

State of Alabama

Shelby County

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County, said State, personally appeared J. E. Goodwin, who, after being duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is J. E. Goodwin. I was born in 1889 and have all along been familiar with the hereinafter described land and the persons in possession of it. Said land being described as follows:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 16, Township 18, Range 2 East,
Shelby County, Alabama.

There has been called to my attention a deed from S. M. Goodwin, C. B. Riddle and C. M. Smith to T. H. Johnston, John V. Coe and R. K. Coe dated January 31, 1900, recorded in Deed Book 30 page 494 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, conveying the above land, along with other lands. Affiant says the said S. M. Goodwin, one of the grantors, was affiant's Uncle, and that the said S. M. Goodwin and C. B. Riddle ran a sawmill just north of Kelly's creek and north of the above described land around 1900. I was 10 or 11 years of age and remember they cut the timber east of Dykes Mill Road and south of Kelley's Creek and the timber cut south of Kelly's Creek would have been on the above described land. The reason I remember this so well was due to the fact I dooled sawdust at said mill with a muley-headed yearling and a dump cart. I recall after they cut this timber they sold the mill and land to T. H. Johnson and others in 1900, as mentioned above. The Johnston and Coes ran the mill for a while in the name of Sterrett Lumber Company. ~~I am informed that the said T. H. Johnston, R. K. Coe and John V. Coe made a deed to Sterrett Lumber Company in 1904, as shown by Deed Record 31 page 279 in said Probate Office, conveying the above described land, along with other lands. I did not know about this deed until recently, but I do recall that said Company did operate the mill and continue to cut timber from the land owned by Mr. Johnston and others.~~ I do not recall much about who owned the land for the next few years, but I do recall that Alabama Mineral Land Company purchased the land and I am informed that was in 1927 and I do know they have owned the land for many years and they own it now and are in possession of it at this time.

Affiant further says throughout the years he has known said land, he has never known of anyone contesting the title or disputing the possession of Alabama Mineral Land Company of its predecessors in title.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me
on this the 12th day of February, 1968.

J. E. Goodwin
J. E. Goodwin

Wallace Harrison

Notary Public for the State of Alabama

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.
I CERTIFY THIS
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