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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared William Allen Oates, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is William Allen Oates. I am 53 years of age and have been a resident of Shelby County, Alabama, all of my life and have all along been well acquainted with the hereinafter described land and the persons in possession of it. Said land being described as follows:

The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 20, Range 3 West;
Also the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 26, Township 20, Range 3 West;
Shelby County, Alabama.

When I first remember said land I was 5 or 6 years of age and my grandmother owned the same, she being Laura C. O'Barr, and was in possession of said land, along with adjoining land. She rented the land out to tenants each and every year and in the early 1920's, I recall that Clay Butler rented the land and he continued to rent it after her death in 1922. Clay Butler and his family rented the land until after World War II, and he planted row crops and used parts for pasture and lived in a house situated on said land. During this time all the land was under fence. Forrest C. Oates looked after the land for the family for several years until his death and then in 1950, I took the property over and looked after it for the heirs and myself and have been in the continuous possession of it until our recent sale to Lucille S. Farris. The heirs at law and next of kin of Laura C. O'Barr are as follows: William Allen Oates, affiant, whose wife's name is Myra C. Oates; Margaret Oates, an unmarried lady; and the heirs of Forrest C. Oates, deceased, being his widow, Mabel P. Oates and his daughter, Diana O. Hajosy, whose husband is Roger A. Hajosy. After I took the property over and started looking after it in 1950, I sold the timber from the land about the year 1952 and have rented the land to several different tenants from year to year who have used it for row crops and pasture each and every year until this very day. I have been growing trees under a government program for the past 8 years.

Regarding the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 20, Range 3 West, lying west of Buck Creek in Shelby County, Alabama, Laura C. O'Barr also owned this property when I first remember it. She sold the same to Alabama Clay Products Company and said Company let the same sell for its taxes and it was bought in by W.V. Hammond, from whom I purchased the land in 1952. However, the Laura C. O'Barr estate has been permitted to use the land continuously throughout all the years

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even during the time it did not own the same and it has used the land for pasture each and every year from the time I first remember it until the present time. After I purchased the land in 1952, I continued to use the land, along with the other lands of the Laura C. O'Barr estate, as mentioned above and have been in the actual, continuous, peaceable and absolute possession of the same until I sold the land to Lucille S. Farris recently.

Throughout all the years I have known the above described land it has been owned by the O'Barr estate as set out above and I have never heard of anyone contesting the title or disputing the possession of the same.

William Allen Oates
Wm. Allen Oates

State of Alabama

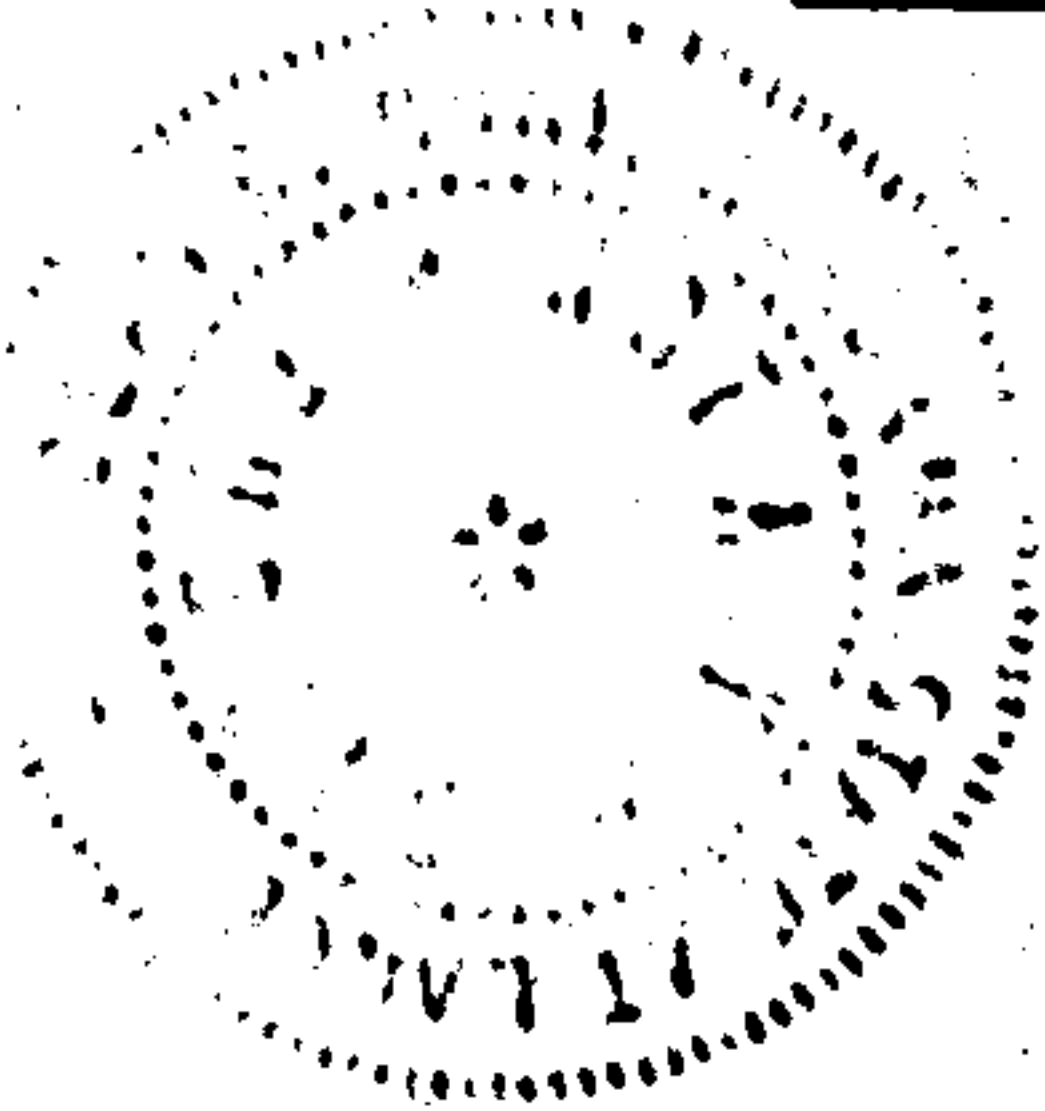
Shelby County

Sworn to and subscribed to before me
on this the 7th day of September, 1967.

Wm. A. Oates

Notary Public

My commission expires Oct. 2, 1968



STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.
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