

STATE OF ALABAMA  
SHELBY COUNTY

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

My name is H. M. Merrell. I am 56 years of age and reside in Shelby County, Alabama. I have been familiar with the land described hereinabove and have known its possessors for more than 30 years. This land is best described as:

Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 1, Township 24 North, Range 15 East, 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 made 2nd August 1903 by the Corps of Engineers.

I know that the above described land was generally known throughout this vicinity as the T. R. Lovett farm and in about 1925, the heirs of Thomas R. Lovett were in exclusive possession of this land under the claim of ownership. In about 1931 the said heirs conveyed this land and other lands by deed and relinquished their possession to A. C. Goodwin who soon thereafter conveyed the above described land to Mrs. Fannie P. Hoover who was in possession of this land as title claimant until in about 1934 when she conveyed this land to Eva Taylor who moved into immediate possession of this land under the claim of ownership and has so continued up until the present time.

The said Eva Taylor was married to L. P. Lovett several years ago, and they have maintained a hom and raised a family on this land. The said L. P. Lovett is known to me and others in this community as Leroy Lovett.

I know that Eva Taylor Lovett and her predecessors in title have been in the actual, continuous and exclusive possession of the hereinabove described land for more than 30 years. 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 Eva Taylor Lovett and her predecessors in title during the past 30 years have constructed and occupied a dwelling house on this land. They have constructed a barn and other necessary outbuildings and have fenced and cross-fenced portions of this land and have kept livestock thereon. They have dug wells, planted gardens, trees and major crops of cotton and corn and have granted right-of-ways over this land 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 this land or disputing the possession of this land by Eva Taylor Lovett and her predecessors in title during the past 30 years.

H. M. Merrell

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1966.

L. E. Parker  
Notary Public - State at Large

Tract No. 412  
Eva Taylor Lovett

STATE OF ALA., SHELBY CO.,  
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT  
WAS FILED ON 12/6 1966

RECORDED & \$     MTG. TAX

\$     DEED TAX HAS BEEN  
PD. ON THIS INSTRUMENT.

Conrad M. Fowler  
JUDGE OF PROBATE