

STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, L. E. Parker, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, personally appeared Alex Etress, who is known to me and after first being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows.

My name is Alex Etress. I am 71 years of age and reside in Shelby County, Alabama. I have been familiar with the hereinbelow described land and have known its possessors for more than 40 years. This land is described best as:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$) Section 20, Township 24 North, Range 15 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

All of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) lying North of Waxahatchee Creek, Section 20, Township 24 North, Range 15 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

Excepting rights and interests of Alabama Power Company to all above described lands that lie below the 420 foot contour line established in survey of Coosa River made the 2nd of August 1903, by the Corps of Engineers.

I know that in about 1913, the above described land was in the possession of William H. Shrader under the claim of title. William H. Shrader and his wife Lenora Shrader continued as possessors and title claimants until their deaths. In 1940 Clara B. Shrader continued in possession of this land and claimed title thereto by virtue of the wills of the said William H. Shrader and Lenora Shrader. In about 1942 Clara B. Shrader conveyed the hereinabove described land to Nina Shrader Compton who moved into immediate possession of this land under the claim of title and has continued in this position up until the present time.

I know that Nina Shrader Compton and her predecessors in title have been in the actual, continuous and exclusive possession of the hereinabove described land for more than 40 years and their possession has been visible, open, hostile and notorious. They have assessed this land for taxes and have paid the taxes due thereon.

I know that Nina Shrader Compton and her predecessors in title have during the past 40 years used this land for harvesting timber for market. Other portions have been used for pasturing livestock and many years ago this land was used as a portion of a farm family homeplace. They have exercised every other act necessary to the peaceful use and enjoyment of this land as was consistent with the nature of the land.

I know of no person or persons claiming any right of this land or disputing the possession of this land by Nina Shrader Compton and her predecessors in title during the past 40 years under the claim of ownership.

I more specifically know that certain deed executed by W. H. Shrader and wife Lenora Shrader and delivered to W. P. Brown and Sons Lumber Company dated October 12, 1936 was intended to convey only certain timber standing on this land. I also know that the time allowed by said deed to harvest timber on this land has long expired and the W. P. Brown and Sons Lumber Company has relinquished any rights, interests, claim or control over the timber on this land and have never claimed any title or exercised any possession on the land itself.

I know that Nina Shrader Compton is one and the same as Nina S. Compton and Nina Compton.

Alex Etress

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 8th Day of Oct, 1965.

L. E. Parker
Notary Public - State at Large

Tract No. 97.
Nina Shrader Compton

