

AFFIDAVIT OF ADVERSE POSSESSION

STATE OF ALABAMA \*  
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SHELBY COUNTY \*

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County and State personally appeared John A. Messer who is known to me and who being first by me duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

That he /she is over 65 years of age and has lived in the City of Chelsea, Shelby County, Alabama, continuously since the year 1916 to the date of this Affidavit. The he/she became personally acquainted with J. I. Crane in the year 1920.

The Affidavit further states that when he/she moved to the City of Chelsea in the year 1916, J. I. Crane was living on a small farm across the field from the home of the Affiant. That the said farm is described as the East-Half of the NW1/4 and the West-Half of the NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 1 West, containing 2.01 acres. That J. I. Crane was in the actual, notorious, open, adverse, peaceful and exclusive possession of this farm claiming to own the same in the year 1920. He used this farm as a homestead, farmed and cultivated the land and that he was in the continuous, actual, open, notorious and peaceful possession of said farm from the year 1920 to the year of his death, and during his lifetime he assessed and paid taxes on said property. After his death his two (2) children, J.I. Crane, Jr. and George Crane, and his widow Era Crane, continued to occupy said farm using it as their home, cultivating the land and paying taxes thereon until the year 1981, when his widow, Era Crane, departed this life and his two (2) children, J. I. Crane, Jr. and George Crane continued to occupy said farm using it as their home, cultivating the land and paying taxes thereon until the death of

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J. I. Crane, Jr. in 1976 and George Crane continued to occupy the said farm using it as his home, cultivating the land and paying taxes thereon until the time of his death in 1986.

This Affiant further states that he/she has known this farm for 10 years and during all the time that he/she has known said farm has never known or heard of anyone disputing the ownership of J. I. Crane or his heirs or anyone making any claim to any part thereof.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 1<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1988.

John A. Chesser

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1988.

Janet F. Pason  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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