

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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Before me, Lyndol Bolton, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, personally appeared J.N. Niven, who, being by me first duly sworn, deposeth and saith as follows:

My name is J.N. Niven. I am 87 years of age. I live at Wilsonville, Alabama. I have lived in this community continuously for the past 87 years. I own land in the community and am familiar with the ownership and possession of lands in the area. I am familiar with the lands owned by Dellie Stone, and described as follows:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 12, Township 21 South, Range 1 East

To my personal knowledge, the said Dellie Stone and her predecessors in title have been in open, continuous and adverse possession of the said land for the past 20 years. The said Dellie Stone acquired title to the said land by conveyance from R.J. Ray, her father, by will, executed on or about July 15, 1939, and recorded in Volume Will bk 5 at pages 90 plus in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama. The possession and claim of Dellie Stone and her predecessors in title has been and is being evidenced by the following acts: Dellie Stone acquired title to the above described property from her father by will in 1939 and prior to his death he farmed the above described property and since his death Dellie Stone and her husband have lived on the land and farmed that portion suitable for farming, fenced and cross fenced the property at will, erected and maintained buildings for farm and dwelling purposes, dug and maintained a well for farm and household use, cut timber on more than one occasion, have rented the crop land out on different to various persons, have improved the property to further the commercial farm use thereof, have dithhed the property for better drainage, and have exercised all other rights of ownership and possession that the above described property would admit to.

Having personal knowledge of R.J. Ray and his children and knowing that Dellie Stone is his oldest daughter and the appearance of "Dollie" in the will of R. J. Ray as recorded is in error and Dellie Stone and Mrs. M.W. Stone are one in the same person.

The said land is reputed in the community to be the property of Dellie Stone, and I never have heard of her title or right of possession, or that of her predecessors in title, being questioned or disputed during the past 20 years, or the time I have been familiar with the ownership and possession of the said lands.

I make this statement of my own free will and accord, and I have no interest in the lands.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of July, 1959.

Lyndol Bolton
Notary Public, State of Alabama
at Large

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I, Conrad M. Fowler, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within Will was filed for record the 23 day of Sept 1959 at 2 o'clock P. and recorded in Record 202 at page 287 and the Mortgage Tax Deed Tax has been paid.

Conrad M. Fowler