

STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY

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Before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared E. C. Whitfield, who is known to me and who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is E. C. Whitfield. I am sixty-eight years old, and I have lived in the vicinity of the following described property all of my life, having been familiar with the ownership and possession of said property since I was about eight or ten years old.

All that part of the Southeast quarter of Southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 18 South, Range 2 East, that lies Southeast of the Columbiana-Eden (Pumpkin Swamp) Road.

I first remember said property when I was about eight or ten years old. Said property was then owned by Riley Howard. I do not know where Riley Howard got his title to the property; it may have been through J. Y. Davis and Margaret Davis. In any event Riley Howard tore down a house located on said property, and about 1920, he built the house located on said property which is still standing today. He and his wife occupied said house and the above described property as a homestead until they conveyed the same to R. S. Pennington, about 1922 or 1923. R. S. Pennington, an unmarried man, lived on said property as his homestead until he conveyed the same to Mrs. Willie L. McKee, about 1928. Mrs. Willie L. McKee later married E. G. Caudle, and they occupied said property as a homestead until they conveyed the same to Elmer Shaw and wife, Zula Shaw, about 1938. Said Elmer Shaw and wife occupied said property as a homestead until they conveyed the same to C. C. Weldon and wife, Leola Weldon, in 1944.

C. C. Weldon and wife, Leola Weldon have occupied said property as their homestead since 1944 and until the present date, except approximately one acre as described in a deed which they executed to Clifton H. and Christine Dunlap in 1960.

I know of my own personal knowledge that Riley Howard and his successors in title, as named above, have been in open, notorious, continuous, undisturbed, peaceable, exclusive, hostile, actual, adverse possession of said property, occupying the same as a homestead, since about 1900 when I first became familiar with said property and until the present date. I have never heard anyone question the title of said Riley Howard, or his successors in title as named above, to the said property.

E. C. Whitfield
E. C. Whitfield

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

[Signature]
Notary Public

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Before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared D. H. Shoop, who is known to me and who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is D. H. Shoop. I am sixty-eight years old and have lived in the vicinity of, and have been familiar with the ownership and possession of, the property described above in the affidavit of E. C. Whitfield since 1928. Mrs. Willie McKee Caudle is my mother-in-law. When I first remember said property, my mother-in-law, Mrs. Willie McKee Caudle (who at that time had not married Mr. E. G. Caudle and who was then known as "Mrs. Willie L. McKee") had just gone into possession of said property under a deed from Mr. R. S. Pennington.

I have read the above affidavit of E. C. Whitfield, and I know of my own knowledge that the facts stated in Mr. Whitfield's affidavit relating to said property since 1928 are true and correct. I have never heard anyone question the title of Mrs. Willie McKee Caudle and her successors in title, as noted above in Mr. Whitfield's affidavit.

D. H. Shoop
D. H. Shoop

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

[Signature]
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 10 o'clock, and recorded in Book 213 at page 539 on the 31 day of Jan, 1961.
Mortgage Tax _____ Deed Tax _____ has been paid.

Conrad M. Fowler
Judge of Probate

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