

STATE OF ALABAMA

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SHELBY COUNTY

Comes now before me, W. W. Rabren, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama at large, Mr. E. B. Whitfield, who being first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says as follows:

My name is E. B. Whitfield and I am 65 years of age and reside at Route 1, Sterrett, Alabama. I have been familiar with the following described lands for the past forty years or more: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 10, Township 18, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama. This forty acres is situated on a mountain between Vandiver and Dunnivant, Alabama. I was born within One and one-half mile of the above described forty acres and have been living within about one-fourth mile of said lands since the year 1921. I remember the year when J. B. Whitfield purchased said forty acres from Helton Davis, as J. B. Whitfield was about a second cousin of mine.

I know from my own personal knowledge that E. L. Stringfellow and his predecessors in title has claimed the above described land as their own and that their possession of said lands was open, notorious, peaceful, quiet, exclusive and direct, adverse and hostile to all the people of the world and that the said E. L. Stringfellow and his predecessors in title possessed the above described lands under color of title and claim of ownership of the entire forty acres and I have never known of anyone questioning their title to any of the said lands.

I have never known of anyone acting as Trustee for Homes for claimants of the North Alabama Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South claiming any title or rights of ownership to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 18, Range 1 East, containing 5 acres, situated in Shelby County, Alabama. I own the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 10, Township 18, Range 1 East, which said forty acres is situated East of the forty acres described above, and I have owned these lands for the past several years.

There has been no one in actual possession of the above described lands since I have been familiar with the lands, as said lands are not fit for cultivation and are suited only for the growing of timber thereon and the record owners of said lands have cut and removed the timber therefrom on numerous occasions for the past forty years.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of perfecting the title of E. L. Stringfellow to the above described lands.

E. E. Whitfield

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Sworn to and subscribed before me, W. W. Rabren, a Notary Public, this 21st day of June, 1957.

W. W. Rabren

Notary Public

State of Alabama, Shelby County

I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within affid. was filed in this office for record the 24 day of June 1957 at 8 o'clock A M, and recorded in Deed Record 187 Page 438 & examined L. C. Walker and the Mortgage Tax of \$ Deed Tax of \$ as been paid. Fee \$ Judge of Probate