

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

My name is Kenneth B. Partridge. I am 59 years of age. I first knew the hereinafter described land when I was 14 years of age. At that time, Y. Z. Davis lived on said land and lived in the house in the Northwest portion of said land and which house was East of Pumpkin Swamp Road. Said land is described as follows:

All that part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, Township 18, Range 2 East, lying Southeast of the Pumpkin Swamp Road, EXCEPT the following described parcel of land: Beginning at the NW corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, Township 18, Range 2 East; thence south 490 feet to the southeast line of the Pumpkin Swamp Road right of way, as the starting point of the following described lot; thence in a northeasterly direction along said road 210 feet; thence in an easterly direction 210 feet; thence in a southerly direction 420 feet; thence in a westerly direction 210 feet to the west line of said 40 acres; thence north along same 210 feet, to the strating point, being a part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 8, Township 18, Range 2 East, containing 2 acres, more or less. All being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

The said Mr. Davis farmed said land for some 30 years. He then sold it to Mr. J. W. Cook not long after 1940 and Mr. Cook lived in the house and occupied the land and farmed it the same as had Mr. Davis before him. I recall that when Mr. Cook died in 1949, sometime after then, his widow and heirs sold said land to Felix Brasher. I am informed that this was in October of 1952. Mr. Brasher lived in the house situated on said land and cultivated parts of it and occupied all of it each and every year until he sold it to me and my wife, Gladys J., on May 5, 1954. We went into immediate possession of said land and lived in the house mentioned and farmed said land until we sold it to Harold S. Byrd on November 22, 1961 as shown by deed recorded in deed book 218, page 431. Mr. Byrd went into immediate possession of said land and occupied it as the owner of it until he sold it to John L. Roper in June of 1964, as shown by deed book 230, page 881 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. It is my understanding Mr. John L. Roper has been the owner of and in possession of said land since that time. During all the years that I have known said land, I have never known of anyone contesting the title or disputing the possession of John L. Roper, Jr. and his predecessors in title.

There has been called to my attention a mortgage from me and my wife to Felix Brasher, dated May 5, 1954, which is recorded in mortgage book 233, page 427 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. I have paid said mortgage in full and had it marked stisfied and it is in my possession.

There has been called to my attention a mortgage from myself and my wife to Nolan Huddleston dated July 10, 1956 and recorded in mortgage book 245 page 47 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. I have paid said mortgage some five or six months after the same was made and have it in my possession. Mr. Huddleston has been dead five or six years.

Kenneth B. Partridge  
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me  
on this 10 day of May, 1969.

Eva C. Paul  
Notary Public

expires 10.28.71



STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.  
I CERTIFY THIS  
INSTRUMENT WAS FILED  
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REC. BK. & PAGE AS SHOWN ABOVE  
Clerk of Probate  
JUDGE OF PROBATE