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State of Alabama

Shelby County

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

My name is C. Smith Bentley. I am 68 years of age and have read the affidavit of C. H. Fulton and Wylie Thomas Strange and as far back as I can remember, I know the matters and things mentioned are true and correct.

Regarding the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 17, I recall Mr. Wesley Harless and J. R. Harless owned this land as early as 1920 and I am confident they had owned it prior to that time. I know they used parts to farm. I recall when my father learned they wanted to sell and he purchased the land in 1931 and when he purchased the same, he fenced it in and started cultivating it each and every year and continued in the actual possession of it, along with his other lands until his death.

After my father's death, my Mother continued to live on the land for a few years and then moved away, but she and the other heirs have been in the continuous possession of the land and we have sold the timber once since my father's death. We have paid the taxes each and every year and I have been on the property from time to time and looked after it and reviewed the lines to be sure there were not trespassers.

There has been called to my attention a Tax Sale in the name L. E. Miller to the State covering W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 19, for 1939 taxes and from which L. L. Bentley redeemed. I have never heard of L. E. Miller owning or making any claim to said land.

Throughout the years, I have never heard of anyone contesting our title or that of our predecessors in title or disputing the possession.

C. Smith Bentley
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me
on this the 22 day of May, 1968.

Walter Mae L. Desires
Notary Public

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.
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