

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 12, Township 24 North, Range 14 East, and have known this land for more than 40 years.

On June 27th, 1927, under assessment to L. D. Smith, this land was sold for 1926 taxes, and on September 1, 1937, Robert Blackburn purchased it from the State of Alabama and procured a tax deed which is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 103, page 245. This tax deed was filed for record on September 3rd, 1937.

On March 22nd, 1941, Robert Blackburn and wife, Lucile Blackburn executed to me a warranty deed, which is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 110, page 177, in which this forty acre tract was conveyed. Immediately upon the execution of the aforementioned deed, I had this tract of land surveyed and marked the lines with red paint and have kept them marked continuously down to the present time, and at that time I went into possession of said property and have had the timber cut from this forty three different times. The first time it was cut, my son Henry S. Bristow and I cut it, and my recollection is that we cut the timber about two years after I purchased it.

W. P. Brown and Sons Lumber Company cut the timber under my authorization about three years after my son and I cut timber from it. When my son and I cut it, we did not cut it very close, and then later on Loper Lumber Company had the timber cut under my authorization and the actual cutting was done by a Mr. Sheffield, who was cutting it for Loper Lumber Company.

Continuously during the time I have owned the property, I have been on it frequently, checking the timber and checking for any unlawful cutting of the timber by other persons. During all this time I have been on the land many times checking for trespassers and exercising acts of ownership over it.

Since I obtained the aforementioned deed, I have been in the actual,

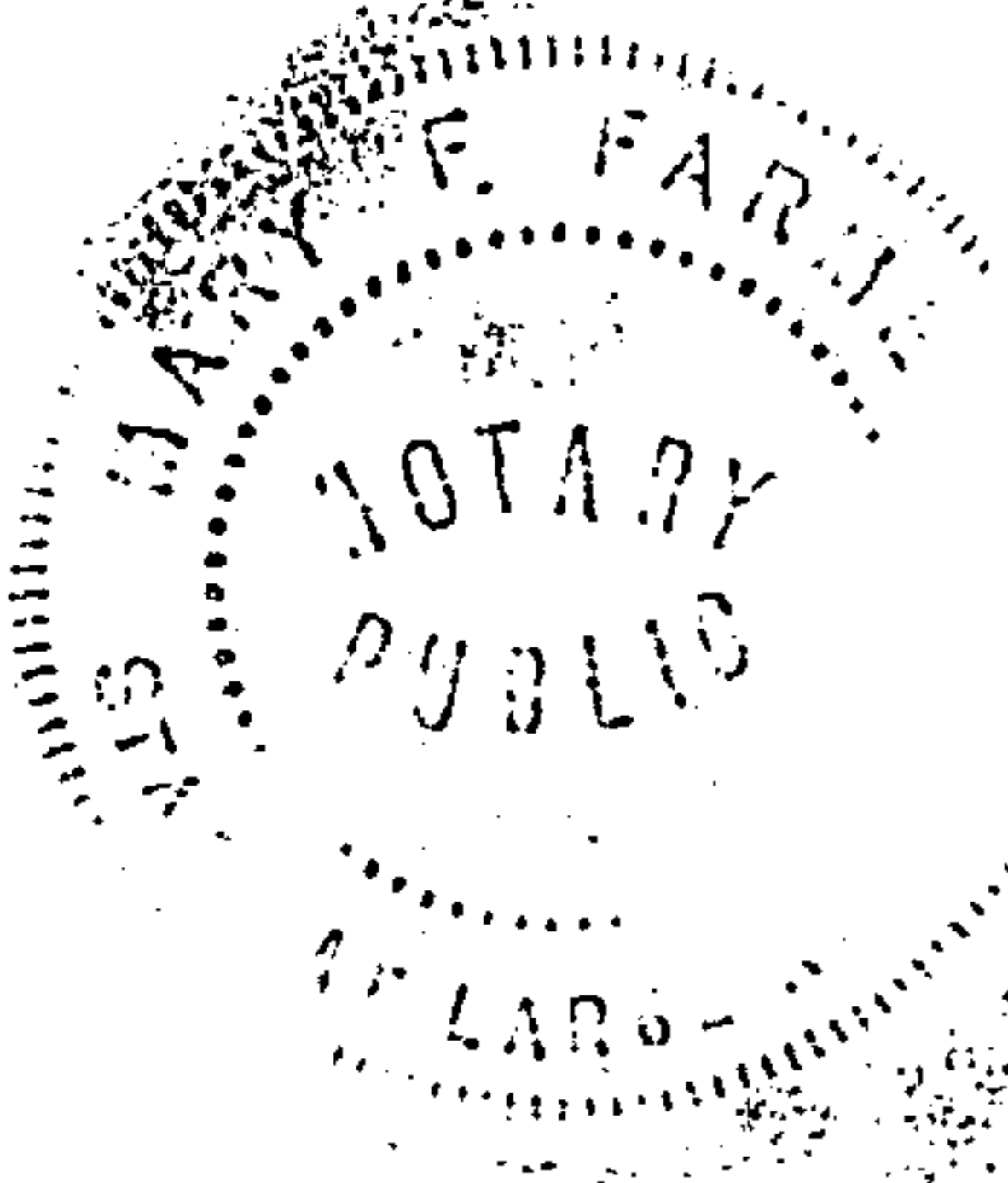
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open, notorious, exclusive, continuous, adverse, hostile possession of the entire forty, selling timber from it and cutting the timber myself and keeping trespassers off the land, and during all that time no other person, firm or corporation has advanced any claim or interest in said land. I have regularly assessed it for taxation and paid taxes on it.

A. B. Bristow
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this 18th day of April, 1958.

Mary F. Farmer
Notary Public
State at Large for Alabama



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 18 day of April 1958 at 8 o'clock A. M, and recorded in Book 192 Page 531 & examined and the Mortgage Tax of \$ 2.00 and the Deed Tax of \$ 2.00 has been paid.
Fee \$ 2.00 L. C. Walker Judge of Probate