

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

1873

Before me, *Harold G. Harrison*, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared Lula B. McClanahan, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is Lula B. McClanahan. I am 68 years of age and have lived in Shelby County, Alabama, All of my life and have lived within two or three miles of the hereinafter described land all of my life. Said land being described as follows:

The $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 22 South, Range 1 West, EXCEPTING a lot 210 feet by 210 feet square in the northeast corner of said 20 acres; being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

When I first knew said land it was in the year 1904 when my father, Columbus Francis purchased the land adjoining the above described land and we moved on said adjoining land at that time and lived on it. I recall that Pearse Pearson lived in a two-room house on the above described land at that time and his said land described above was fenced in and he lived on it continuously until he died a short time before August 1915. I remember the date because that is when I got married.

I knew Lou Dandy. She was a sister of Pearse Pearson, and I understand that Pearse Pearson conveyed said land to her in his declining years, but she never lived on the land. It is my understanding and information that she lived in Coosa County and I havenot heard of her for many many years and have never heard of her exercising any claim to the land after the death of Pearse Pearson. After he sold said land to Lou Dandy, he continued to live on it as her tenant until his death.

I am informed that Paul O. Luck and R. Brewer purchased said land for taxes and that a deed was made to them in September, 1928. This deed has been pointed out to me in an abstract. I do recall that Mrs. Lelar Taylor bought said land from Mr. Luck and Mr. Brewer in 1929, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 88 page 50 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. I recall that Mrs. Taylor and her husband and father moved on the land immediately after they purchased it and they added to the dwelling house situated on it and farmed the land until she sold it to Fred Merrell in 1929. Mr. Merrell owned the land for and he died and his wife and my mother, Mattie Francis a short time/and sold it to my father, Columbus Francis, in February 1930, as shown 89 page by deed recorded in Deed Book/460 in the Probate Office of said County.

My father at that time still owned land adjoining the above described land and he used all of it for farming purposes and he farmed it each and every year until he and my mother ^{Mattie Francis} sold it to Mrs. Claudia Wooley, formerly Mrs. Fred Merrell, in January, 1933, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 94 page 145 in said Probate

Office. Mrs. Wooley did not live on the land but rented it out to tenants while she had it and I recall that Mattie Garner and her husband Ulyses Garner rented said land and lived on it until Ulyses' death and that Mattie Garner continued to live on it for sometime after. I also recall when Mrs. Wooley sold this land to William Wilson and Eva Wilson in September 1944, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 160 page 89 in said Probate Office. They went into immediate possession of said land and lived in the house on it and he farmed said land each and every year until his death a few years ago. After his death, his widow continued to live on the land until some two or 3 years ago. It was not too long after she moved away until she and the heirs of William Wilson sold the land to Lewis Walker and he has been in the actual possession of the land and using it to grow timber on it since that time.

Throughout the years I have never heard of anyone contesting the title or disputing the possession of Lewis Walker or his predecessors in title.

Affiant further says that throughout all the years she has know said land she has never known of any tramways or rights of ways for roadways or railroads running across said land, except for roadways leading to and from the dwelling house.

Lula B. McClanahan
Lula B. McClanahan

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this the 16th day of January, 1961.

Harold Harrison
Notary Public

State of Alabama
Shelby County

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

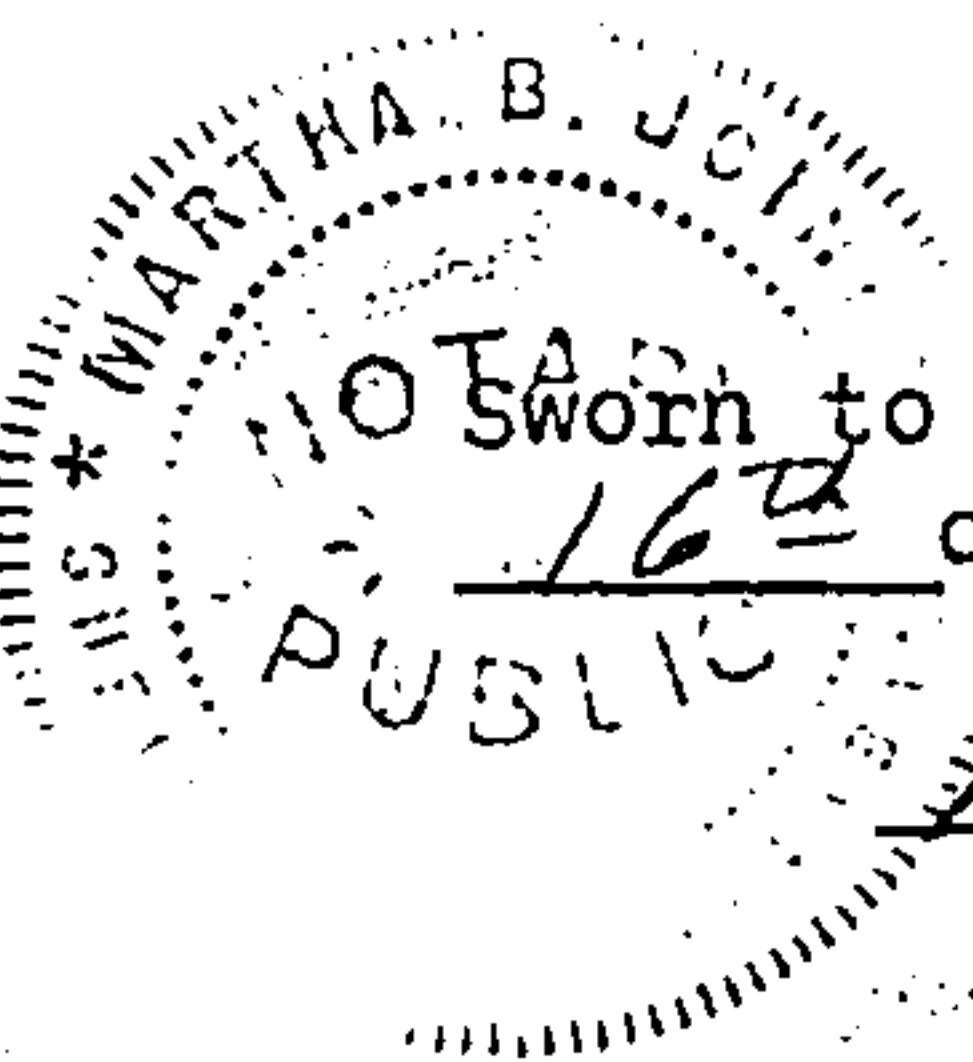
My name is B. E. McClanahan. I am the husband of Lula B. McClanahan.

I have read the above affidavit and know the same is true and correct and I hereby adopt the same as my affidavit.

B E McClanahan
B. E. McClanahan

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 16th day of January, 1961.

Martha B. Joiner
Notary Public



STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY

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

My name is A. B. Bristow. I am 84 years of age and have lived in Shelby County, Alabama, for the past 84 years and have for many years been familiar with the property described in the attached affidavit made by Lula B. McClanahan on January 16, 1961. Affiant further says he has read said affidavit and that he is familiar with the matters and things set out therein from the time said property was purchased by Paul O. Luck and R. Brewer in September, 1928, and that he knows the matters and things set out therein are true and correct. Affiant further says that after Mr. Luck and Mr. Brewer purchased the property, Mr. Luck came to affiant and told him he was establishing the lines of said property and asked affiant about one of the corners of said property. Affiant says he was familiar with it and it was marked by a railroad rail. Affiant said Mr. Luck told him at that time they were selling or were going to sell the timber on the land and he did not want to cut over on the adjoining land owners.

A. B. Bristow
A. B. Bristow

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this
the 24th day of January, 1961.

Martha B. Joiner
Notary Public

STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY

I, Conrad M. Fowler, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within affidavit was filed for record in this office on the 24 day of Jan 1961 at 11 o'clock, and recorded in Book 213 at page 536 on the 24 day of Jan 1961.
Mortgage Tax _____ Deed Tax _____ has been paid.

Conrad M. Fowler
Judge of Probate

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