

STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY

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STATE OF ALA., SHELBY CO.
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT
WAS FILED ON 8-31-1966
RECORDED & INDEXED
\$ - DEED TAX
\$ - ON THIS INSTRUMENT
MTG. TAX
JUDGE OF PROBATE
M. J. J. J.

Before me, L. E. Parker, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama, at Large, personally appeared William H. Hope, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is William H. Hope. I am 80 years of age and reside in Shelby County, Alabama. I have been familiar with the land described herein and have known its possessors for more than 40 years. This land is best described as:

The Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SE¹ of SE¹) and also all that part of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (NE¹ of SE¹) of Section 11, Township 24 North, Range 15 East that lies South of the Old Woods Ferry Road, excepting highway right of way.

Also excepting rights and interest of Alabama Power Company to all above described lands that lie below the 425 foot contour line established in Survey of Coosa River in 1903 by Corps of Engineers.

I know that in about 1905 K. M. Matthews and his wife Mamie Ware Matthews, were in possession of the hereinabove described land, each claiming title to a one half undivided interest. Mamie Ware died, and ^{subsequent} thereto, Mable Daugherty has claimed an undivided one half interest in this land, as the sole heir at law and next of kin of the said Mamie Ware Matthews. K. M. Matthews continued as possessor of this land, claiming title thereto subject to his daughter's interest. In about 1935 the said K. M. Matthews conveyed his one half undivided interest in this land to his second wife Eunice P. Matthews, who continued as possessor and in about 1947 purchased the interest Mable Daugherty had in this land. In about 1950 the said Eunice P. Matthews, then a widow, conveyed all of the hereinabove described land to Ida Lee Higgins, the widow of Clarence Higgins, Sr. and her three children, namely Clarence Higgins, Jr., Morris Higgins and Johnnie E. Higgins, who immediately moved into possession of this land under the claim of co-ownership. The said Ida Lee Higgins, was married to Guiller Hand in about 1948 and in about 1958 she and her children divided this land into four parcels, by the exchange of deeds, each claiming title to their respective parcels of land and have continued as possessor and title claimant of their respective lands up until the present time, with the exception of Clarence Higgins who conveyed his parcel of this land to Morris Higgins in about 1961. Morris Higgins subsequently conveyed this particular parcel of land to Edward D. Vanderslice who is now the possessor and title claimant.

I know that Ida Lee Higgins Hand, Johnnie E. Higgins, Morris Higgins, Edward D. Vanderslice are the present possessors of the hereinabove described land, each claiming title to his respective portion of land.

I know that the persons named hereinabove as present owners and their predecessors in title have been in the actual, continuous, and exclusive possession of this land for more than 40 years, and their possession has been visible, open, hostile and notorious. They have assessed their respective lands for taxes and have paid the taxes due thereon.

I know that during the past 40 years Ida Lee Higgins Hand, Johnnie E. Higgins, Morris Higgins, Edward D. Vanderslice and their predecessors in title have constructed dwelling houses, cottages, and other necessary outbuildings on this land. They have planted gardens, flowers and trees on this land and have fenced and cross fenced portions of this land and have kept livestock therein. They have mortgaged and leased this land and have dug wells, granted right of ways, cut and sold timber and 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 to any portion of the hereinabove described land or disputing the possession of this land by the hereinabove named land owners under the claim of ownership during the past 40 years.

I know that Johnnie E. Higgins is one and the same person as Escol Higgins.

I know that the surname of the persons named as grantees in that certain deed from Mrs. K. M. Matthews, dated August 26, 1950 and recorded in DB 147 at page 594 in the Probate office of Shelby County, Alabama was Higgins on said date.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 10th day of August, 1966.

His
William H. Hope
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Notary Public - State at Large