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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Susie Oldham, who is known to me, and who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I was born in 1871. I was acquainted with John Balos Earl Oldham, who is now dead. He is the same person as J. B. E. Oldham, and I married W. E. Oldham, who was a son of John Balos Earl Oldham, and my husband is now dead.

Said John Balos Earl Oldham procured a deed to the West Half of Section 16, Township 20, Range 2 West, Shelby County, Alabama in 1884 and this deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 6, page 299. The deed was made to J. B. E. Oldham, who went into possession of said property immediately upon the execution of said deed and remained in the actual, open, notorious, continuous, exclusive, adverse, hostile possession of same until he sold the land to E. L. Bentley in 1918. The deed of Mr. Oldham to E. L. Bentley conveyed the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, Township 20, Range 2 West, which deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 62, page 444. Mr. E. L. Bentley went into possession of the property conveyed to him by Mr. Oldham and remained in the actual, open, notorious, continuous, exclusive, adverse, hostile possession of same until 1935 when he deeded to W. E. Jowers the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 16. However, I understand that Mr. Bentley had previously deeded to Mrs. W. E. Jowers ten acres off the East side of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 16 in 1931, and in 1933 he deeded to W. E. Jowers the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 16, but in 1935 E. L. Bentley and wife deeded to W. E. Jowers the entire forty, and this deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 96, page 127.

When John Balos Earl Oldham owned said land as aforementioned he exercised acts of ownership over it and cut and had timber sold from it, and Mr. E. L. Bentley exercised the same possession over it during the time he owned it until he sold the forty specifically described above to W. E. Jowers in 1935.

Mr. John Balos Earl Oldham was my father-in-law.

Susie Oldham  
Susie Oldham

Sworn to and subscribed to  
before me on this the 18th  
day of July, 1957.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public  
State of Alabama

State of Alabama, Shelby County

I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within *affidavit* was filed in this office for record the *19*  
day of *July* 19*57* at *10* o'clock *PM*, and recorded in *Book 188* Page *119* & examined  
*7-19-57* and the Mortgage Tax of \$ *1.00* Deed Tax of \$ *1.00* has been paid.  
Fee \$ *1.00* *L. C. Walker* Judge of Probate