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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

BOOK 192 PAGE 366

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared A. B. Bristow, who is known to me, and who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am acquainted with the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 22, Township 24, Range 15 East, Shelby County, Alabama, and have known this land forty years or more.

On the 8th day of June, 1936, as shown by Tax Sale Record 12, page 175, this land was sold for taxes under an assessment against Mrs. Alice F. Johnson and was bought in by the State of Alabama.

On January 29th, 1941, I procured a tax deed from the State Land Commissioner to this forty acre tract of land, which deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 111, page 128. As soon as I received the tax deed aforementioned I had this land surveyed and the lines marked and painted. The trees along the lines were hacked and were also painted, and I have had them repainted at intervals of about three years to the present time. I went into possession of this forty as soon as I received the tax deed, and about a month or so after I got the tax deed I sold the timber to W. P. Brown and Sons Lumber Company, who cut it off, and in 1946 or 1947, I cut the timber off the land or had it done. Then in 1956, I sold the timber to my son, Henry S. Bristow, who cut the timber or had it cut. From the time I obtained the tax deed I have frequently and regularly patrolled the land seeing after the timber and keeping trespassers off, and when it was cut the three times named, I inspected it regularly to see that <sup>the</sup> timber was cut according to contract and for the protection of the small timber as much as possible. I have long experience in dealing with timber lands and know that you have to watch timber land closely to keep trespassers off. They will slip in and cut the timber when you turn your back and I have kept almost constant supervision over the land and timber to see that none of the timber was stolen, and I have been in the actual, open, notorious, continuous, exclusive, adverse, hostile possession of said property from the time I obtained the aforementioned tax deed down to the present time, having timber cut from it from time to time and frequently going upon it to keep off trespassers and see that the timber was protected.

I have regularly assessed the property for taxation and paid taxes on it from the date I obtained the tax deed aforementioned to the present time, and during all that time no other, person, firm or corporation has been in possession of said property or have advanced any claim or interest in or to the same.

A. B. Bristow  
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me  
on this the 1st day of April, 1958.

Handwritten Signature  
Notary Public,  
State at Large for Alabama

State of Alabama, Shelby County  
I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate hereby certify, that the within  
day of April 1958 at 4 o'clock P. M. and recorded in Book 192 Page 366 & examined  
and the Mortgage Tax of \$ and the Deed Tax of \$ has been paid.  
Fee \$ 1.20  
L. C. Walker Judge of Probate