

STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, L. E. Parker, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, personally appeared J. H. Thompson, who is known to me and after first being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is J. H. Thompson. I am 78 years of age and reside in Shelby County, Alabama. I have been familiar with the land described hereinbelow and have known its possessors for more than 40 years. This land is best described as:

South Half of Southeast Quarter ($S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$); East Half of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter ($E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$) and the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter ($NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 1, Township 19 South, Range 2 East.

The East Half of Northeast Quarter ($E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 12, Township 19 South, Range 2 East, all in Shelby County, Alabama.

All of Fractional Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 3 East lying West of Coosa River, St. Clair County, Alabama.

The above described land is known and understood throughout this vicinity as a portion of the lands that have been owned by members of the Gorman family for almost 100 years.

I know that Ophelia M. Gorman was in possession of the above described land for many years prior to 1930 when she conveyed this land by deed to her son, F. A. Gorman. The said F. A. Gorman (whose full name was Frank Austell Gorman, Sr.) moved with his family into immediate possession of this land under the claim of title. After the death of the said F. A. Gorman in about 1932 his widow and two sons have continued as joint possessors and title claimant until interrupted by death, leaving James O. Gorman, as the sole surviving heir at law and next of kin in possession of all this land, claiming sole ownership which has continued up until the present time.

I know that James O. Gorman and his predecessors during the past 40 years or more have been in the actual, continuous and exclusive possession of the hereinabove described land. Their possession has been open, visible, hostile and notorious. They have assessed this land for taxes and have paid the taxes due thereon.

I know that James O. Gorman and his predecessors in title and possession during the past 40 years have used portions of the hereinabove described land for the construction of dwelling houses, barns and other necessary outbuildings. They have dug wells, planted gardens and fruit trees thereon. Other larger portions have been used for cultivation of major row crops of cotton, corn and hay. Other portions of this land is used for the growing of timber for lumber and pulpwood. They have granted easements for roads and pipelines across this land and have exercised every other act necessary to the peaceful use and enjoyment of this land as was consistent with the nature of the land.

I know of no person or persons claiming any right to any portion of the hereinabove described land adversely to those persons named herein as the chain of title and possession nor have I known of any person disputing the possession of this land by James O. Gorman and his predecessors in title during the past 40 years under the claim of ownership.

The State of Alabama, St. Clair County.

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed in this office for record on the 18

day of Sept, 1968 at 10 O'clock A.M. and recorded in 931

Page 903 and examined. HOYT B. HAMILTON, Judge of Probate

Deed Tax 0.00

Mtg. Tax 0.00

File Fee .25

Recording Fee .75

Total \$1.00

57585

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of September, 1968.

Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama

Tract No. 371
F. A. Gorman/estate

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.
I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS
INSTRUMENT WAS FILED
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