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Before me, Robert S. Glasgow, Jr., a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, personally appeared Earnest Shepard, who, being by me first duly sworn, deposeth and saith as follows:

My name is Earnest Shepard.
I have lived in the Wilsonville, Alabama, vicinity for 60 odd years. I am familiar with the possession and claims to property in this area, having owned various tracts of land in the vicinity for years. To my personal knowledge, Mrs. Blanch E. Weldon and her husband, W. J. Weldon, and those under whom they claim title have been in open, continuous possession of the tract of land known as that part of the South half of Section 32, Township 20 South, Range 2 East, which lies north of the Coosa River and south and west of Yellow Leaf Creek, and that part of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 20 South, Range 2 East, ^{south and east of Sou. Ry} and have claimed the same as their own for more than twenty years past. They have rented recreational cottage sites on parts of the land, grown timber on portions of it and cultivated and rented for cultivation other portions of the land. No one has questioned their title or right to possession during that time so far as I know. I never have heard of it being questioned. The property is generally known in this vicinity as their property.

I am also familiar with the claims to what is known as the Kidd property described as the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 20 South, Range 2 East, that part of the West half of the Southwest quarter and that part of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter north and west of the Southern Railroad Company right of way in Section 32, Township 20 South, Range 2 East. To my personal knowledge, T. B. Kidd, his predecessors in title and those claiming title by inheritance from him, that is, his children, have been in open, continuous, notorious and adverse possession of the said lands for more than twenty years. They have farmed portions of the land, erected, repaired and removed fences as they saw fit, and used the remainder for pasture and growing timber. I never have heard of their title or right of possession being disputed during that time.

I have no interest in either tract of land, and make this statement only from my knowledge of the facts.

Earnest Shepard

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 3rd day of December, 1956.
[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Alabama,
At Large.