

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
JEFFERSON COUNTY. } ss:

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Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL
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Personally appeared before me, Thomas E. Fitzgerald,
a Notary Public, in and for said County in said State. James W. Minor,
who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That I live near Odenville, St. Clair County, Alabama;
that I was born in the year 1860 in about one and a half miles of the
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 20, Range 2, West, Shelby County,
Alabama; that I am the son of John W. Minor; that my father, John W.
Minor, acquired, by purchase, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Town-
ship 20, Range 2, West, Shelby County, Alabama, from A. C. Evans on
March 24th, 1876; that at the time my said father acquired the said
land from the said A. C. Evans I was sixteen years of age. When I
was a young boy Mr. Thomas Stone lived on the forty acres of land ad-
joining the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 20, Range 2, West.
He sold the forty acres on which he resided, together with the said
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 20, Range 2, West, to Mr. A.C.
Evans. Mr. Thomas Stone moved away from that neighborhood to a place
near Wilsonville in Shelby County, Alabama, and Mr. A. C. Evans moved
to the place where Mr. Thomas Stone had formerly lived, and cultivated
and used the said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 20, Range
2, West, for general agricultural and farming purposes. In March,
1876, Mr. A. C. Evans sold the said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14,
Township 20, Range 2, West, to my father, John W. Minor, together
with the other lands adjoining, including the forty acres on which
Mr. Evans lived at the time, and on which Mr. Thomas Stone lived
prior to Mr. Evans' acquisition. Mr. A.C. Evans lived on the forty
acres adjoining the said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 20,
Range 2, West, for several years before selling the same to my father,
and during all of the time that he lived there he farmed the said NW $\frac{1}{4}$
of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 20, Range 2, West. There was 160
acres in my father's home place, of which the said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Section 14, Township 20, Range 2, West, was a part, and from the time
my father acquired the said land from Mr. A. C. Evans, up until about
February, 1894, I lived at my father's old home place and cultivated,

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from year to year, general farm crops on the said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 20, Range 2, West. On February 3rd, 1894, my father, John W. Minor, and wife, Margret, conveyed by warranty deed the said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section 14, to me, the deed being of record in Deed Book 23, Page 383, records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama.

In my early boyhood when Thomas Stone lived at the place, that was bought by my father from Mr. A. C. Evans, it was general reputed in the community that Thomas Stone owned the said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 20, Range 2, West, and no one ever claimed it but him up to the time it was acquired by A. C. Evans. After that Mr. Evans claimed the land and farmed it and ~~no~~ one else ever claimed the same prior to the time my father, John W. Minor, acquired it from A. C. Evans. In fact, during my entire life, no one has ever claimed the said forty acres except Thomas Stone, A. C. Evans and my father, until I acquired the same in 1894. Since 1894 I have been in possession of the said land, cultivating it and assessing it for taxes. My own possession of the said forty acres has been open, notorious and adverse to all the world and during that time no one has ever claimed it adversely to me, until I sold the surface rights to my son, Edgar Minor in October, 1913.

John W. Minor, my father, is the same person as J. W. Minor, who acquired the said forty acres from A. C. Evans. Since my initials were the same as my fathers I was frequently called "J. W. Minor, Jr." Edgar Minor, my son, is the same person, who, as E. Minor conveyed the said forty acres of land to Ethel I. Minor, his wife.

In the several conveyance covering the said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 20, Range 2, West, the name "Minor" is spelled "Miner" and also "Minor", and from as far back as I can remember, various members of the Minor family have spelled the name differently.

James W. Minor
Affiant.

SWORN and subscribed to before me
on this the 19 day of October, 1931.

Notary Public.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,)
JEFFERSON COUNTY.) ss:

Personally appeared before me, *Thomas Fitzgerald*
a Notary Public, in and for said County in said State, W. H.
Minor, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:
That he has read the foregoing affidavit of James W. Minor;
that the said affiant, James W. Minor, is his brother and that
he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the said
affidavit and knows that the facts and statements therein con-
tained are true as therein stated.

This affiant further says that he was born in
1858 and that he now resides in Fairfield, Jefferson County,
Alabama, but that he still owns his old home place in Shelby
County which adjoins the said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14,
Township 20, Range 2, West. I entered my said homeplace from
the Government just prior to my marriage, over fifty years ago,
and lived there until three years ago
last February.

W. H. Minor
Affiant.

SWORN to and subscribed before me
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Thomas Fitzgerald
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