

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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

I am also known as Keith Curtis.

My father was David Curtis to whom James Curtis and others, on February 2, 1900, by deed of that date, conveyed to my father David Curtis the following land, namely:

The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 24, Range 15 East, and 5 acres lying in the Northeast corner of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 24, Range 15 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

This deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 25, page 375. The grantee David Curtis was one and the same person as David Curtis, whose wife was Mary Curtis and who was one of the grantors in said deed. The grantors in the aforementioned deed were at that time the sole heirs at law and next of John M. Curtis and Sarah Curtis, both of whom were dead.

The aforementioned land sold for taxes on July 6, 1925, for 1924 taxes under an assessment to Dave Curtis, who was one and the same person as David Curtis, and was bought in by the State of Alabama. This sale is reflected in Tax Sale Record 9, page 31, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. I redeemed this land on January 28, 1926, under the name of Keith Curtis, which as aforesaid is one and ^{the} same person as Kib Curtis.

My father David Curtis had two children who died unmarried before his death. They were two sons. He also had a daughter, Almedia Curtis Roberson, who died prior to the death of her father, and her sole heir at law and next of kin during and throughout the year 1924 was her daughter Annie Mae Curtis. As a matter of fact, my father adopted said Annie Mae Curtis after her mother's death and at the time of his death she was not only his granddaughter but his adopted daughter, and in 1924 she was about 30 years of age.

At the time of the death of my father, David Curtis, he had children as follows:

Cassie Kisic, a daughter.
Tap Curtis, a son
Barbe Curtis Haynes, a daughter

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John Curtis, a son
 Kib Curtis, a son (myself)
 Annie Curtis, a daughter
 Annie May Curtis, granddaughter and adopted daughter, who
 married a Cooper.

My sister Cassie Kisic is still living and resides at
 Sycamore, Talladega County, Alabama.

My brother Tap Curtis is still living and resides at
 Childersburg, Alabama.

My sister Barbe Curtis Haynes has been dead about 25 years.
 Her husband at that time was dead, and at the time of her death she
 had 4 children who were her sole heirs at law and next of kin, as
 follows:

- a. Dessie Haynes Blankenship, a daughter, who resides at
 Sylacauga, Alabama.
- b. Clara Haynes Pierce, a daughter, resides in Sylacauga,
 Alabama.
- c. I. D. Haynes, a son, who resides at Alex City, Alabama.
- d. Nicklas Haynes, a son, who resides at Sylacauga, Alabama.

All of these children were married and over 21 years of age when their
 mother died.

Said John Curtis is dead. He died about 6 months ago. He
 is survived by a widow, Docia Curtis, who resides at Talladega, Alabama,
 and he is also survived by the following children, who, aside from his
 widow, are his sole heirs at law and next of kin, namely:

- a. John Marion Curtis, a son, Talladega, Alabama.
- b. Tommy Curtis, a son, Talladega, Alabama.
- c. Ermon Curtis, a son, Talladega, Alabama.
- d. Willie Curtis, a son, who is dead and who died about 8
 months ago, and who resides in New Mexico. I do not know
 the names of his children but he had 3 or 4, but as stated
 I do not know their names.

My sister, Annie Curtis is still living, and she resides some-
 where near the line between Talladega County and Calhoun County, Alabama,
 but I do not know the exact place of residence.

My adopted sister, Annie May Curtis is still living and
 resides in Talladega, Alabama.

When my father died he owed debts and left a small amount of
 personal property. I discussed the matter with the other heirs and tried
 to get them to join in and pay off the debts but not one of them would pay
 a dime and I therefore sold the personal property and paid off the debt.
 I did this under the advice of a lawyer. Later Cassie Kisic sued me

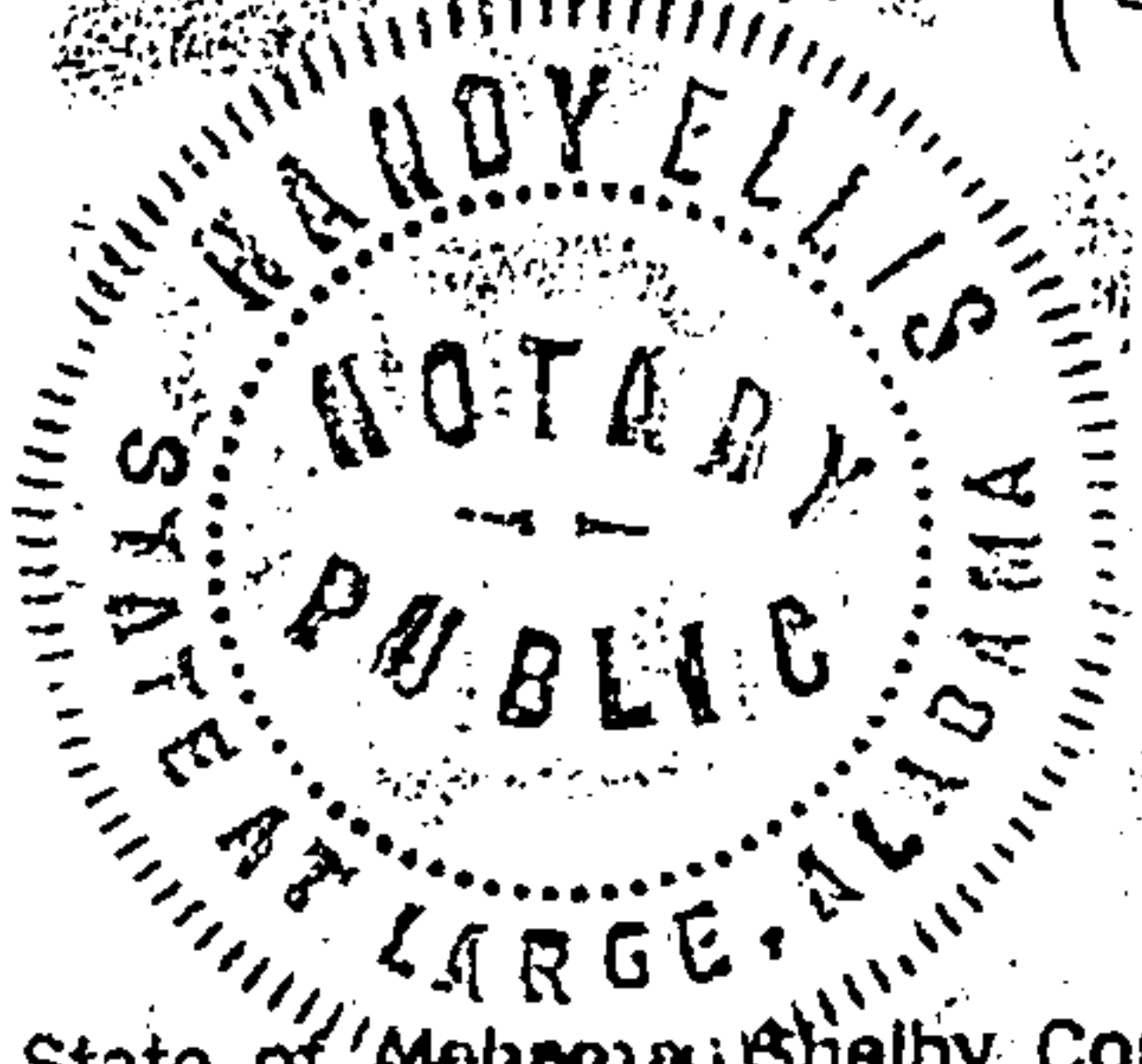
in the courts of Talladega County, Alabama, for disposing of personal property belonging to my father but I made a showing to the effect that I had paid it all on my father's debts and the case was thrown out.

When my father's land sold at tax sale, as hereinabove shown, it was not of very great value. I contacted all the heirs, consisting of my brothers and sisters and adopted sister Annie Mae Curtis, and tried to get them to join with me in redeeming it. They all told me they would not put up a dime on it and did not want it and if I could and wanted to I could redeem it in my own name and they would not advance any claim against it. Under those conditions I redeemed the property on January 28, 1926, and went into possession of it and paid taxes on it for something like 11 years when I deeded it to Mr. A. B. Bristow by deed dated September 10, 1936, and recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 100, page 128. From the time I redeemed it until I deeded it to Mr. Bristow, as aforesaid, I was in possession of it, claiming it, against the other heirs of my father and in fact they advanced no claim against the property and agreed that if I redeemed it it should be mine. All of the heirs of my father knew that I was holding the land, claiming the entire interest adverse to them until I deeded it to Mr. Bristow, as aforesaid. Since I redeemed the land from tax sale none of the heirs at law of my father have advanced any claim to my interest in it, have paid none of the taxes, nor have they been in possession of it and as stated they have not claimed any interest in said land.

Kib Curtis
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Sworn to and subscribed to before
me on this the 30th day of July, 1958.

Handy Ellis
Notary Public
State at Large for Alabama



State of Alabama, Shelby County

I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within was filed in this office for record the day of August 1958 at 3 o'clock P. M. and recorded in Book 194 Page 368 & examined 8/16/58 and the Mortgage Tax of \$ has been paid. Deed Tax of \$ has been paid.
Fee \$ 2.50 *L. C. Walker* Judge of Probate