

## STATE OF ALABAMA

## SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, Martha B. Joiner, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared J. W. McCullers, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is J. W. McCullers. I am 74 years of age and have lived in Shelby County, Alabama, all of my life and have all along been acquainted with the following described land and the persons in possession of it. Said land being described as follows:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 20, Range 1 East,  
Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant further says he recalls when said land was owned by James W. M. Page and knows that he sold the same to Henry Milner and L. E. Christian in 1911, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 70 Page 464 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. I have been informed that in 1919 L. E. Christian sold his interest out to Henry Milner, but I did not know about that until recently. However, I do recall when Henry Milner sold said land to N. H. Edmondson, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 66 Page 450 in said Probate Office. The said Mr. Milner and Mr. Christian cut timber/and made charcoal for Shelby Iron Company while they owned said land. Affiant recalls that there was an old log house situated on said forty acres at the time Mr. Edmondson bought the same and he moved into said log house and farmed patches of the land during the summer in which he owned the same. He sold said land to J. W. Bullard in 1920, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 66 Page 606 in said Probate Office. J. W. Bullard moved into said house and he farmed patches of the land each and every year until he sold the same to Sam Winstead in June of 1924, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 77 Page 331 in said Probate Office. Affiant says Sam Winstead went into immediate possession of said land and affiant does not recall Mr. Winstead living on said place. Affiant understands Sam Winstead sold the same to Viola Simms on June 16, 1928, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 83 Page 168 in said Probate Office and that Viola Simms and husband sold the same to J. L. Simms the same year, but affiant says he did not know the Simms family and is not



familiar with the details of this transaction. Affiant does recall when T. A. Morse bought said land from the State and know that he went into immediately possession of it and continued to own it until he sold it to Ezekiel Vick on November 5, 1934, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 107 Page 509 in said Probate Office. The said Ezekiel Vick went into immediate possession of said land as the owner thereof and lived in the old house situated on the south-half of said forty acres. Soon after he purchased the same, he built a new house and continued to live in it. He farmed portions of the north-half of said forty and cut firewood and building timber from other portions of it and continued in the possession and ownership of the same until he sold said north-half of said forty to T. H. Crenshaw on June 21, 1944, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 116 Page 551 in said Probate Office. A short time after he purchased the same, T. A. Crenshaw built a house on said north 20 acres and moved into said house and has lived there continuously until this very day. Since he has owned said land, he has also built two large chicken houses on said land. Affiant says that throughout all the years he has known said land it has been under fence, but throughout the later years the old fence has gradually been destroyed and is almost all down at this time; however, there is a new fence along the middle of the above forty, separating the two 20's mentioned above.

Affiant says that through all the years he has known said land, he has never heard of anyone disputing the title or contesting the possession of T. A. Crenshaw to said  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 19, or his predecessors in title.

*J W McCullers*

J. W. McCullers

Sworn to and subscribed to before  
me this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1958.

*Martha S. Jinner*  
Notary Public

State of Alabama

Shelby County

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Before me, Martha B. Joiner, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared G. B. Bentley, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is G. B. Bentley. I am 67 years of age and have lived in Shelby County, Alabama, all of my life. I have read the above affidavit of J. W. McCullers regarding the land of T. A. Crenshaw and I know of my own knowledge that the matters and things mentioned in said affidavit are true and correct. I recall when James W. M. Page owned said land and I have known it throughout all the years and have been familiar with the persons owning the same up until this very days

Affiant says that throughout all the years he has known said land, he has never heard of anyone disputing the title or contesting the possession of T. A. Crenshaw or his predecessors in title to said  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 19.

G. B. Bentley  
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me

this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1958.

Martha B. Joiner  
Notary Public

State of Alabama, Shelby County

I, L. G. Walker, Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within Affid was filed in this office for record the 10 day of October 1958 at 8 o'clock M, and recorded in Deed Record 196 Page 11 & examined 10-10-58 and the Mortgage Tax of \$          Deed Tax of \$          has been paid.  
Fee \$ 1.75 L. G. Walker Judge of Probate