

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Frank Payne, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deponee and says:

My name is Frank Payne. I am 56 years of age and purchased the hereinafter described property in the year 1951. Said land being described as follows:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 16, Township 21, Range 3 East,
Shelby County, Alabama.

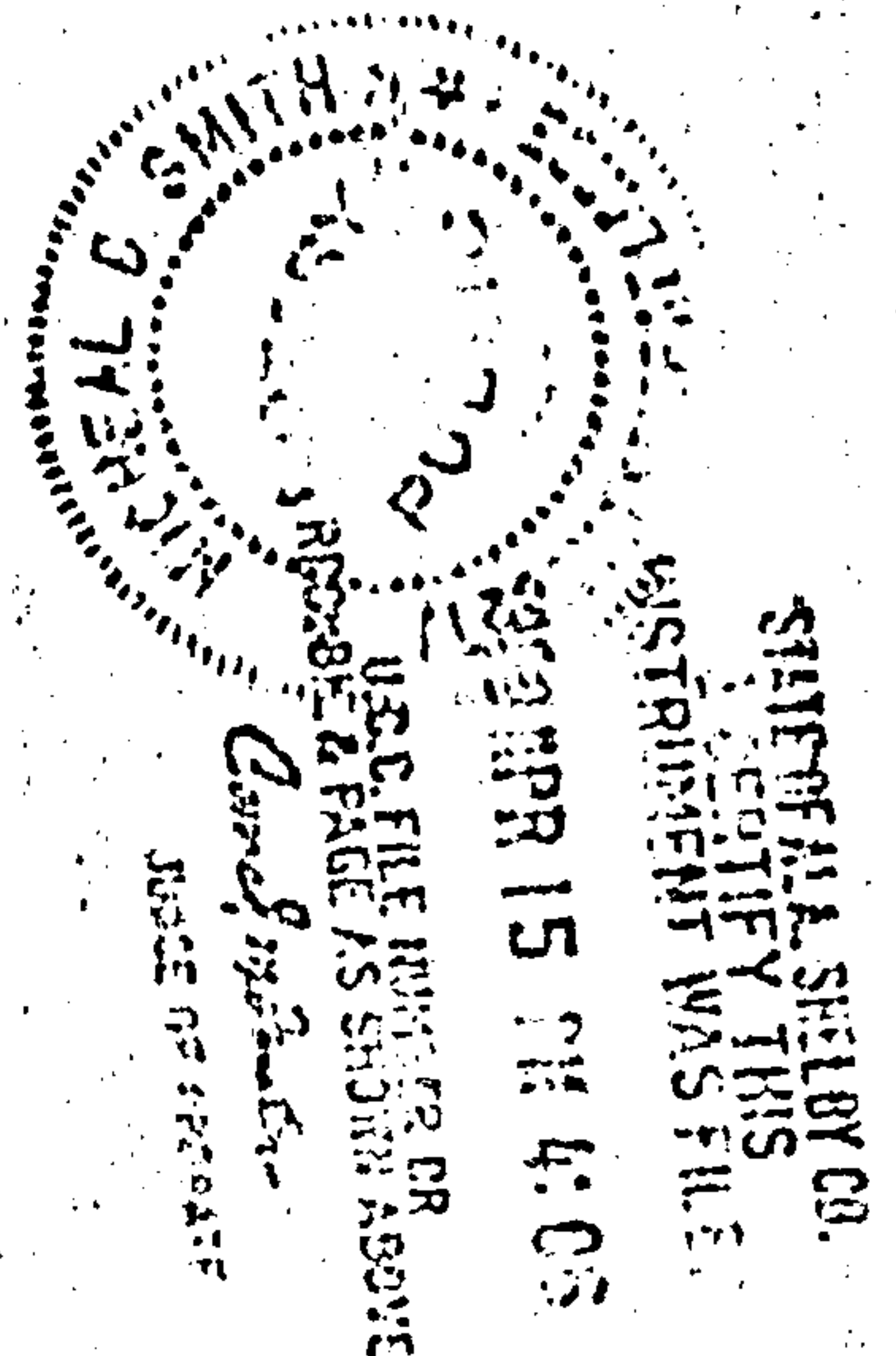
We moved upon the land immediately ^{after we contracted to purchase the same and lived} in the house theretofore constructed by M. L. Davis. In fact, my wife and I were buying the land on a lease sale contract and had been living in the house for approximately four years before I got a deed to it. I cultivated some 4 or 5 acres of the land and obtained firewood and building timber from it each and every year. There was an old fence row along the north and south sides of the land when I moved on the property and it appeared to be some 30 to 40 years old or more at that time. The trees were blazed along the east side marking the lines, which appeared to have been blazed for many years. On the west side of the land, there appeared to have been an old fence, but was barely visible when I moved there. I also observed that on the top of the hill from where I lived there was an old house place--the rocks from the chimney were crumbled down into a pile of rocks, no evidence of any wood around, but from the growth, etc, you could tell it had been an old houseplace. The evidence shows there was an old road that led to the house and a trail leading from the houseplace some 50' to 75' from it to a spring where apparently they got water. I also know the land was known as the "old Dick Griffin place".

Since I have known and been in possession of the property, no one has contested my title or possession to the same, and I have held it openly, adversely and have paid taxes on it regularly.

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Sworn to and subscribed to before me on
this the 20 day of ^{FEBRUARY} January, 1969.

Richard D. Smith
Notary Public



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