

AFFIDAVIT OF POSSESSION

STATE OF ALABAMA }

COUNTIES OF SHELBY }

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

I, Dorothy H. Chapman, a resident of Birmingham, Alabama for over 65 years, hereby being first duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am familiar with the following family lands located in Shelby County as follows:

Township 21 South, Range 4 West:
SECTION 34: NE ¼ of NW ¼

This property has been in my family for over 50 years as my father-in-law, T.E. Chapman and his friend Julian L. McDonald acquired the surface and mineral rights (less coal owned by the United States of America) to the subject land from Southern Mineral Land Company about the year 1950. However, no deed could be found of record in the Shelby County Probate records from Southern Mineral Land Company to T.E. Chapman and/or Julian L. McDonald. T.E. Chapman died on August 20, 1979, survived by his widow Merle Askew Chapman and 3 children, Harry Jack Chapman, Sr., Thomas Edward Chapman, Jr. and Katherine Chapman McRae. On July 27, 1992, Julian L. McDonald, deeded his ½ interest in the subject lands to my husband Harry Jack Chapman, Sr. and myself, Dorothy H. Chapman. This deed is recorded in the Shelby County Probate records in Instrument Number 1992-15133. On May 10, 1993, Merle Askew Chapman, widow of T.E. Chapman, deeded what ever interest she had to her son Harry Jack Chapman, Sr. and myself. This joint tenancy with right of survivorship deed is recorded in the Shelby County Probate records in Instrument Number 1993-13248. Harry Jack Chapman, Sr. died on June 3, 1995. On July 6, 1998, as surviving grantee, I deeded my interest to myself and my son, Harry Jack Chapman, Jr. This deed is recorded in the Shelby County Probate records in Instrument Number 1998-47803. On January 26, 2005, I deeded all of my interest to my children, Dorothy C. Morris, Robert E. Chapman, Patricia C. Latham and Harry Jack Chapman, Jr. This deed is recorded in the Shelby County Probate records in Instrument Number 2005031000010884 and Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases were subsequently granted by current owners and members of the "Chapman Family" to GeoMet, Inc., covering the subject land and recorded in the Shelby County Probate records in Instrument Numbers 20050719000361260; 20050601000264470 and 20050601000264470.

I have been familiar with this property during my lifetime and this particular 40 acre tract has always been used for timber growth and harvest during this time. After the death of my father-in-law, T.E. Chapman, in 1979, my husband, Harry Jack Chapman, Sr., always tended to the timber harvesting for the Chapman Family and my best recollection is that the timber was harvested about 1985 and maybe other times as well. All of the income

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derived from said timber harvesting was paid to my husband, Harry Jack Chapman, Sr. During this time, my husband and my son Harry Jack Chapman, Jr. also rode to the land to check it out at least a couple of times a year and my husband also was responsible for all calls on the land since his dad, T.E. Chapman, died in 1979.

Shelby County tax records indicate that Julian L. McDonald and T.E. Chapman assessed and paid the ad valorem taxes on the above lands from 1950 to 1979. From the death of T.E. Chapman in 1979 until 1992, Harry Jack Chapman, Sr. would make sure that one-half of the subject property taxes was paid by him, with Julian L. McDonald paying the other one-half. Harry Jack Chapman, Sr. was responsible for and paid all property taxes for the subject land from 1992 until his death in 1995. I or my son, Harry Jack Chapman, Jr. paid all the annual property taxes on the subject land from 1995 to date.

There has never been, in my memory, a structure or dwelling on this property. I understand the United States Government to be the owner of the coal rights only under subject land as reserved in the original patent as recorded in Deed Book 77 page 72 in the Shelby County Probate records. This land is somewhat isolated and there are no public roads running through the property although a private road runs along or close to the western boundary of said property.

I have never heard of or seen any outsider or squatter use or attempt to occupy any part of the subject property for any purposes and to my knowledge no individual or tenant is presently occupying the described land nor has ever occupied it since my becoming acquainted with the land over my lifetime. To my knowledge no part of the subject lands has been dedicated to public use and there have never been any schools, churches, cemeteries or railroads on the property.

Since the above referenced deed from Julian L. McDonald in 1992, the Chapman Family have held the above described property entirely as our own with the intent to assert dominion and control over said property. The members of the Chapman Family set out herein, namely: Dorothy C. Morris, Robert E. Chapman, Patricia C. Latham, Harry Jack Chapman, Jr., Thomas Edward Chapman, Jr. and Katherine Chapman McRae are the recognized and undisputed owners of the surface and mineral rights (less coal rights as reserved for the United States of America) of the above described property and has had actual, exclusive, notorious, open, continuous and hostile possession under claim of right, for in excess of ten (10) years.

There has never been to my knowledge any 3rd party claims and/or oil or gas production adverse to these current mineral claimants.

To my personal knowledge no other person, firm, corporation or other legal entity is claiming any right, title, or interest in and to said land or is exercising any act of possession adversely to that of the present surface owners. In particular, Southern Mineral Land Company, and their successors have never made any claim to the said land since it came into my family more than 50 years ago.

I have read the entire foregoing Affidavit, consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, this one included, am fully informed of the contents thereof, submit this information as to the best my memory serves me, and execute the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Affiant:

Dorothy H. Chapman
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 1st day of November, 2005,
by Dorothy H. Chapman, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of
satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Susan M. [Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires 9-23-08.

(Affix Seal)

This instrument prepared by: Clay C. Dickinson, Esq., P.O. Box 361351, Birmingham, AL 35236