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SILAN R. FELL,

COMPLAIMANT

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CERTAIN LANDS, ot al

RESPONDENTS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA IN EQUITY

LEGAL MOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF BILL OF COMPLAINT

Notice is hereby given to the Respondents named below and to all persons, firms or corporations claiming any right, title, or interest, lien or encumbrance on the lands hereinafter described, or any part thereof, that STLAS R. FELL, did, on the ______ day of Wovember, 1955, file in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, a verified Bill of Complaint against the following described real property situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

The South fourteen (14) acres in the Southwest quarter of the Morthwest quarter of Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, less public highway conveyed to Baldwin County by deed recorded in Deed Book 114 N.S., Page 304, of the Probate Records of Baldwin County, Alabama;

and against JESSE DARLING, ADA DARLING, CURTIS DARLING, JOHN I. CALLOWAY, JAMES B. FOLEY, JOHN B. FOLEY, MARSHALL I. SMITH & CO., ENANUEL R. SCHOWALTER, CHARLOTTE G. SCHOWALTER, THOMAS C. SINGLETON, ADELAIDE J. TORREY, JOHN BOWEN, SARAH F. GRAYSON, LUCY F. BOWEN, JOHN L. BOWEN, EDMUND GAINS WILSON, OSCEOLA WILSON and JOHN BOWEN WILSON, and their heirs or devisees, if deceased, and against any and all persons, firms or corporations claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance on the said lands or any part thereof.

The addresses of the Respondents, CHARLOTTE G. SCHOWALTER and SARAH F. GRAYSON are Fairhope, Alabama, and Mobile, Alabama, respectively.

The addresses of the other Respondents are unknown and cannot be ascertained after reasonable efforts and the making of diligent inquiry to ascertain the same.

The said Bill of Complaint has been filed for the purpose of establishing the title of the said Complainant to all of the said lands, for the purpose of quieting his title thereto and clearing up all doubts and disputes concerning title to the said property.

Complainant claims the absolute fee simple title to all of the

selid lands under, from by and through the following conveyance:

Deed from P. B. HATRICE and DAISY PRINCE, his wife, dated the Sth day of January, 1944, and recorded in Deed Book 52 at page hill, of the Probate Records of Raldwin County, Alabama.

The Complainant, in end by his sied Bill of Complaint, alloges and avers that he owns the said lands in his own right absolutely and for simple; that the title to the said lands stands upon the records in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, wherein the said lands are situated, in the name of the Complainant; that no suit is pending to test Complainant's title to, interest in or right to the Bossession of said lands on any part thereof; that V Complainant and those through whom he claimed title has held colored title to and has regularly assessed and grip taxes on the said lands of the filing of the Mill of Complaint; has no persons, firms or corporations, other Thank the Complainant and these Harough whom he against title have paid any taxes on the said lands or any part thereof or any interest therein within ten years next prior to the filing of said Bill of Complaint.

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It is further ordered that a copy of this notice certified by this undersigned Register, as being correct, shall also be recorded as a lin pendenc in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Saldwin County, Alabama.

IN WITHESS WHEREAP, I have hereinto set my hand as Register of the Circuit Court of Reldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, and affired the sent of said Court on this the ______ day of ______, 1955.

ALIBB J. DROK As Register of the Circuit Court of Daldwin County, Alabama, in Equity

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SILAS R. FELL,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

-VS-

CERTAIN LANDS, et al

RESPONDENTS

IN EQUITY 203654

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Notice is hereby given to the Respondents named below and to all persons, firms or corporations claiming any right, title, or interest, lien or encumbrance on the lands hereinafter described, or any part thereof, that SILAS R. FELL, did, on the 14 day of November, 1955, file in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, a verified Bill of Complaint against the following described real property situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

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Complainant claims the absolute fee simple title to all of the

said lands under, from, by and through the following conveyance:

Deed from P. B. PATRICK and DAISY PATRICK, his wife, dated the 8th day of January, 1944, and recorded in Deed Book 82 at page 144, of the Probate Records of Baldwin County, Alabama.

and avers that he owns the said lands in his cwm right absolutely and fee simple; that the title to the said lands stands upon the records in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, wherein the said lands are situated, in the name of the Complainant; that no suit is pending to test Complainant's title to, interest in or right to the possession of said lands or any part thereof; that Complainant and those through whom he claims title has held color of title to and has regularly assessed and paid taxes on the said lands and each and every part thereof for more than ten years next prior to the filing of the Bill of Complainant and those through whom he claims title have paid any taxes on the said lands or any part thereof or any interest therein within ten years next prior to the filing of said Bill of Complaint.

The Respondents named above, their heirs or devisees, if deceased, and all persons, firms or corporations claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrances on the said lands or any part thereof, must appear in this Court and plead, answer or demur to the said Bill of Complaint before the Aday of Alecano, 1955, or at the expiration of thirty days from the said date a Decree Pro Confesso will be taken against them, testimony will be thereafter taken and the said cause submitted for a Final Decree quieting Complainant's title to the said lands.

It is further ordered that a copy of this notice certified by the undersigned Register, as being correct, shall also be recorded as a lis pendens in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, and affixed the seal of said Court on this the 44 day of 2000 , 1955.

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

E. G. RICKARBY, JR. Solicitor for Complainant

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BILL OF COMPLAINT

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SILAS R. FELL,

CERTAIN LANDS, et al,

SILAS R. FELL * IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Plaintiff, * BALWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

vs * IN EQUITY NO. 3654.

CERTAIN LANDS, et al *
Defendant *

APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register by the Complainant, Silas R. Fell, that the Defendants may be unknown minors, insane parties or parties in the military service; and it further appearing that Ernest M. Bailey and Attorney at Law, is in all respects a suitable person to act as Guardian ad litem for such parties; and the said Ernest M. Bailey, having filed his consent, in writing, to act as such;

It is now therefore ordered by the Register of said Court that Ernest M. Bailey be and he is hereby appointed Guardian ad litem in this cause for the said parties.

Witness my hand this _______day of February, 1956.

Register -

CONSENT TO ACT:

I, Ernest M. Bailey, hereby accept the above appointment as Guardian ad libem, and consent to act as such in the above cause.

Gnardian ad litem

COMPLAINANT

VS.

CERTAIN LANDS, et al,

RESPONDENTS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO

Comes your Complainant, SILAS R. FELL, and shows to the Court that service has been perfected against the Respondents in the above styled cause, as follows: as against JESSE DARLING, ADA DARLING, CURTIS DARLING, JOHN I. CALLOWAY, JAMES BE FOLEY, JOHN B. FOLEY, MARSHALL I. SMITH & COMPANY, EMANUEL R. SCHOWALTER, THOMAS C. SINGLETON, ADELAIDE J. TORREY, JOHN BOWEN, LUCY F. BOWEN, JOHN L. BOWEN, EDMUND GAINS WILSON, OSCEOLA WILSON and JOHN BOWEN WILSON, and against the unknown heirs and devisees of said parties, and against all other persons claiming any title to, interest in, or encumbrances upon the lands described in said bill, by publication duly made in the Fairhope Courier, a newspaper published in Baldwin County, Alabama, said legal notice being published on, to-wit, the 17th day of November, the 24th day of November, the 1st day of December and the 8th day of December, all in 1955, as shown by proof of publication filed in this cause, and by personal service on CHARLOTTE G. SCHOWALTER, on, to-wit, the _____ day of ______ 1955, and by personal service on SARAH F. GRAYSON, on, to-wit, the ________ day of *Nov*, 1955.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that Decree Pro-Confesso be entered in said cause as provided by law.

By E. G. Rickarby, Jr.
Solicitor for Complainant

۷s. CERTAIN LANDS, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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E. G. RICKARBY

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FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

June 12, 1956

Mrs. Alice Duck Clerk of the Circuit Court Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Inre: Silas R. Fell

VS.

Certain Lands, et al,

Our File: 1858

With this we are handing you Note of Evidence, testimony and final decree in the above referenced matter.

Please process and when final decree is signed have same recorded in the Probate Court and charged to my account, and send me a cost bill. You will remember that we deposited \$40.00 costs in this matter.

Incidentally, the name of one of the witnesses was omitted from the Commission to take Depositions; we included his name, ie., Daniel Christopher Bishop.

Yours very truly,

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EGR/fm Encl. ELLIOTT G. RICKARSY (DECEASED)

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FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

January 31, 1956

Mrs. Alice Duck Clerk of the Circuit Court Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Inre: Silas R. Fell

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Certain Lands, et al Our File: 1858

Enclosed find Motion for Decree Pro Confesso in the above styled cause.

Please appoint Guardian Ad $^{\perp}$ item, and I will see guardian and give him notice of application for appointment of commissioner.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Mr. Silas R. Fell

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RICKARBY & RICKARBY FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

E. G. RICKARBY, JR.

November 10, 1955

Mrs. Alice Duck Clerk of the Circuit Court Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Inre: Silas R. Fell

VS.

Certain Lands, et al Our File: 1858

With this we are handing you the bill of Fell vs. Certain Lands to quiet title, Judge's order for publication, and notice for publication.

Please have the publication inserted in the Fairhope Courier, post one on the bulletin board and lis pendens. Please let me know what date you set for decree pro confesso and date publication begins.

Am enclosing \$40.00 as deposit for costs.

Yours very truly,

EGR/fm Encl.

cc: Mr. Silas R. Fell

I, FLORA S. MATTHEWS, the Commissioner named in the attached commission issued by the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that in a case pending in the Equity side of said Court, wherein SILAS R. FELL is Complainant and Certain Lands, et al, are Respondents, under and by virtue of the power conferred upon me by said commission, I caused the witnesses named in the commission, namely, William Gilheart, Daniel Christopher Bishop, J. H. Arnold, and E. G. Rickarby, Jr., who were made known to me and known by me to be the identical witnesses named in the commission, to come to my office in the Bank Building in the City of Fairhope, Alabama, where the said witnesses, after being duly sworn by me, upon examination by E. G. Rickarby, Jr., Esquire, Solicitor for Complainant, and Ernest M. Bailey, Guardian Ad Litem, testified as hereinbefore written; that their testimony was by me reduced to writing as given by them, as near as might be in their identical language and after being so reduced to writing, was read over by the said witnesses, who assented to and signed the same in my presence.

I further certify that I am not of counsel or of kin to either of the parties to the cause, or anywise interest in the results thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand as Commissioner this 8th day of June, 1956.

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COMPLAINANT

VS.

CERTAIN LANDS, ET AL,

RESPONDENTS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY

NOTE OF EVIDENCE

This cause is submitted for final decree on Original Bill, Decree Pro Confesso, Answer of Guardian Ad Litem, and testimony of WILLIAM GILHEART, DANIEL CHRISTOPHER BISHOP, J. H. ARNOLD and ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY, JR., as per depositions on file in this cause.

Done this the 12th day of June, 1956.

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E. G. Rickarby, Jr. Solicitor for Complainant

Attorney and Guardian Ad Litem

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SILAS R. FELL Plaintiff,

VS

CERTAIN LANDS, et al Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA IN EQUITY NO. 3654.

REQUEST FOR ORAL EXAMINATION

Comes the Complaintant in the above styled cause and requests the registrar to appoint a Commissioner for the examination of WILLIAM GILHEART of Fairhope, Alabama, DAN BISHOP of Fairhope, Alabama, and JACK ARNOLD OF Fairhope, Alabama, witnesses for complaintant, and suggests that MRS. FLO MATTHEWS is a suitable person to act as commissioner for taking the testimony of said witnesses, she not being of counselor kin to any of the parties in the cause of their attorneys.

DATED this the 31 day of March, 1956.

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BY: Solicitor for Complainant

Service accepted and consent that Commissioner be appointed.

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THE SOUTH FOURTEEN ACRES IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWN-SHIF 7 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, LESS PUBLIC HIGHWAY CONVEYED TO BALDWIN COUNTY BY DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 114 N.S. PAGES 304 IN THE PROBATE RECORDS OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND JESSE DARLING, ADA DARLING, CURTIS DARLING, JOHN I. CALLOWAY, JAMES B. FOLEY, JOHN B. FOLEY, MARSHALL I. SMITH & CO., EMANUEL R. SCHOWALTER, CHARLOTTE G. SCHOWALTER, THOMAS C. SINGLETON, ADMIAIDE J. TORREY, JOHN BOWEN, SARAH F. GRAYSON, LUCY F. BOWEN, JOHN L. BOWEN, EDMUND GAINS WILSON, OSCEOLA WILSON AND JOHN BOWEN WILSON, AND THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF SAID PARTIES IF SAME ARE DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING ANY TITLE TO OR INTEREST IN SAID LANDS,

RESPONDENTS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF

BALDWIN COUNTY

ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

ORIGINAL BILL

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

Comes SILAS R. FELL, the complainant in the above styled cause and shows the following:

ONE

That Complainant is a resident of Lincoln Park, Michigan

and is over the age of twenty-one years; Respondents, CHARLOTTE G. SCHOWALTER, is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing in Fairhope, and SARAH F. GRAYSON is a resident of Mobile County, residing at 1506 Dauphin Street, Mobile, Alabama, and are both over the age of twenty-one years. Complainant avers that after exercising reasonable diligence to locate the whereabouts of respondents, JESSE DARLING, ADA DARLING, CURPIS DARLING, JOHN I. CALLOWAY, JAMES B. FOLEY, JOHN B. FOLEY, MARSHALL I. SMITH & COMPANY, EMANUEL R. SCHONALTER, THOMAS C. SINGLETON, ADELAIDE J. TORMEY, JOHN BOWEN, LUCY F. BOWLEN, JOHN L. BOWLEN, EDMUND GAINS WILSON, OSCEPLA WILSON, AND JOHN BOWLEN WILSON, he has been unable to locate the whereabouts of said Respondents or to ascertain with certainty whether said respondents were alive at the time

of filing this bill, but that he believes said respondents to be dead, and if said respondents are dead, their heirs and devisees are unknown, with the exception of CHARLOTTE G. SCHOWALTER, who complainant believes to be an heir of respondent, EMANUEL R. SCHOWALTER.

Complainant states that he does not know of anyone or any person who claims said land, title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance thereon, or any part thereof, except the above named respondents. Complainant has obtained an abstract, which shows the only possible claimants according to said abstract are the above named respondents. Complainant avers that he has exercised diligence in trying to ascertain the names of any persons, or corporations, other than the named respondents, who claim said land, or any interest therein, but has failed to obtain such information.

TWO

The land in controversy is situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, and is more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The South Fourteen acres in the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, less public highway conveyed to Baldwin County by deed recorded in Deed Book 114 N.S., Page 304, of the Probate Records of Baldwin County, Alabama.

And the Complainant claims in his own right to own an undivided and entire fee simple in said lands. Complainant avers that he has actual and peaceful possession of said land and has had such possession since he obtained deed to said land on the 8th day of January, 1944.

THREE

Complainant alleges that he obtained a deed for said property from P. B. PATRICK and DAISY PATRICK, his wife, conveying said property to him on the 8th day of January, 1944, which deed is recorded in Deed Book 82, page 444, of the Probate Records of Baldwin County, Alabama, and that on receiving said deed he entered into the actual, peaceful possession of said land and since that time has been in such possession of said land and he, and his predecessors in title, have regularly assessed said property in the office of the Tax Assessor of Baldwin County, Alabama; that he has paid taxes on said property through the years 1945 to the date of the filing of this bill, and that the title to said land stands upon the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County in the name of said

complainant, by virtue of the deed heretofore referred to.

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Complainant avers that no one but himself has paid taxes on said lands within ten years next preceding the filing of this bill.

FIVE

Complainant further avers that no suit is pending to test his interest in, title to or possession of said land.

PREMISES CONSIDERED, complainant files this his verified bill of complaint against said respondents, and against the heirs and devisees of said respondents, if deceased, and against all other persons claiming any title to, interest in, or encumbrance upon said land, or any part thereof, and against said land, and to establish the right or title to said land and to clear up all doubts or disputes concerning same, and that said parties shall be made parties to this bill of complainant and that process be served upon them, or publication be made requiring them to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time required by law, or a Decree Pro Confesso may be entered against them.

Complainant prays that this court will appoint Guardian Ad Litem to represent the interest of any parties to this cause that might be minors, and Attorney Ad Litem to represent the interest of any parties that might be in the Armed Services of the United States.

Complainant further prays that the Court will find the rights and interest of all parties to the suit are before the Court and will be finally ajudicated by this Courts decree.

Complainant further prays that this Court will make and enter all orders, judgments and decrees that may be meet and proper in the premises and that upon a final hearing of this cause, will finally decide and decree that the complainant has an entire and undivided interest in said land and has a fee simple title thereto, free of all liens and encumbrances and complainant further prays for such other, further or different relief as to equity may seem meet.

Solicitor for Complainant

STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, E. G. RICKARBY, JR., a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, personally appeared SILAS R. FELL, who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says, on oath, that he is the complainant in the above and foregoing Bill of Complaint, he has read the same, has knowledge of the facts stated therein and that said facts so stated are true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 10 day of November, 1955.

Baldwin County, Public,

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IN EQUITY

COMPLAINANT

-VS-

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Done this the 18 day of Wov , 1955.

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Notice of Pendency of Bill of Complaint

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA IN EQUITY

Silas R. Fell, Complainant, vs. Certain Lands, et al, Repondents. LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF BILL OF COMPLAINT

Notice is hereby given to the Respondents named below and to all persons, firms or corporations claiming any right, title, or interest, lien or encumbrance on the lands hereinafter described, or any part thereof, that Silas R. Fell, did on the 14 day of November, 1955, file in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, a verified Bill of Complaint against the following described real property situated in Baldwin County, Alabama to-wit:

The South fourteen (14) acres in the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, less public highway conveyed to Baldwin County by deed recorded in Beed Book 114 N. S., Page 304, of the Probate Records of Baldwin

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The addresses of the other Respondents are unknown and cannot be ascertained after reasonable efforts and the making of diligent inquiry to ascertain the same.

The said Bill of Complaint has been filed for the purpose of establishing the title of the said Complainant to all of the said lands, for the purpose of quieting lands, the title thereto and clearing up

This is to certify that the attached legal notice appeared in The Fairhope Courier, a newpaper published weekly in the City of Fairhope, Sountyoof Baldwin, State of Alabama on the dates of Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1 and 8, 1955.

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DIRECT EXAMINATION BY E. G. BICKARBY, JR., SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT:
Mr. William Gilheart, being first duly sworn, testified as
follows:

My name is William Gilheart and I live in Barnwell, Alabama, about two and one-half miles from the Silas R. Fell property.

I have known Silas R. Fell since he was about three feet tall, and know that he is over the age of twenty-one years, and he lives in Michigan, I think it is Lincoln Park.

I am familiar with the land involved in this suit, about which Mr. Bishop has testified, and, of my own knowledge, know that Silas Fell has had this property since 1944 or 1945. I know he got it from P. B. Patrick because I heard him say so. He has been in possession of this land since about 1944 or 1945, and I know this because he has paid taxes on it, he has gone on the land and he had me clear up part of the land, and I planted a cucumber patch on it for myself, with his permission. I see this land pretty regular, about once a week, and would know if anyone was fencing it, occupying it, or using it, and no one has done this except Mr. Fell. No timber has been cut on the land, besides what I cut. I know that Mr. Fell comes down here to Baldwin County pretty regular by regular, I mean, about once a year, and looks at his land to see how it is and whether anybody is molesting it. I do not know of my personal knowledge that anyone is looking after the land except what Mr. Bishop said and testified here. I know that Mr. Fell has kept up the taxes on this land since he got it, because he had me pay the taxes on the land in his name once and it might have been twice; that was back about six or seven years ago. I know that, since Mr. Fell has been occupying this land, nobody has made any claim to it, or occupied it, except him.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY ERNEST M. BAILEY, GUARDIAN AD LITEM:

- Q. Are there any houseson the property?
- A. No.

- Q. Are there any posted signs on this property?
- A. No, Sir, I don't think so.
- Q. You heard Mr. Rickarby read the names of the parties in the bill of complaint a while ago?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Do you know of any claim exerted by any of those people?
 - A. No.
- Q. You don't know of any party except Mr. Fell who has paid the taxes on the property in the last ten years.
 - A. No, Sir, I do not.
 - Q. Who cut the timber on the land?
- A. There were two or three pines standing where I planted the cucumbers and I cut them.
 - Q. Did Mr. Fell know you cut them?
 - A. Yes.

NO FURTHER EXAMINATION

William Gilheart
Witness

Subscribed and sworn to by William Gilheart, Witness, before me on this the 7th day of April, 1956.

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DIRECT EXAMINATION BY E. G. RICKARBY, JR., SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT:

Mr. Daniel Christopher Bishop, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

My name is Daniel Christopher Bishop and I live in Barnwell, Alabama, on highway 98, less than one-half mile from the property owned by Silas R. Fell and involved in this suit.

I have known the complainant, Silas R. Fell, thirty-five years. He is now living in Lincoln Park, Michigan, and is over the age of twenty-one years.

I am familiar with the land involved in this suit, which is described as the South fourteen (14) acres in the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, less the public highway, and know that Silas R. Fell got a deed to this property from P. B. Patrick and wife back in 1944 and that after he got this property he entered into possession of this land by having the corners staked out. At that time, I know that he thought about sub-dividing it and talked to a real estate agent about it. And, two or three years later he cut some timber on it, and farmed about two and one-half acres on it. At least once a year he would come down here, look over the land, walk over it, see that it was taken care of, and he asked me to look after it and keep people from trespassing, and I have been doing this, and from 1944 to the present date nobody has ever entered the land, claiming any right to it. I do know that Mr. Silas R. Fell has been paying the taxes on this land and has been doing so for the last ten years.

I have never heard of anyone making any claim against Mr. Fell for this land.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY ERNEST M. BAILEY, GUARDIAN AD LITEM:

- Q. How do you know that Mr. Fell obtained title to this property?
- A. By what he told me; that he had bought it.
- Q. When did he tell you that?
- A. It was in 1945.

- Q. Do you know of anyone else who has paid taxes on this land during this period besides Mr. Fell?
 - A. I do not.
 - Q. How close to this land do you live?
 - A. Less than a half mile.
 - Q. Are there any houses on the land?
 - A. No, sir.
- Q. Has anybody, to your knowledge, ever made any claim to this land, except Mr. Fell, since 1945?
 - A. No, sir.
- Q. Have you read the names of the parties listed in the bill of complaint?
 - A. No, sir.
- Q. Do you know any claim that Jesse Darling, Ada Darling, Curtis Darling, John I. Calloway, James B. Fdey, John B. Foley, Marshal I. Smith & Company, Emanuel R. Schowalter, Charlotte G. Schowalter, Thomas C. Singleton, Adelaide J. Torrey, John Bowen, Sarah F. Grayson, Lucy F. Bowen, John L. Bowen, Edmund Gains Wilson, Osceola Wilson and John Bowen Wilson, have to this property; those are the parties named in the bill?

A. No.

NO FURTHER EXAMINATION

Daniel Christopher Bishop

Subscribed and sworn to by Daniel Christopher Bishop, Witness, before me on this the <u>7th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 1956.

Alon S. Marchewo Commissioner

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DIRECT EXAMINATION BY E. G. RICKARBY, JR., SOLICITOR FOR COMPLAINANT:

Mr. J. H. Armold, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

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My name is J. H. Armold and I live in Fairhope, Baldwin County,

Alabama.

I am an abstractor and, as such, at the request of Mr. Rickarby, I made a search of the tax records of Baldwin County, Alabama, relative to the property of Mr. Silas R. Fell in Baldwin County, Alabama. The property is described as the South fourteen (14) acres of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, less the public highway, and, according to the records in the tax office, the tax collector's office of Baldwin County, I find that taxes have been paid on this land by Silas R. Fell, as follows: for the years 1945 and 1946; for 1947 there is no assessment, but the tax records show they were paid by Silas R. Fell, but the assessment book shows no assessment of record - apparently an escape, but not noted as such on the records. Plat book for 1943, 1944, 1945 and 1946 show the land described assessed to Silas R. Fell for the years 1945, 1946 and 1947. For the years 1948 through 1955, the tax collector's records show that the property was assessed and paid in the name of Silas R. Fell. CROSS EXAMINATION BY ERNEST M. BAILEY, GUARDIAN AD LITEM:

- Q. Mr. Fell paid the taxes for 1945 and 1946?
- A. According to the tax collector's records.
- Q. Would those records reveal any sale for taxes in 1947?
- A. They should, because there is always a notation made in the margin of the records if it is in the State, or an individual sale, shows in both cases.
- Q. In the assessments for the years after 1947, do they show that the property was assessed and paid by Mr. Silas R. Fell?
 - A. All of them.
- Q. Do they show that anyone else has made any assessment or payment of taxes?
 - A. They do not.

Q. Is your testimony based on a personal search made by you?

Yes.

NO FURTHER EXAMINATION

Subscribed and sworn to by J. H. Arnold, Witness, before me on this the 7th day of April, 1956.

Flora & Matthews
Commissioner

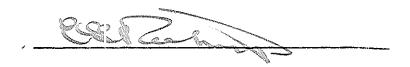
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My name is ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY, JR. and I am the attorney for the Complainant in the case of SILAS R. FELL vs. CERTAIN LANDS, and I have examined the abstract of title to the South fourteen (14) acres of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, prepared by J. A. Ertzinger & Son for Mr. Fell and, according to that abstract, the only possible claimants to the land described in this suit are the parties listed as defendants and their heirs. I have further made diligent search and inquiry to locate those unknown heirs, namely, JESSE DARLING, ADA DARLING, CURTIS DARLING, JOHN I. CALLOWAY, JAMES B. FOLEY, JOHN B. FOLEY, MARSHALL I. SMITH & CO., EMANUEL R. SCHOWALTER, THOMAS C. SINGLETON, ADELAIDE J. TORREY, JOHN BOWEN, LUCY F. BOWEN, JOHN L. BOWEN, EDMUND GAINS WILSON, OSCEOLA WILSON, and JOHN BOWEN WILSON, and cannot find their addresses after reasonable efforts and diligent inquiry, consisting of asking the older residents in the neighborhood, and, from the dates they appeared in the abstract, conclude that they have been dead for a long period of time.



Subscribed and sworn to by ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY, JR., before me on this the day of June, 1956.

Jeon J. Marcher COMMISSIONER

COMPLAINANT

VS.

THE SOUTH FOURTEEN ACRES IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, LESS PUBLIC HIGHWAY CONVEYED TO BALDWIN COUNTY BY DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 114 N.S., PAGES 304, IN THE PROBATE RECORDS OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND JESSE DARLING, ADA DARLING, CURTIS DARLING, JOHN I. CALLOWAY, JAMES B. FOLEY, JOHN B. FOLEY, MARSHALL I. SMITH & COMPANY, EMANUEL R. SCHOWALTER, CHARLOTTE G. SCHOWALTER, THOMAS C. SINGLETON, ADELAIDE J. TORREY, JOHN BOWEN, SARAH F. GRAYSON, LUCY F. BOWEN, JOHN L. BOWEN, EDMUND GAINS WILSON, OSCEOLA WILSON AND JOHN BOWEN WILSON AND THE WILSON AND JOHN BOWEN WILSON, AND THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF SAID PARTIES IF SAME ARE DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES $\hat{\mathbf{I}}$ CLAIMING ANY TITLE TO OR INTEREST IN SAID LANDS,

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This cause coming on to be heard this the ____ day of ____ 1956, is submitted for final decree upon complainant's verified bill of complaint and upon the decree pro confesso rendered therein, and the answer of the Guardian ad litem, and the testimony of the witnesses taken orally before the commissioner duly appointed by the Register, and by order of the Court, and the certificate of the Register and the pleadings and proof, as noted by the Register, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court:

That the complainant, SILAS R. FELL, at the time of filing his bill of complaint in this cause, claimed in his own right a fee simple title to, and was in the actual, peaceful possession of the following described lands lying and being situated in the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama, more particularly described as follows:

> The South fourteen acres in the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 20, Township ? South, Range 2 East, in Baldwin County, Alabama, LESS public highway conveyed to Baldwin County by deed recorded in Deed Book 114 NS, pages 304, in the Probate Records of Baldwin County, Alabama.

That at the time of the filing of said bill of complaint no suit was pending to test his title to, interest in, or his right to the possession of said lands.

- 3. That his said bill of complaint was and is duly verified and was filed against said lands, and was to establish the right or title to such lands or interest and to clear up all doubts or disputes concerning the same, and that said bill of complaint did in all respects comply with the provisions of Article 2 of Title 7 of the 1940 Code of Alabama, as amended.
- 4. That the names of none of the parties defendents were known to the complainant, and that he exercised diligence to ascertain the facts with regard thereto.
- 5. That notice of the pendency of said bill of complaint was drawn and signed by the Register of this Court and said Register did have said notice published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the <u>Fairhope Courier</u>, a newspaper having general circulation and published in the County of Baldwin, Alabama, and authorized by an order made in this cause.
- 6. That a copy of said notice certified by the Register of this Court as being correct was recorded as a lis pendens in the office of the Judge of Probate of said County, and said notice being in strict accord and compliance with the law.
- 7. That it has been more than sixty (60) days since the first publication of said notice and the filing of a certified copy of said notice in the Office of the Probate Judge of said county where said lands lie.
 - 8. That no person has intervened in said cause.
- 9. That a Guardian ad litem and an Attorney at litem have been appointed and accepted service and filed an answer in said cause to protect the rights of appropriate parties in said matter.
- 10. That the complainant has established, as shown by legal evidence, that he is the owner of fee simple title to said lands.
- 11. That all of the allegations of fact contained in complainant's bill of complaint are true.

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that the complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in his said bill of complaint, and that the fee simple title claimed by the complainant in and to the above described lands has been duly proven.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that

the complainant is the owner of said lands and has the fee simple title thereto, free of all liens and encumbrances, and that all doubts and disputes concerning the same are hereby cleared up.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that a certified copy of this decree be recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, and that it be indexed in the name of SILAS R. FELL in both the direct and the indirect index of the record thereof.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that complainant pay the costs of this proceeding, for which let execution

DONE this the 14 day of him., 1956.

I fuler & M I fale CIRCUIT JUDGE



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