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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. I knew the following land when Alexander Worthy owned it and when W.P. Eason owned it. They owned the following described land along with other land. Said land being described as:

Part of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 13 and run east along the north line of said forty acres to a point where the 425 foot contour line of Alabama Power Company crosses the north line of said forty; thence in a southwesterly direction along said contour line to a point where said 425 foot contour line crosses the west line of said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 13; thence north along the west line of said forty acres to pt of beg, containing 20 acres, more or less, and being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant further says there was no house on this particular piece of land. There was an old rail fence on the south side of the old road farther up the hill from the new road and it was known as the old ferry road. The land was fenced from there back to the river, but there was no fence above the old road. Affiant says that in 1897 he was working in Talladega, Alabama and live in Shelby and he traveled the old ferry road which passed along the above described property and led to the Ft. Williams Ferry. I recall that Alexander Worthy was in possession of the above described property at this time and he had been in possession of it for several years prior thereto. At that time, it was enclosed by a rail fence and was a part of the Alexander Worthy homeplace, his home being situated on the adjoining land, but all was a part of his homestead and he occupied it as such. I traveled by the land approximately two times a month for a period of 18 months. Mr. Worthy farmed portions of his land on the Coosa River and there was a shoal on a portion of his land and we boys in that area went there to swim. I recall going out there when I was 13 or 14 years old to swim in the river. This was also a good bird hunting area and I began hunting birds and I went on this land hunting frequently. I had an Uncle living within one-half mile of the above land and I visited him for several winters to hunt. I would say it was common knowledge in the community where I lived that the above described land had been a part of the Alexander Worthy homeplace for a number of years prior to the time I recall it. When I first knew the Worthy house, it appeared to be 15 to 20 years old. I recall that Mr. Worthy used the above described land to obtain firewood and building timber therefrom. Alexander Worthy was in the actual possession of said land throughout the years until he sold the same to W. P. Eason

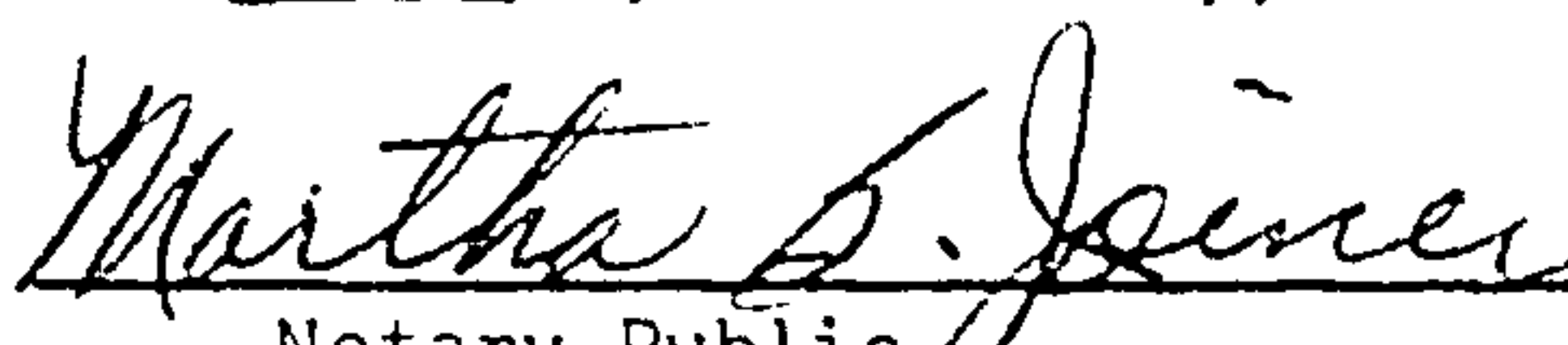
in the year 1907, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 34 page 406 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. I recall that Mr. Worthy was up in years when he sold said land to W. P. Eason and that Mr. Worthy moved to Selma after the sale was consumated.

W. P. Eason purchased the above described land, along with other lands from Mr. Worthy, and went into immediate possession of all of it. He built a two-story club house on the land adjoining the above described land and he continued to operate the club house until it burned several years later. After that several cabins were built on the adjoining land and people occupied them to fish and boat on the river. Affiant says that W. P. Eason used the above described land as a part of his entire tract purchased from Mr. Worthy.

Affiant further says he knows that Lewis B. Walker and Jack T. Atchison are the present owners of said tract and they have owned it for a short length of time.


A. B. Bristow

Sworn to and subscribed to before me
this the 6th day of February, 1961.


Notary Public

STATE OF ALABAMA }
SHELBY COUNTY }

I, Conrad M. Fowler, Judge of Probate hereby
certify that the within _____ was
filed in this office for record the _____ day
of _____ 19____ at _____ o'clock ____ M.
and recorded in _____ Record _____
page _____ and examined _____
and the Mortgage Tax of \$ _____
Deed Tax of \$ _____ has been paid.

Judge of Probate
Fee \$ _____

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