

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared W. F. Wilder, sometimes known as Wilburn F. Wilder, who being duly sworn deposes and says that he resides in Shelby County, Alabama, and that his postoffice address is Sterrett, Route One, and that his home is situated on the Florida Short Route between Cholsa and Westover, Alabama, and that since 1861 that he has resided on, has been acquainted with the possession and ownership of the following described real estate situated in Shelby County, Alabama, to-wit:

The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 19, Range 1 West.

Affiant further says that W. C. Wilder was his father and for many years prior to February 7, 1889, he owned and was in possession of the above described lands, and that on said last named date and continuously until the date of his death, he was a widower, and that the same was true at the time he conveyed the property described in Deed Book 109 on page 274 in the deed from W. C. Wilder to Wilburn F. Wilder and his wife, and also when he executed the deed to D. H. Wilder on August 17, 1895. Affiant further says that his father in 1889 conveyed to him 24 acres off of the west side of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 25 and retained the east 16 acres of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 25, and that the lands actually conveyed and of which possession was taken in that certain deed from W. C. Wilder to D. H. Wilder dated August 17, 1895, and recorded in Deed Book 109 page 275, was the east 16 acres of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 25, and that at that time your affiant owned all of said 40 acres except the said 16 acres. Affiant further says that at the time of the conveyance by D. H. Wilder to Weldon & Company on September 24, 1896, that the land actually conveyed, and of which possession was taken, was the east 16 acres or a 16 acre strip across the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 25, - your affiant owned at that time the remainder of said 40 acres. Affiant further says in the

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conveyance from John H. Weldon and R. G. Weldon to your affiant on November 16, 1896, that the tract of land actually sold, paid for and possession taken was a 16 acre strip across the east side of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 25, and that since said date and up to the date of sale by your affiant, as shown of record, your affiant was in the continuous possession of the entire Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 25, as aforesaid.

Affiant further says that of his own personal knowledge that he knows for more than sixty years, last past, that W. C. Wilder, Wilburn F. Wilder, D. H. Wilder, Weldon & Company, W. F. Wilder and Mrs. Emma Helms Cook, nee Mrs. Emma Helms, have been respectively in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceable and adverse possession of all that part of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 25, containing 16 acres, more or less, north of the Harpersville and Birmingham Highway, and better known as the Florida Short Route Highway, each claiming said lands as their own respectively, against all the world, and regularly exercising acts of ownership over said property by being in the physical possession, regularly assessing and paying taxes thereon; that affiant has never heard the title of the said Mrs. Emma Helms Cook, or those through whom she holds title to said lands, to-wit: the 16 acres described above, to be questioned in any way.

Affiant further says that Mrs. Emma Helms is his daughter, and that since the 23rd day of June 1932, she has married Oscar H. Cook, and she is now known as Mrs. Emma Helms Cook.

W. F. Wilder

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 2th day of

October, 1940.

Oscar H. Cook
Notary Public, Shelby County, Alabama.

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