

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY



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Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL
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Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Karl C. Harrison, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is Karl C. Harrison. I am a practicing attorney at the Columbiana Bar and have been so for a number of years. On February 19, 1965, I filed a bill in Court to quiet title in the Shelby County Law & Equity Court, being Case No. 628 for Harris Milton Gordon, Ruth Luck Gordon and Clarice White Luck vs certain land and parties. Prior to the filing of said bill, I had examined an abstract covering said land and had made extensive investigation of prior owners and persons having claimed any interest in the land and came to the conclusion that we were unable to find anyone ^{still living} who had asserted any claim to the land or anyone who could remember someone else asserting any claim, except for the owners at the time of the filing of the bill. The abstract indicated James D. Hardy and others made a deed to John W. Hardy in February, 1884, covering said land, which is recorded in Deed Book 6 page 153 in said Probate Office. The abstract also indicated that the land was conveyed by quit claim deed from J. R. Adams to John W. Hardy on March 17, 1884. I concluded John W. Hardy was the owner of the property and when I first reviewed the situation, I thought F. H. Hardy, now deceased, who lived at Montevallo, had inherited said land from John W. Hardy. However, I contacted another John Hardy, who was then living in Montevallo, and who was the son of F. H. Hardy and who handled the estate of F. H. Hardy and looked after his property for the other heirs and this John Hardy informed me that John W. Hardy was an Uncle of F. H. Hardy. He told me of the heirs of John W. Hardy, all of which information was incorporated in the bill to quiet title and the testimony introduced in connection therewith and he said F. H. Hardy made no claim whatsoever to said land; that they ^{meaning the heirs of F. H. Hardy} did not inherit or purchase the land from John W. Hardy first mentioned in this affidavit. John Hardy of Montevallo is now dead but he wrote a letter in connection with this matter and I have it in my file. F. H. Hardy did obtain some quit claim deeds from certain persons covering said land in 1908, along with other land. It is my information the persons making the deeds claimed to own no interest in said land. F. H. Hardy's heirs at Montevallo ^{and elsewhere} do not assert or claim any interest in said land. I worked carefully with Harris Milton Gordon and several other parties attempting to find the names and addresses of any parties who could have any interest in said land and we were unable to find any additional parties.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 20 day of August, 1966.

Karl C. Harrison

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