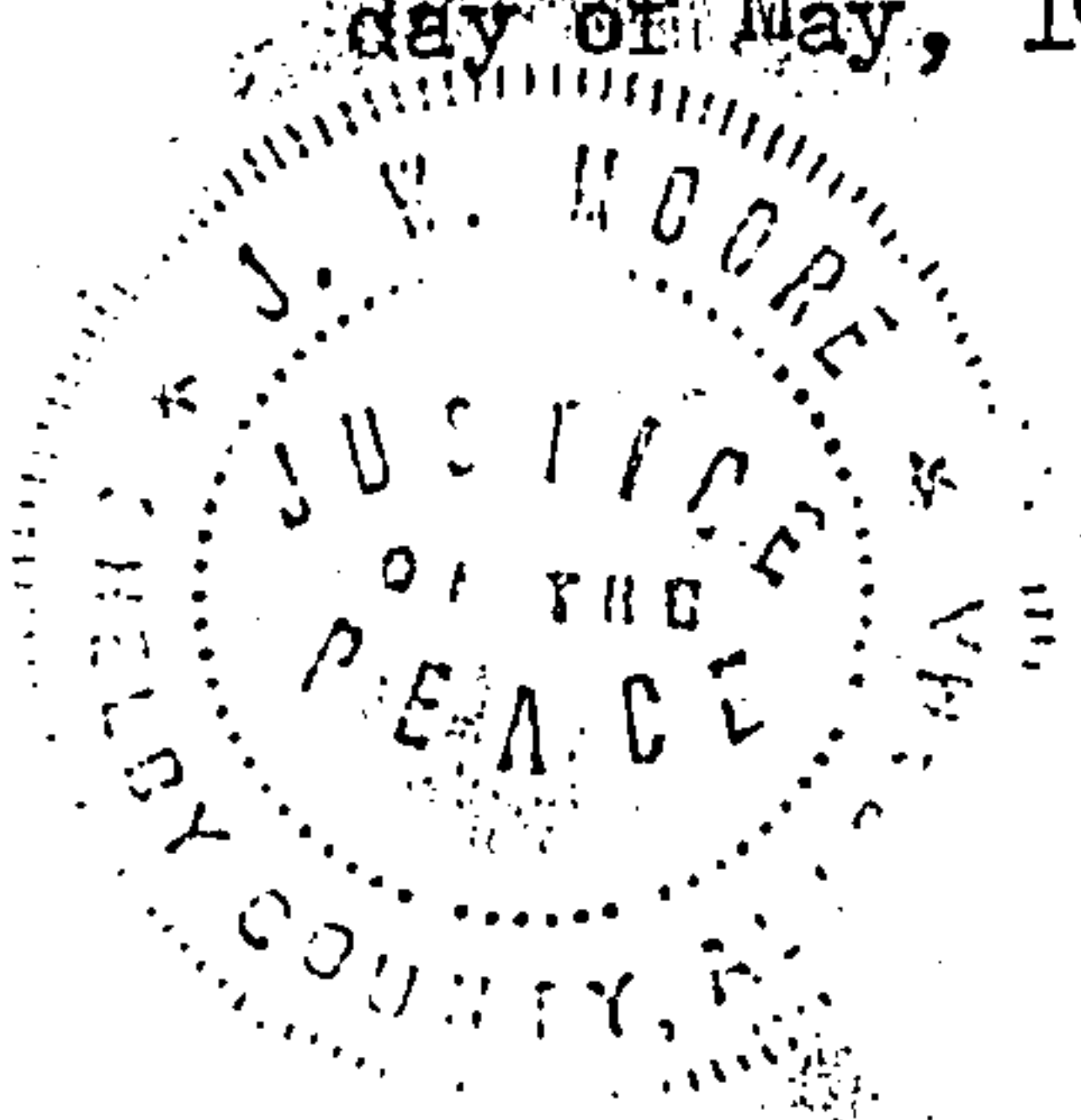
Affiant further says that neither Scott Investment Company, Gaston Scott nor W. W. Powers nor anyone else to his knowledge ever drilled for oil on any of the above described land.

Affiant further says that on September 27, 1954, to his own knowledge, Mrs. Lorene Ray was a widow.

  
F. F. Farrell

State of Alabama  
Shelby County

Sworn to and subscribed to by F. F. Farrell before me on this the 12  
day of May, 1956.



  
Notary Public



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Shelby County

Before me, J. H. Moore J.P., the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared G. O. Self, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is G. O. Self. I am 66 years of age and have lived near the land described in the foregoing affidavit of F. F. Farrell for the past 35 years and have all along been well acquainted with it and the persons in possession of it. I have read the affidavit of F. F. Farrell and know that the same is true and correct.

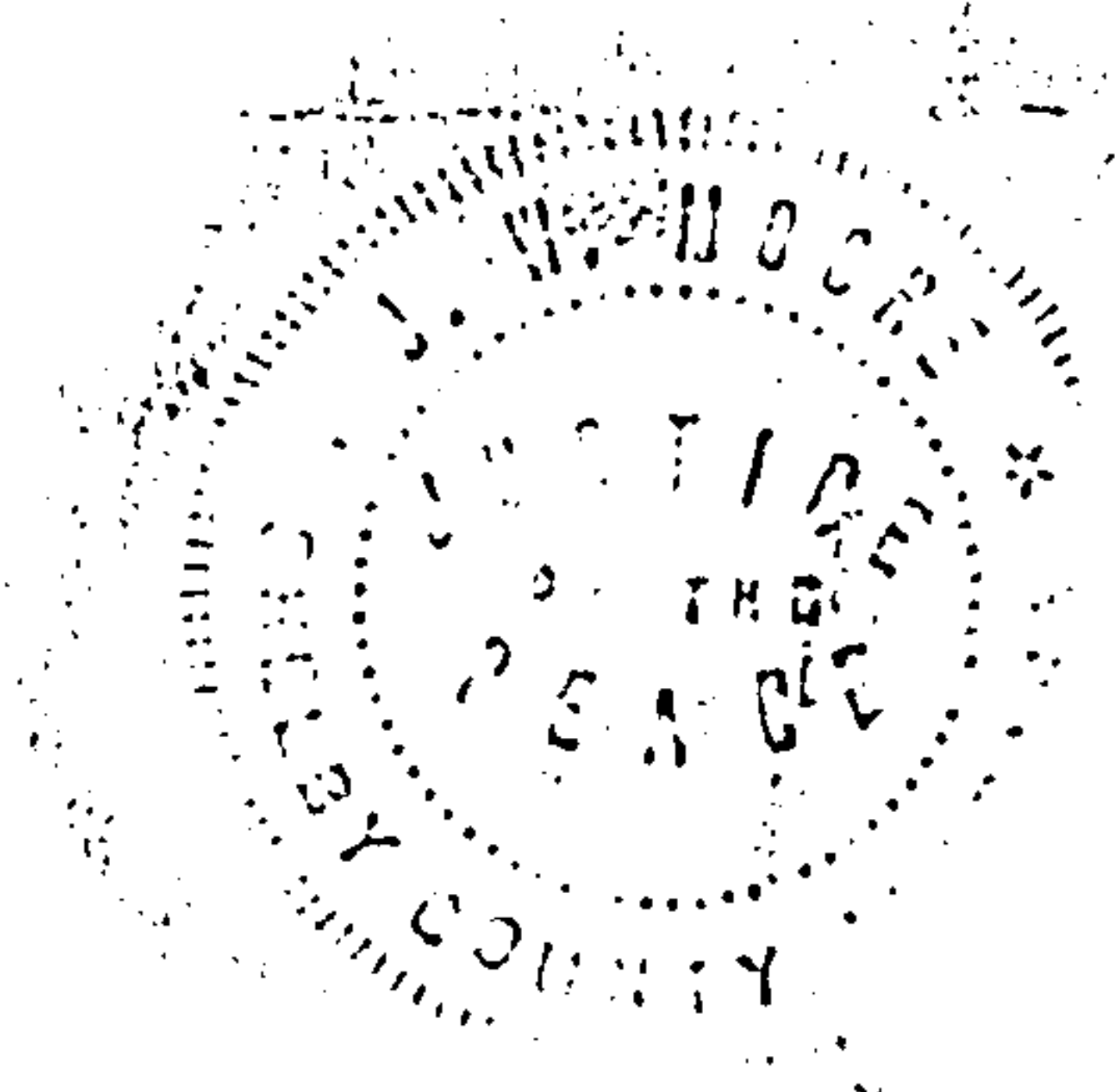
G. O. Self

State of Alabama

Shelby County

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this the 12 day of May, 1956.

J. H. Moore J.P.  
Notary Public



STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY  
I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within affidavit  
was filed for record the 12 day of May 1956 at 9 o'clock AM  
and recorded in Deed Record 482 Page 123 and the Mortgage Tax of —  
Deed Tax of — has been paid. L. C. Walker Judge of Probate