

STATE OF ALABAMA  
SHELBY COUNTY

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

My name is S. C. Spradley. I am 73 years of age and have lived in the Sterrett community where the hereinafter described land is located all of my life and have all along been very familiar with the same and the persons in possession of it.

I recall when C. E. Goodwin owned the property described in Deed Book 45 page 139 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. Affiant says C. E. Goodwin lived in a house situated along the north portion of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 18, Range 2 East, which is now owned by the Overtons. The said C. E. Goodwin used said land which he purchased in 1911 for cultivation and part of it as his homesite each and every year until he sold the same to J. J. Falkner on October 27, 1913 as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 56 page 395 in said Probate Office. The said J. J. Falkner did not live in said house mentioned above, but rented it out to tenants who occupied the land and cultivated the same. J. J. Falkner shows said property to J. M. Byers in December 1913 as shown by Deed Book 56 page 397 in said Probate Office. The said J. M. Byers went into immediate possession of the land and lived in the house mentioned above on adjoining land and farmed this land and it was all under fence each and every year until his death. After his death, his heirs continued to live in said house and cultivate this land until they sold it through a court sale to Otis V. Goodwin. There has been pointed out some differences in the description, but affiant knows the land owned by C. E. Goodwin was the same as that sold to Otis V. Goodwin. In May of 1924, the said O. V. Goodwin sold the land and affiant is informed that he sold to Mary Anna McCraven and she sold to Mrs. Kate Randolph, in October 1924; however, I did not know these ladies. However, I do recall when L. B. Houston purchased the land in October 1924 as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 73 page 327 in said Probate Office. He went into possession of said land and cultivated the same and kept it under fence as the prior owners had done and lived in a house on adjoining property. Affiant does not recall the date when Mr. Houston sold the land to Edward Long, but does recall when William R. Barron purchased the land in September of 1925. William R. Barron went into immediate possession of the land and rented it out to tenants until 1927 when he sold the same and affiant has been informed, he sold it to W. E. Pearce. Affiant did not know W. E. Pearce but does recall when W. T. Gibson and his wife purchased the land in 1928. The Gibsons did not live on the land and it was not their homeplace and they

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are both dead. The Gibsons sold the land back to L. B. Houston and his wife in 1932. They went into immediate possession of all of said land and cultivated it as the prior owners had done. In May of 1934, L. B. Houston and wife sold a portion of said land to J. E. Falkner and Jessie Falkner; however, I understand the description in the deed is not too definite, but I know it is the same property which the Falkners sold to C. C. Goodwin in May 1935, as shown by Deed Book 94 page 458 in said Probate Office. The said C. C. Goodwin sold said southerly portion to J. W. Snow and Beatrice Snow in 1944 and the Snows moved into an old house located on said property and cultivated the remainder of the land purchased until they sold the same to Horace Spradley on January 10, 1953, as shown by Deed Book 153 page 438 in said Probate Office. The said Horace Spradley went into immediate possession of the land and has used the same for a pasture continuously to the present date, except for the lot he has heretofore sold, and which is now owned by the Howards.

The said L. B. Houston and wife Daisy D. Houston sold the north portion of the original tract of land to C. C. Goodwin in May 1935, as shown by Deed Book 94 page 459 in said Probate Office. He later conveyed it to Mutt and Annie Alexander and then they conveyed it back to him in 1947, but C. C. Goodwin continued in the actual possession of it during this time. The said C. C. Goodwin and Floy Goodwin sold the same to G. O. Spradley and Horace Spradley on February 18, 1947 as shown by Deed Book 154 page 38 in said Probate Office, except for a small lot in the northeast corner which they had theretofore sold to Mozelle Stracener. I understand from Mozelle Stracener that his deed burned in his house and was never recorded, but he claimed the lot and sold it to Dalton Johnson on September 9, 1952, as shown by Deed Book 156 page 234 in said Probate Office. The said Dalton and Evelyn Johnson sold said lot to Horace Spradley on February 19, 1954, as shown by Deed Book 227 page 177 in said Probate Office. The said Horace Spradley purchased the interest of G. O. Spradley in the land they had bought from C. C. Goodwin, on November 28, 1966, as shown by Deed Book 246 page 268. The said Horace Spradley went into possession of the land as he purchased each parcel and fenced it in and used it as a pasture each and every year until the present date.

There is a fence which encloses all the property now owned by Horace Spradley and the same begins at the east right of way line of Central of Georgia Railroad at the southwest corner of the Stevens or R. J. Bruner lot and run along the southerly line of said Stevens lot to the eastmost corner of same and then runs in a northwesterly direction along the easterly line of the Stevens

lot and the T. M. Goodwin lot, also known as the Jackson lot to the southeast corner of the Helms lot and then extends north along the east line of Helms lot to the north line of said forty acres, and then runs in a northwesterly direction to the southwest corner of the Overton lot, and then along the southerly line of the Overton lot and then runs along the southerly line of the Overton lot in an easterly direction to the southwest corner of the Snow lot and then the fence runs in an easterly direction along the south line of the Snow lot to a telephone line referred to in the descriptions of the land, then it runs southeasterly along the telephone line to the east line of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 19; thence it runs south along said 40 acre line to the southeast corner of the same; then runs west along the south line of said 40 acres to the southeast corner of the cemetery lot and then the fence runs around the cemetery lot on its east, north and west lines to the Central of Georgia Railroad right of way and then runs northwesterly along said right of way to the Howard lot; then the fence runs around the Howard lot on its southerly, easterly, and northerly lines back to the Central of Georgia Railroad right of way and then runs northwesterly along said right of way line to the point of beginning.

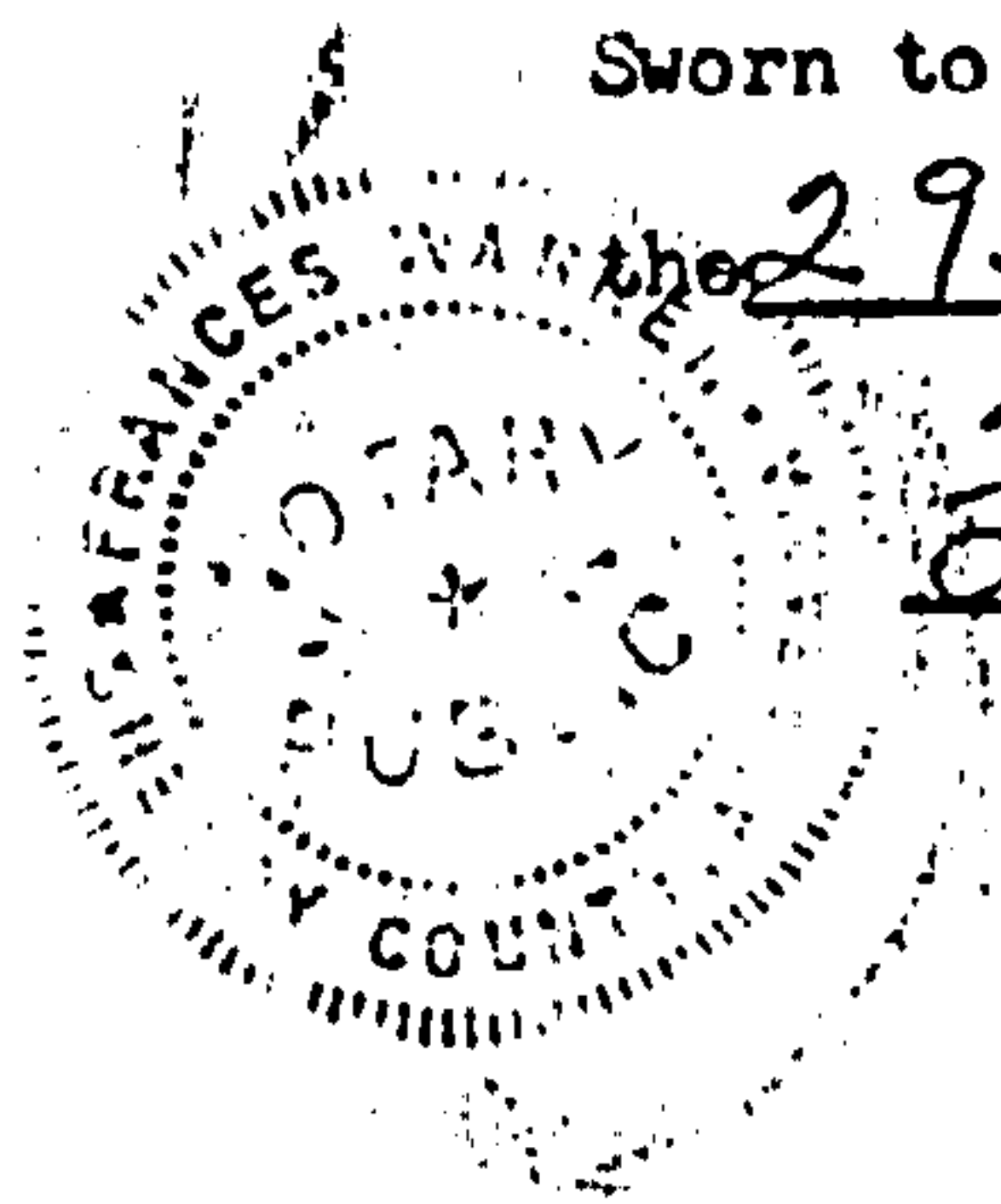
Throughout the years I have known this property, I have never heard of anyone contesting the title or disputing the possession of Horace Spradley or the persons through whom he claims.

S. C. Spradley  
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this

the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1967.

Frances Warren  
Notary Public



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