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WALTER F. LOVELL,

Complainant,

VS.

CERTAIN LANDS & SIMON SWANSON, ET AL.,

RESPONDENTS.

IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALBAMA
IN EQUITY.

NO. 3257

TESTIMONY TAKEN IN OPEN COURT BEFORE HON. HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE OF SAID COURT, ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1954.

PRESENT: HON. NORBORNE STONE, JR. REPRESENTING THE COMPLAINANT: HON. JAMES R. OWENS, GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

MR. WALTER F. LOVELL, THE COMPLAINANT, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

Direct Examination by Mr. Stone.

- Q. Is this Mr. Walter F. Lovell?
- A. Yes. sir.
- Q. You are the complainant in the cause now pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, against certain lands and Simon Swanson, et al?
- A. I am.
- Q. Now Mr. Lovell, you are over the age of 21 years/
- A. I am.
- Q. Where do you live?
- A. Chicago, Ill. Cooke County.
- Q. Mr. Lovell, are you in possession, either in your own person, or through your agents of Lots 16 and 17, Block 12; Lots 2 and 7 through 24 inclusive in Block 18; Lots 2 and 7 to 17 inclusive and Lots 21 and 22 in Block 19; Lots 4, 5, and 6 in Block 20 in the Town of Silverhill, according to the plat there-of recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Miscellaneous Book 1, page 59?
- A. I hold possession and am the sole owner of said lands.

- Q. What does your possession consist of? Do you visit the lands?
- A. I supervise the land.
- Q. You visit it ?
- A. Yes, sir, and appear on the lands occasionally.
- q. Your possession is actual?
- A. Yes, sir, actual possession.
- Q. Now is there any one else in possession of these lots?
- A. No, sir.
- Q. You claim to own these lots in your own right, do you not?
- A. I do.
- Q. Are there any improvements on the lots?
- A. No improvements.
- Q. No one has filed any suit to test your title to these lots?
- A. No suits have been filed.
- Q. To test your possession of these lots?
- a. No, sir, no suit has been filed on that.
- q. Are you the brother of Elmer V. Lovell, deceased?
- A. I am.
- Q. Did he own or claim to own these lots at the time he died?
- A. Yes, sir.
- \mathbb{Q} . Did he leave a will when he died?
- A. He did not leave a will.
- Q. Were you and your mother and his mother, Matilda Lovell, his only heirs?
- A. His only heirs, yes.
- Q. Was his estate administered in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama?
- A. It was.
- MR. STONE: We would like to introduce in evidence Statutory

 Warranty deed copy from Matilda Lovell, a widow,

 to Walter F. Lovell, conveying the lots dexcribed in

 the Complaint and ask that it be marked Complainant's

 Exhibit 1.

We also introduce at this time, certified copy of Tax deed, State of Alabama, acting by and through the State

Land Commissioner, to Elmer V. Lovell, conveying the land described in the complaint which deed is recorded in deed Book 97 at page 267, Probate Office of Baldwin County, Alabama, and ask the same be identified as Complainant's Exhibit 2.

- Q. Now Mr. Lovell, you and your deceased brother, Elmer Lovell, paid the taxws on this land for the last 10 years?
- A. We have.
- Q. Have you and those under whom you claim your brother and mother, been in possession of this land for 10 years next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint?
- A. We have.
- Q. Has anybody else been in possession during that period of time?
- A. No, sir.
- Q. Now to your knowledge, does any one other than yourself claim any right, title or interest in the land or any lien or encumbrance upon the same?
- A. Nobody has any right other than myself.
- Q. Did you have an abstract of the title made to these lots?
- a. I did.
- Q. Did you inquire as to the residences and the fact of whether or not the named respondents in the suit were living, and if so where living and if dead, where their heirs were?
- A. I have made a diligent search.
- Q. What did that consist of?
- A. I consulted the Chicago directory and inquired in the vicinity of Cook County, Ill. and I could not locate any of them.
- Q. To the bestof your knowledge, all of these people are dead?
- A. They are.
- Q. You have not been able to locate their heirs?
- a. No, sir.
- Q. Have you been able to locate the heirs of any of them?
- A. No, sir.

NO QUESTIONS BY THE BUARDIAN AD LITEM.

CERTIFICATE:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the transcript of the evidence as taken by me in open court on the 22 day of September, 1954, in the above styled cause, before Hon. Hubert M. Hall, Judge of said Court.

This 22nd day of September, 1954.

Official Court Reporter

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into by and between MATILDA LOVELL, a widow, hereinafter referred to as party of the first part, and WALTER F. LOVELL, hereinafter referred to as party of the second part, WITNESSETH:

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That for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and other good and valuable consideration this day each in hand paid to party of the first part by party of the second part, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, party of the first part has granted, bargained, sold and by these presents does hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY unto the party of the second part, her undivided interest in and to the following described lands situated in Baldwin County. Alabama, to-wit:situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:-

> The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22 and the East half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, all in Township 5 South, Range 3 East; the East half of the East half of the South half of the Southwest: Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1; the North of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1; the North half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10; and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, all in Township 6 South, Range 3 East. Lots 16 and 17 Block 12; all of Block 18 except Lots 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6; all of Block 19 except Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 18, 19, 20, 23 and 24; Lots 4, 5, and 6 Block 20; Lots 5 and 6 Block 17; Lots 10 and 11 Block 10; Lots 23 and 24 Block 15; Lot 12 Block 28, all in Silverhill, Alabama, as per plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Judge of plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Miscullaneous Book One page 59.

Together with, all and singular, the rights. benefits, privileges, improvements, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances unto the same belonging or in any wise apportaining.

. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, FOREVER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party of the first part has hereunto set her hand and seal on this the 7th day of December, 1952.

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STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

for said County in said State, hereby certify that Matilda Lovell, a widow, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. JACOB WEYLER

Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of December, 1952.

Rotery Public, Baldwin County, Ala.

My commission expires April 7, 1954, Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.

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WALTER F. LOVELL,

Complainant,

VS.

The following described real property situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit: Lots 16 and 17 in Block 12; Lots 2 and 7 to 24, inclusive, in Block 18; Lots 2 and 7 to 17, inclusive, and Lots 21 and 22 in Block 19; Lots 4, 5, and 6 in Block 20, in the Town of Silverbill according to the plat Silverhill, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Miscellaneous Book 1, page 59; and Simon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson, Isidore Schiller, Oscar T. Johnson, A. Tallberg, Fred Harford, Woodson H. Kennon, Thaddeus McNulty, C. O. Carlson, J. D. Ragland, John Cunnea and John M. Battieste and the unknown heirs at law, next of kin and devisees of the above named parties I and any and all persons, firms or corporations claiming any interest in the above described property,

Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA IN EQUITY.

TO THE HONORABLE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND TO THE HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE THEREOF:

Comes your Complainant, Walter F. Lovell, and files this his Bill of Complaint against the following described lands situate in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

> Lots 16 and 17 in Block 12; Lots 2 and 7 to 24, inclusive, in Block 18; Lots 2 and 7 to 17, inclusive and Lots 21 and 22 in Block 19; Lots 4, 5, and 6 in Block 20, in the Town of Silverhill, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Miscellaneous Book 1, page 59,

and against any and all persons, firms and corporations claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance upon said lands or any part or parcel thereof and against Simon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson, Isidore Schiller, Oscar T. Johnson, A. Tallberg, Fred Harford, Woodson H. Kennon, Thaddeus McNulty, C. O. Carlson, J. D. Ragland, John Cunnea and John M. Battieste, and the unknown heirs at law, next of kin, devisees and grantees of the above named perso and respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and unto this Honorable Court as follows:

FIRST:

That his name is Walter F. Lovell and that he is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident citizen of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, his more particular address being 132 East 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

SECOND:

That he is in the actual, peaceable and adverse possession of all of the lands described above claiming to own the same in his own right in fee simple and using the same in every way that such lands are susceptible.

THIRD:

That no suit is pending to test your Complainant's title to, interest in or right to possession of said lands.

FOURTH:

That your Complainant claims the entire fee simple title in and to said lands and that the title thereto stands in his name in the Probate Records of Baldwin County, Alabama. That your Complainant acquired his interest in said lands by virtue of the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Alabama from his Brothe Elmer V. Lovell, as shown by the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and by conveyance from Matilda Lovell, a Widow, to your Complainant, dated December 9, 1952, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, in Deed Book 190, page 88; and that the said Matilda Lovell acquired her interest by virtue of the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Alabama from the said Elmer V. Lovell, her Son; that the said Elmer V. Love acquired his interest in said lands by tax deed dated August 22, 1945, from the State of Alabama, acting by and through H. G. Dowlir State Land Commissioner, which deed is recorded in Deed Book 97, at page 267, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama; and that the said State of Alabama acquired its interest in the lands by virtue of a tax sale dated August 15, 1935, the pro ceedings relative to which are recorded in Sales Book 11, page 164, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, f taxes then due from I. J. Schiller, who wasone and the same person

as the Respondent Isidore Schiller herein named.

FIFTH:

That your Complainant and those under whom he claims have been in possession of said lands for more than ten (10) years next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint and that no other person, firm or corporation has been in possession of said lands or any part thereof during said period. That your Complainant and those under whom he claims have paid the taxes on said lands during the whole of said period and that no other person, firm or corporation has paid any taxes on said lands during said period.

SIXTH:

Your Complainant further shows that the above named Respond or their heirs at law, next of kin, devisees or grantees claim or are reputed to claim some right, title or interest in said lands or a lien or encumbrance upon the same and your Complainant calls upor each of them to set forth and specify their title, claim, interest or encumbrance and how and by what instruments the same is derived and created.

SEVENTH:

Your Complainant further shows unto your Honor that all of the Respondents are over the age of twenty-one years, if living; that the Respondents, Simon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson, and Oscar T. Johnson are deceased, but your Complainant does not know and has not been able to ascertain, after a diligent search and inquiry, whether or not the other named Respondents are living or dead, and if dead, the names, ages and postoffice addresses of the heirs at law, next of kin and devisees of any of the said Respondents, but your Complainant is informed and believes and upon such information and belief alleges that all of the named Respondents are non-reside of the State of Alabama, if living, and that the heirs at law, next of kin and devisees are also non-residents of the State of Alabama. That the diligent search and inquiry which your Complainant made and had made in order to ascertain whether or not any of the above named Respondents were living or dead, and their addresses, and if dead, the names and postoffice addresses of their heirs at law, nex of kin and devisees, consisted of having an Abstract of Title prepared to the above described property according to the records on file in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alaba together with numerous and repeated inquiries among the people who

lived in the vicinity of Silverhill, Alabama, and examinations of trecords in Cook County, Illinois, the former residence of several of the named Respondents.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS:

To the end therefore, that equity may be had in the premise your Complainant prays that this court will cause the usual writ of process to issue against all of the Respondents named herein and to their unknown heirs at law, next of kin, devisees and grantees and any and all persons, firms and corporations claiming any interest in the above described lands or encumbrances upon the same, according to the statutes of the State of Alabama and to the rules and practices of this Honorable Court requiring them to plead, answer or demur to this Bill of Complaint within the time required by law and that this court will also cause notice to be published of the institution of this proceeding and the filing of this Bill of Complaint as required by the Laws of the State of Alabama, author izing the quieting of title to real estate by proceedings in rem. That an appropriate order of publication be entered against all of the Respondents requiring them and their unknown heirs at law, next of kin and devisees to answer or plead to this Bill of Complaint before a date to be named in said order not less than thirty (30) nor more than fifty (50) days from the making thereof.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF:

Your Complainant further prays that on a hearing of this can that your Honor will establish Complainant's right or title to the lands herein described and will enter an appropriate order or decretatat the Complainant is the owner of said lands in fee simple and that no other person, firm or corporation has any title to, interestin, lien or encumbrance upon said lands or any part thereof and especially that the following named persons, viz: Simon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson, Isidore Schiller, Oscar T. Johnson, A. Tallber Fred Harford, Wcodson H. Kennon, Thaddeus McNulty, C. O. Carlson, J. D. Ragland, John Cunnea and John M. Battieste, and their unknown heirs at law, next of kin, devisees and grantees have no right, tit interest in, lien or encumbrance upon said lands or any part there-of and that in said decree your Honor will order that a certified copy thereof be filed for record in the Office of the Probate Judge

of Baldwin County, Alabama, to be recorded therein, with directions as to whose name it shall be indexed in the direct and indirect indexes of said records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama; and your Complainant prays for such other further, different and general relief as in equity will be meet and proper.

CHASON & STONE

By: Solicitors for Complainant.

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STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, <u>Space Homphries</u>, a Notary Public, in and for said State and County, personally appeared Norborne C. Storwho is known to me, and who, after being by me first duly and legal sworn did depose and say under oath as follows:

That his name is Norborne C. Stone and that he is one of the Solicitors for the Complainant in the above styled cause and that his name is signed to the Bill of Complaint as such; that the Complainant, Walter F. Lovell, has had a diligent search and inquiry made to ascertain whether any of the Respondents named in the foregoing Bill of Complaint are dead and if dead, the names, ages and Post Office addresses of their heirs at law and next of kin; that the allegations contained in the foregoing Bill of Complaint are true and correct and that said Respondents, if living, are over the age of twenty-one years.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of May 1954.

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

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ALICE I. OUCK, Clerk

WALTER F. LOVELL,

Complainant,

VS.

CERTAIN LANDS and SIMON SWANSON, et al.,

Respondents.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAM.

IN EQUITY

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It having been made to appear to the Register, Alice J. Duck, that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause on May 19, 1954, was published for four (4) consecutive weeks commencing on the 27th day of May, 1954, in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, and that a copy of said order was posted at the Courthouse door in Baldwin County on the 19th day of May, 1954.

And it further appearing to the said Register that the said Simon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson, Isidore Schiller, Oscar W. Johnson, A. Tallberg, Fred Harford, Woodson H. Kennon, Thaddeus McNulty, C. O. Carlson, J. D. Ragland, John Cunnea and John W. Battieste, having, to the date hereof, failed to plead, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause and motion having been made by the Complainant for a decree pro confesso against the said Respondents it is, therefore,

ORDERED AND DECREED by the Register that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is, in all things taken as confessed against the said Simon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson, Isidore Schiller, Oscar T. Johnson, A. Tallberg, Fred Harford, Woodson H. Kennon, Thaddeus McNulty, C. O. Carlson, J. D. Ragland, John Cunnea and John M. Battieste.

Done this 22nd day of September, 1954.

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MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON PUBLICATION

Comes now the Complainant in the above styled cause and moves this Honorable Court to enter a decree pro confesso against Sinon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson, Isidore Sthiller, Oscar T. Johnson, A. Tallberg, Fred Harford, Woodson H. Kennon, Thaddeus McNulty, C. O. Carlson, J. D. Ragland, John Cannea and John M. Battieste, Respondents in the above styled cause, on the ground that more than thirty (30) days have elapsed since the perfection of service by publication was made under an order of this Honorable Court; and it having been shown by due proof to the Court that the said Respondents are non-residents of the State of Alabama and that they have failed to plead, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause to the date hereof.

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ALICE I. DUCK. Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
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WALTER F. LOVELL,

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vs.

CERTAIN LANDS and SIMON SWANSON, et al.,

· Respondents.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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IN EQUITY

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It having been made to appear from the Affidavit of Norborn C. Stone, one of the Solicitors of record for the Complainant in the above styled cause that Simon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson, Isidore Schiller, Oscar T. Johnson, A. Tallberg, Fred Harford, Woodson H. Kennon, Thaddeus McNulty, C. O. Carlson, J. D. Ragland, John Cunnes and John M. Battieste are non-residents of the State of Alabama or their residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after reasonable effort;

NOTICE IS GIVEN HEREBY to Simon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson Isidore Schiller, Oscar T. Johnson, A. Tallberg, Fred Harford, Wood son H. Kennon, Thaddeus McNulty, C. O. Carlson, J. D. Ragland, John Cunnea and John Battieste, and to their unknown heirs at law, next of kin, devisees and grantees and to any and all persons, firm and corporations claiming any interest in the lands described above that on the 1924 day of May, 1954, Walter F. Lovell filed a Bill of Complaint in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabams

In Equity, against all of the above named Respondents and against the lands described above and you are hereby notified to appear and plead, answer or demur to said Bill of Complaint by <u>June 28</u>, or a decree pro confesso will be rendered against you.

The Bill of Complaint alleges that the Complainant claims to own the entire fee simple title to said lands, having acquired the same by virtue of the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Alabama from his Brother, Elmer V. Lovell, as shown by the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and by conveyance from Matilda Lovell, a Widow, dated December 9, 1952, and that said State of Alabama acquired its interest in the lands by virtue of a tax sale dated August 15, 1935, for the collection of taxes then due from T. J. Schiller; the Bill of Complaint also alleges that the title to said lands stands in the name of the Complainant on the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and that no suit is pending to test the Complainant's title to, interest in or right to possession of said lands.

It is further alleged in said Bill of Complaint that the Complainant is in the quiet, actual, peaceable and adverse possession of all of the land therein described, claiming to own the same in his own right in fee simple and using the same in every way that such lands are susceptible to use and that he and those under whom he claims have been in such possession and have assessed and paid taxes for more than ten years next immediately preceding the filing of said Bill of Complaint and that no other person, firm or corporation has had possession of said lands or any part thereof or has assessed or paid taxes on the same during that period of time.

It is further alleged in said Bill of Complaint that such suit is filed for the purpose of establishing the title of said Complainant to said lands and for the purpose of clearing up all doubts and disputes concerning the same.

Witness my hand and seal this 1920 day of Many, 1954.

As Register of the Circuit Court o

Chason & Stone Solicitors for Complainant.

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STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

I, Alice J. Duck, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, In Equity, do hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of Lis Pendens is a true and correct copy of the notice draw and signed by me in the above styled cause as required by Title 7, Section 1119, of the Code of Alabama of 1940 on the 19th day of May 1954.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court of Baldwi County, Alabama, on this the 19th day of May, 1954.

Alice J. Duck, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Ala.

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It having been made to appear in the above styled cause from the Bill of Complaint and from the Affidavit of Norborne C. Stone, one of the Solicitors of record for the Complainant, that Simon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson, Isidore Schiller, Oscar T. Johnson, A. Tallberg, Fred Harford, Woodson H. Kennon, Thaddeus McNulty, C. O. Carlson, J. D. Ragland, John Cunnea and John M. Battieste, are non-residents of the State of Alabama and over the age of twenty-one years, if living, and whose addresses are unknown to the Complainant and that the names, ages and addresses of the heirs at law, next of kin, devisees or grantees of said parties, if dead, are unknown, and the said Complainant having requested that this Court enter an appropriate order of publication, making such Respondents parties to this cause and requiring them to plead, answ or demur to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause before a date to be named in said order of publication:

It is, therefore, ORDERED AND DECREED that such notice be prepared and published in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper of general circulation in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks and that a copy of such notice be posted at the Courthouse door in Bay Minette, Alabama, and that in said notice that the said Respondents be required to answer or plea June 28, 1954.

Witness my hand and seal this 19th day of May, 1954.

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ALICE J. GUCK, Clerk

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WALTER F. LOVELL,	Ž
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ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM

It having been made to appear from the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in this cause that some of the Respondents therein named are unknown and that a guardian ad litem should be appointed to represent and defend the interest of said unknown parties in this proceeding under the provisions of Title 7, Section 1117 (1) of the Code of Alabama of 1940. And it further appearing that Wilson Hayes is a practicing attorney in the City of Bay Minette, Alabama, and is, in all respects, a suitable person to act as such guardian ad litem.

It is therefore, ORDERED that Wilson Hayes be, and he is hereby appointed, as guardian ad litem to represent and defend the interests of the unknown parties in this proceeding.

Dated this 1964 day of May, 1954.

Mile J. Duck, Register.

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Respondents.

This cause coming on to be heard is submitted for Final decree upon the Bill of Complaint, Order of Publication, Notice,

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Answer of Guardian Ad Litem, Notice of Day set for hearing cause ar

Testimony of Walter F. Lovell.

And it appearing to the Court that Walter F. Lovell is in the actual, peaceful and adverse possession of all of the lands described in the Bill of Complaint, claiming to own the same in his own right in fee simple, and using the same in every way that such lands are susceptible to use and that no suit is pending to test his title to, interest in or right to possession of said lands And it further appearing to the Court that the said Walter F. Lovel claims the entire fee simple title to said lands having acquired the same by Statutory Warranty Deed from Matilda Lovell, a widow, dated December 9, 1952, which said deed is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Deed Book 190 pages

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And it further appearing to the Court that the title to sai lands stands on the record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Ealdwin County, Alabama, in the name of Walter F. Lovell who is ove the age of twenty-one years and a resident citizen of Chicago, Illinois, and it further appearing to the Court that the said Walte F. Lovell and those under whom he claims have assessed and paid tax es on said lands and were in the open, notorious, exclusive and adverse possession of all of said lands for more than ten years immediately preceding the filing of his Eill of Complaint in said cause and that no other person, firm or corporation assessed or paid taxe on said lands or any part thereof or had possession of said lands or any part thereof or had possession of said lands or any part thereof during that period of time. And it further appearing to the Court that Walter F. Lovell is entitled to the relief prayed for In his Bill of Complaint, it is therefore

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that Walter F. Lovell is the owner in fee simple of all the following described lands, situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots 16 and 17 in Block 12; Lots 2 and 7 to 24, inclusive, in Block 18; Lots 2 and 7 to 17, inclusive, and Lots 21 and 22 in Block 19; Lots 4, 5 and 6 in Block 20, in the Town of Silverhill, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Miscellaneous Book 1, page 59.

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It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DEGREED by the Court that the Register of this Court shall, within thirty days of the rendering of this Decree, file a certified copy of the same for record in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama and tax the expenses thereof as part of the cost of this proceeding and said Decree shall be recorded in the same Book and manner in which deeds are recorded and shall be indexed in the name of the Respondents named herein in the direct index and in the name of Walter F. Lovel in the reverse index.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the Complainant, Walter F. Lovell, be and he hereby is taxed with the cost of this proceeding for which execution may issue.

It if further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that all the proceedings herein be recorded.

Done this 20 day of October, 1954.

Judge of the Circuit Court of Bal win County, Alabama, In Equity.

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SWANSON, et al.,

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TO THE HONORABLE WILSON HAYES, ESQ., BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA:

TAKE NOTICE, that by an order of the undersigned as Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, In Equity, made are entered on the 19th day of May, 1954, you were appointed to act as Guardian Ad Litem for the unknown parties Respondent in that certain cause now pending in this Court wherein Walter F. Lovell is the Complainant and Certain Lands and Simon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson, Isidore Schiller, Oscar T. Johnson, A. Tallberg, Fred Harford, Woodson H. Kennon, Thaddeus McNulty, C. C. Carlson, J. D. Ragland, John Curnea and John Battieste, are the Respondents, in accordance with the provisions of Title 7, Section 1117 (1) of the Code of Alabama of 1940, as amended.

Given under my hand this 20th day of May, 1954.

Alice J. Duck

I hereby accept the appointment as Guardian Ad Litem for the unknown parties Respondent in the above styled cause to represer and protect their interests therein and do hereby reserve the right to file appropriate pleas or answers within the time prescribed by law.

Witness my hand this Z/a/ day of May, 1954.

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And it further appearing to the Court that the title to said lands stands on the record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the name of Walter F. Lovell who is over the age of twenty-one years and a resident citizen of Chicago, Illinois, and it further appearing to the Court that the said Walter F. Lovell and those under whom he claims have assessed and paid taxes on said lands and were in the open, notorious, exclusive and adverse possession of all of said lands for more than ten years immediately preceding the filing of his Bill of Complaint in said cause and that no other person, firm or corporation assessed or paid taxes on said lands or any part thereof or had possession of the said lands or any part thereof or had possession of the said lands or any part thereof or had possession of the said lands or any part thereof or had possession of the said lands or any part thereof or had possession of the said lands or any part thereof or had possession of the s

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It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the Register of this Court shall, within thirty days of the rendering of this Decree, file a certified copy of the same for record in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama and tax the expenses thereof as part of the cost of this proceeding and said Decree shall be recorded in the same Book and manner in which deeds are recorded and shall be indexed in the name of the Respondents named herein in the direct index and in the name of Walter F. Lovell in the reverse index.

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It if further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that all the proceedings herein be recorded.

Done this 20 day of October 1954.

Alice J. Duck, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Madema, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original decree rendered by the Indge of the Circuit Court in above stated cause, which said decree is an file and enrolled in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL HARS THE 5th day of 2000, 1954

Hubert M. Hall Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, In Equity.

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It having been made to appear from the Affidavit of Norborne C. Stone, one of the Solicitors of record for the Complainant in

the above styled cause that Simon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson, Isidore Schiller, Oscar T. Johnson, A. Tallberg, Fréd Harford, Woodson H. Kennon, Thaddeus McNulty, C. O. Carlson, J. D. Regland, John Cunnea and John M. Battieste are non-residents of the State of Alabama or their residences are unknown and cannot be ascertained after reasonable effort;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Simon Swanson, Theodore A. Johnson, Isidore Schiller, Oscar T. Johnson, A. Tallberg, Fred Harford, Woodson H. Kennon, Thaddeus McNulty, C. O. Carl-son, J. D. Ragland, John Cunnea and John M. Battieste, and to their unknown heirs at law, next of kin, devisees and grantees and to any and all persons, firms and corporations claiming any interest in the lands described above, that on the 19th day of May, 1954, Walter F. Lovell filed a Bill of Complaint in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, In Equity, against all of the above named Respondents and against the lands described above and you are hereby notified to appear and plead, answer or demur to said Bill of Complaint by June 28, 1954, or a decree pro confesso will be rendered against you.

The Bill of Complaint alleges that the Complainant claims to own the entire fee simple title to said lands, having acquired the same by virtue of the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Alabama from his Brother, Elmer V. Lovell, as shown by the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and by conveyance from Matilda Lovell, a Widow, dated December 9, 1952, and that the said State of Alabama acquired its interest in the lands by virtue of a tax sale dated August 15, 1935, for the collection of taxes then due from I. J. Schiller; the Bill of Complaint also alleges that the title to said lands stands in the name of the Complainant on the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and that no suit is pending to test the Complainant's title to, interest in or right to possession of said lands.

It is further alleged in said Bill of Complaint that the Complainant is in the quiet, actual, peaceable and adverse possession of all of the land therein described, claiming to own the same in his own right in fee simple and using the same in every way that such lands are susceptible to use and that he and those under whom he claims have been in such possession and have assessed and paid taxes for more than ten years next immediately preceding the filing of said Bill of Complaint and that no other person, firm or corporation has had possession of said lands or any part thereof or has assessed or paid taxes on the same during that period of time.

It is further alleged in said Bill of Complaint that such suit is filed for the purpose of establishing the title of said Complainant to said lands and for the purpose of clearing up all doubts and disputes concerning the same.

Witness my hand and seal this 19 day of May, 1954.

ALICE J. DUCK
As Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin
County, Alabama

Chason & Stone
Solicitors for Complainant.
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