

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, personally appeared William S. Brashier, who is known to me, and who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is William S. Brashier, although my name is sometimes spelled and referred to as William S. Brasher. I am fifty-three years of age and have lived within the close vicinity of the following described property all of my life, said property being described as follows, viz.:

The Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, except 10 acres of equal width across the North side of said quarter-quarter section, and containing 30 acres, more or less.

I presently live about 1/4 mile from said property. I have been familiar with the ownership and possession of said property for more than the past forty years. The first owner of said property who I knew was Mrs. Blanche Sorrell, who owned and possessed said property prior to February, 1936, when she sold and conveyed said property to me.

My father's property lay South of and adjoining the above described property, and my father and family let me occupy a one acre portion of my father's place which lies just South of and adjoining the above described property, I having built a house on said one acre parcel within a year of the time when I bought the above described property from Mrs. Blanche Sorrell. My family and I lived in said house on said one acre parcel and occupied the same, together with the above described property, being 30 acres, more or less, from about 1936 to 1941.

When I bought said 30 acre parcel more particularly described above from Mrs. Blanche Sorrell in 1936, only a small portion, a few acres, had been cleared off, but after I bought and went into possession of said property in 1936 I cleared some additional 7 or 8 acres and fenced a portion of said property, being the portion cleared off. I cultivated the cleared off portion from year to year during the time while I owned said property.

I worked for Howard E. Mussey and his mother, Mrs. Bessie Mussey, and I sold and conveyed the above described property to Howard Mussey in November, 1941. I continued to work for the Musseys up until about 14 years ago, and during all of said time while I worked for the Musseys I help<sup>ed</sup> them with various

farming activities on the above described property.

Said Howard Mussey or his mother also bought and went into possession of other parcels of real estate which either adjoined or annexed with the above described property during the period of time from about 1939 to 1943, and they, one or both of them, lived on, occupied, and possessed all of said parcels as one farm from prior to 1943 up until about a year ago. The actual residence dwelling occupied by the Musseys is located on a parcel conveyed to Mrs. Bessie Mussey by William E. Sorrell, but said William E. Sorrell parcel is connected with the above described property by other property owned by the Musseys, and has been so connected since 1941, when I sold the above described property to Howard E. Mussey, as aforesaid. Prior to 1943, the Musseys's, while I was their employee, fenced and added to the fences on their property, so to enclose all of the above described property, together with the other parcels which they purchased about that time, or just prior thereto, as noted above, enclosing all of said property under fence. These fences have been maintained until the present time, and all of said property has been occupied and possessed as one farm, except various lots or parcels which have been sold off. Said Howard E. Mussey and his mother, Mrs. Bessie Mussey, have conveyed various portions from the Mussey farm between themselves, and said Howard E. Mussey has recently died during the year 1967.

During all of the time that I have been familiar with the ownership and possession of said property, covering a period of more than forty years, I have never heard anyone question the title, ownership or possession of said Mrs. Blanche Sorrell and her successors in title as designated above, said property having been reputed to be owned by Mrs. Blanche Sorrell and her successors in title as designated above during all the said time. I know of my own personal knowledge that neither George W. Allen, A. O. Freeman, nor their heirs or devisees, if deceased, nor any other person, has occupied or possessed said property, or any part thereof, other than said Mrs. Blanche Sorrell and her successors in title as designated above for the past forty or more years. I know of my own personal knowledge that Mrs. Blanche Sorrell and her successors in title, as designated above, have been in the actual, open, notorious, continuous, exclusive, peaceable, undisturbed, hostile, adverse possession of all of said property for the past forty or more years up to the present date.

William S. Brashier  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this

14 day of August, 1967.

J. B. Davis  
Notary Public

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