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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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

My name is A. A. Johnson. I am 75 years of age. Affiant says he was in the sawmill business in and around Sterrett, Alabama, for about 20 years and he is familiar with the following described land:

The N $\frac{1}{2}$  of N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 20, Township 18 South, Range 2 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant says when he first knew the land it was owned by John A. Kincaid and I know he cultivated the same and raised corn and cotton on it and lived in the dwelling house situated thereon. He sold the same to W. B. Lawley and W. H. O'Barr in 1906 and I recall that W. H. O'Barr lived on the land in a house located on the west side of the Sterrett-Eden public road. I recall that W. H. O'Barr sold the land, but I did not know to whom he sold the same, but am informed that it was E. T. McCauley. I next remember the land when W. C. Gewin owned it and know he was in possession of the land when the house burned. I recall when the Birmingham Acreage Company organized by Mr. Gewin owned the land and divided it into ten acre parcels. Dr. Gewin later repurchased the land I understand several transactions took place and he recalls when Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company owned the land. Affiant does not recall that Alabama Mineral Land Company owned the land, but does recall when Grayson Lumber Company, Inc. purchased the land in 1948 and affiants knows they have been in the actual possession of the land since that time. They have had the lines marked very plainly and the corners are marked and they send representatives out from time to time to look after the land, trim the lines and keep them painted and have continued to do this throughout the years and I recall they have cut the timber on at least two different occasions and about ten (10) years ago they reset most of the above described land with pine trees.

Affiant says he is also familiar with the following described land:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, Township 18 South, Range 2 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

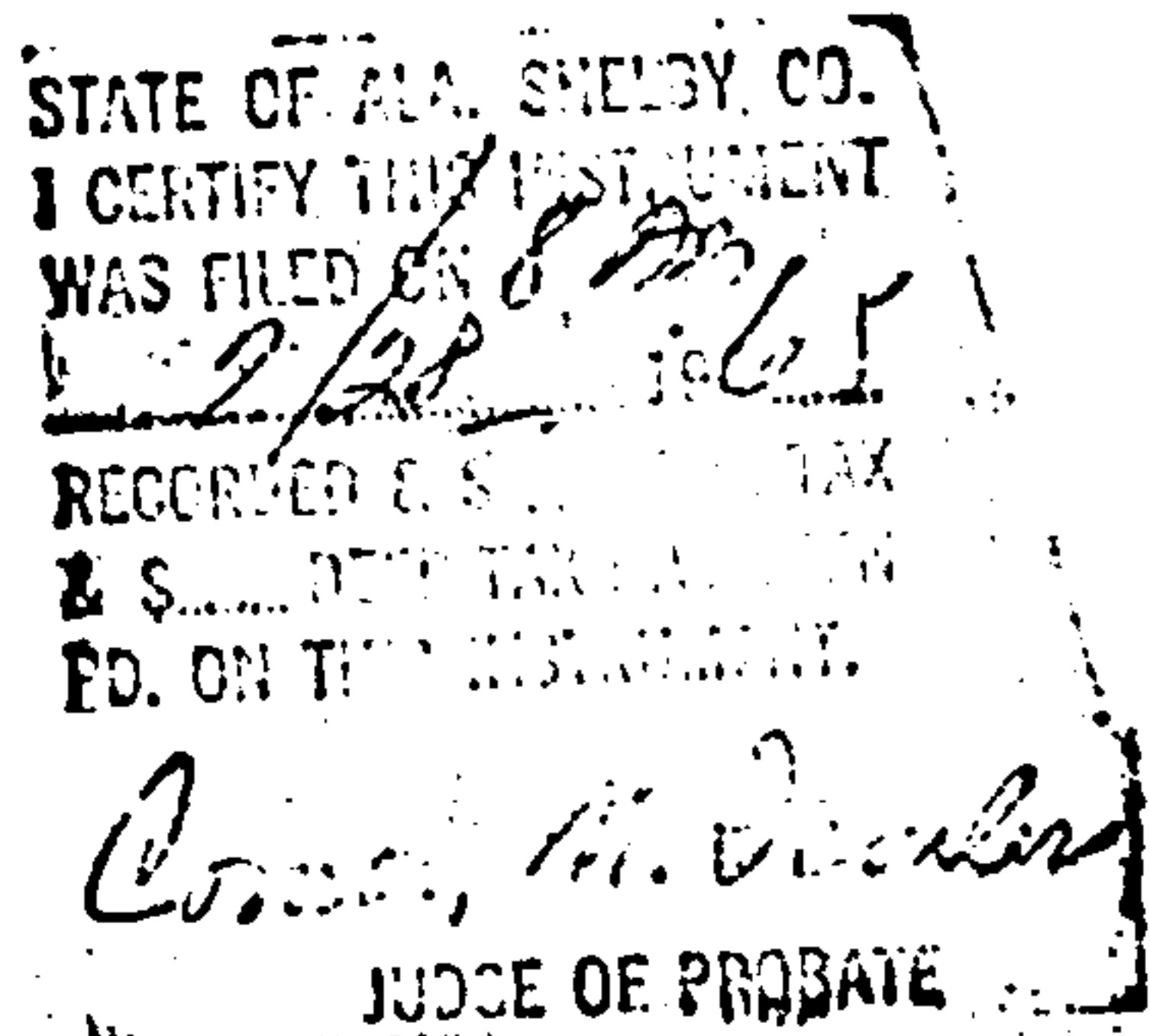
When I first knew this land, it was owned by Alabama Mineral Land Company and it was about the year 1930 or before. About 1938 or 1940 Bert Stephens purchased the timber from said land from Alabama Mineral Land Company and used all that was fit for poles ~~xxxxxxx~~ and then sold the remainder to me and I cut saw timber from it and it took me about 3 months or more to cut it. I know

where the lines are around the land and the corners are plainly marked and have been through the years. Since the time I remember the land, I know Alabama Mineral Land Company has claimed to own it and it is my understanding they have assessed and paid taxes on it each year and I have never heard of anyone claiming to own it except for Alabama Mineral Land Company and I have never of anyone contesting their possession or disputing their title to the same.

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Sworn to and subscribed to before me this  
the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1965.

Martin A. Jamieson  
Notary Public



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