

TESTIMONY OF T. J. RESTER.

My name is T. J. Rester. I am an agent and part owner of the Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Company, Inc., a Corporation that said Corporation is the owner of the NW4 of Section 27. . Township 7 South of Range 5 East, in Baldwin County, Alabama, except two acres in the Northwest corner thereof; that this land was sold for taxes for the year 1915, in the year 1916, to A. M. DeCoudres, and that on September 25th, 1918, he received a Deed from the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama; that the said Degoudres and his wife conveyed this land to John Brasy on April 5th, 1929, and the said John Brasy and wife conveyed it to John Gaunt on October 2nd, 1929; that on the 18th day of March. 1935, the said John Gaunt and Harriet Gaunt, his wife, conveyed this land to the Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Company, Inc., a Corporation, the Complainant in this suit; that the Complainant has been in the actual, peaceable possession of this tract of land, claiming to own the same in its own right in fee simple, for more than ten years prior to the filing of the Bill of Complaint in this cause; that no suit is pending to test the Complainant's title to, interest in or right to possession of said lands; that Complainant and those under whom it claims have paid taxes on this land for more than ten years next preceding the filing of the Bill of Complaint in this cause, and that no other person, firm or corporation has paid any taxes on this land during that period of time, or claim the same insofar as I know or have been able to ascertain. That the allegations contained in the Bill of Complaint are true and correct in all respects.

BALDWIN TIMBER & MAVAL STORES COMPANY, INC+, a Corporation, Complainant.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COUNTY STATE OF ALABAMA

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DECREE.

This cause is submitted on the Criginal Bill of complaint; Notice of Publication; Motion for Decree Pro Confesso and Decree Pro Confesso against the Respondents named in said Bill, and the testimony of T. J. Rester.

The pleading and evidence in this cause above that the Northwest quarter of Northwest quarter of Section 27, Populatio 7 South of Ronge 5 Rest in Baldwin County, Alabama, was assessed to owner Unknown for the year 1915, and was sold in April, 1916, for the non-payment of State and County Toxes, and at said sale A. E. DeCoulres became the owner of said property, and on Septembor Sith, 2018, James H. Voltz, Judge of Probate of Baldwin county, Alabama, executed a best to the said A. M. Decondress conveying this property; that A. M. Decoudres and Ellen J. Decoudres, his wife, conveyed said property to John Brasy by Deed dated april 5th, 1929, and the said John Brasy and Margaret Brasy. his wife, conveyed said property to John Geunt by peed deted cotober 2nd, 1929; that on March 18th, 1930, John Caunt and Harriot Games conveyed said forty core trust to the Baldwin Timber and Nevel Stores Company, Inc., the Complainmet in this suit; that the said Complainent has been in possession of said lands, claiming to own the same in fee simple for more than ten years prior to the filing of the Bill of Complaint in this suit, and that the said Complainent has paid taxes for more than ten years prior to the filing of the Bill of Complaint in this suit, and that no other person, firm or corporation has paid any taxes on the same during that period of time; that there is no suit pending to test Complainant's title to, interest in or right to possession of said lands; that the said property stands in the name of andy weber and Julia weber on the recombs of Baldwin County, Alabama, but that they have not claimed or paid taxes on the same for more than twenty years last past:

It is, therefore, OFFERD, ADJUDGED AND DECIMED that the Complainant, the Baldwin Pimber & Naval Stores Company, Dac. a Corporation, is the absolute owner of the following described property, to-wit:-

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in fee simple, in its own right, and that no other person, firm or corporation has any interest in, right, title lies or encombinance upon the same, and that all claims, rights, title, interest or encombrance on said lands held by anyone other than the complainant are hereby and herein declared null and void, and are decreed to be a cloud upon the title of complainant, and removed as such. That a certified copy of this Decree be filed in the Probate Office of Baldwin County, Alabama, and recorded therein, and that it be indexed on the Direct Indexes in the Office of said Judge in the name of Andy Weber and Julia weber, and in the Indirect Indexes in the name of the Baldwin Timber & Navel Stores Company, Inc., a Corporation.

It is further oldered, adjuiged and decrees that the (page two)

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County.	CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.			
Daidwin County.	No. August Term, 1926.			
BALDWIN TIMBER & NAVAL STO	RES, INC., A Gorp., Complainant			
vs. CERTAIN LANDS, ANDY WEBER,	et al. Defendant			
In this cause it appears to the Register	ROBERT S. DUCK that the order of publi-			
cation heretofore made in this cause, was pub	olished for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the			
4th day of June	, 1936, in the Baldwin Times			
a newspaper published in Bay Minette.	Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted			
at the Court House door inBaldwin	County, on the day of			
June 1928, and	l			
And it now further appearing to the E	Register Robert S. Duck , that the said			
Andy Weber, unknown heirs.	of Andy . Weber, . and .Julia. Weber,			
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	ead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause, it			
is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant	, ordered and decreed by the Register Robert			
S. Duck that the Bill of Com	plaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things			
taken as confessed against the said Andy I	Veber, unknown heirs of Andy Weber and			
	of Julia Weber			

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BALDWIN TIMBER & NAVAL STORES COMPANY, INC., a Corporation,

Complainant,

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NW½ of NW½ of Section 27, Town-ship 7 South, Range 5 East of St. Stephens Meridian, Baldwin County, Alabama, except 2 acres in the NW corner described as follows:- Commencing on the NW Cor. of NW½ of NW½ of said Section 27, thence run East 295.17 feet to a point; thence run South 295.17 feet to a point; thence run West 295.17 feet to a point; thence run North 295.17 feet to a point; the place of beginning; ANDY WEBER and JULIA WEBER, and the HEIRS OF JULIA WEBER,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-IN EQUITY

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY.

Defendants.

DECREE.

This cause is submitted on the Original Bill of Complaint;
Notice of Publication; Motion for Decree Pro Confesso and Decree
Pro Confesso against the Respondents named in said Bill, and the testimony of T. J. Rester.

The pleading and evidence in this cause show that the Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 7 South of Range 5 East in Baldwin County, Alabama, was assessed to Owner Unknown for the year 1915, and was sold in April, 1916, for the non-payment of State and County Taxes, and at said sale A. M. DeCoudres became the owner of said property, and on September 25th, 1918, James M. Voltz, Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, executed a Deed to the said A. M. DeCoudres conveying this property; that A. M. Decoudres and Ellen J. DeCoudres, his wife, conveyed said property to John Brasy by Deed dated April 5th, 1929, and the said John Brasy and Margaret Brasy, his wife, conveyed said property to John Gaunt by Deed dated October 2nd, 1929; that on March 18th, 1935, John Gaunt and Harriet Gaunt conveyed said forty acre tract to the Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., the Complainant in this suit; that the said Complainant has been in possession of said lands, claim-

ing to own the same in fee simple for more than ten years prior to the filing of the Bill of Complaint in this suit, and that the said Complainent has paid taxes for more than ten years prior to the filing of the Bill of Complaint in this suit, and that no other person, firm or corporation has paid any taxes on the same during that period of time; that there is no suit pending to test Complainant's title to, interest in or right to possession of said lands; that the said property stands in the name of andy weber and Julia Weber on the records of Baldwin County, Alabama, but that they have not claimed or paid taxes on the same for more than twenty years last past;

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DEGREED that the Complainant, the Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Company, Inc., a Corporation, is the absolute owner of the following described property, to-wit:-

Northwest quarter of Northwest quarter of Section Twenty-seven, Township Seven South of Range Five East of St. Stephens Meridian, Baldwin County, Alabama, save and except two acres in the Northwest corner thereof described as follows:— Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Said Section 27, then ce run East 295.17 feet to a point, then ce run South 295.17 feet to a point, thence run West 295.17 feet, to a point, thence run North 295.17 feet to the place of beginning;

in fee simple, in its own right, and that no other person, firm or corporation has any interest in, right, title lien or encumbrance upon the same, and that all claims, rights, title, interest or encumbrance on said lands held by anyone other than the complainant are hereby and herein declared null and void, and are decreed to be a cloud upon the title of complainant, and removed as such. That a certified copy of this Decree be filed in the Probate Office of Baldwin County, Alabama, and recorded therein, and that it be indexed on the Direct Indexes in the Office of said Judge in the name of Andy Weber and Julia Weber, and in the Indirect Indexes in the name of the Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Company, Inc., a Corporation.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the

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Complainant pay the costs of this proceedings.

Dated this 20th day of August, 1936.

Judge of the Twenty-first Judicial Circuit of Alabama.

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BALDWIN TIMBER & HAVAL STORES COMPANY, INC., a Corporation,

Complainant,

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THE LANDS TE HEIMANTER LESCHIEGD, ANDY WHEER ET AL,

Respondents.

IM THE CIRCUIT COURT—IN EQUITY
STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY.

It having been made to appear in the above cause from the Affidavit of John Chason, one of the Solicitors of Pecord in said cause, that the Defendants in said cause are non-residents of the State of Alabama, a more particular address being unknown;

NOTICE IN HEREBY GIVEN to Andy Weber, Unknown Heirs of Julia Weber, and to of Andy Weber, Julia Weber, Unknown Heirs of Julia Weber, and to any and all persons, firms or corporations who claim any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance on the lands hereinafter described, that on the Alay of June, 1936, the Baldwin Timber & Maval Stores Company, Inc., a Corporation, filed in the Equity Side of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, its Bill of Complaint against the following described lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, viz:

Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (NW2 of NW2) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Seven (7) South of Range Five (5) Hast, save and except two acres in the Northwest corner thereof more particularly described as follows: - Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 5 Hast, run Hast 295.17 feet, Bouth 295.17 feet, West 295.17 feet, North 295.17 feet to place of beginning, containing two acres, more or less;

and against any and all persons, firms or corporations claiming any interest in, lien or encumbrance upon the above described land; said parties are hereby notified to appear and plead, answer or demur within thirty days from July 4th, 1938, or a decree pro confesso will be rendered against them.

That the title to said land stands in the name of Complainant, according to the Records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama.

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That said Bill of Complaint was and is filed for the purpose of establishing the title of said Complainant to said lands, and for the purpose of quieting its title thereto and clearing up all doubts and disputes concerning the same.

executed by John Gaunt and wife to Complainant on March 18th, 1935, which Deed is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Ealdwin County, Alabama, in 57 N. S., pages 2-3, and the Deed executed by Elberta Turpentine Company, a co-partnership composed of L. W. Brannon and L. W. Brannon Jr., to Complainant, which peed is dated June 10th, 1925, and is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in 58 N. S., pages 25-6;

that it is in the quiet and peaceable possession of said land, claiming to own the same absolutely and in fee simple; that Complainant and those under whom it claims have paid taxes on said land and held same under color of title for more than ten years next preceding the filing of said Bill of Complaint, and that no other person, firm or corporation has paid taxes on said lands during said ten year period.

Witness my hand this 4 day of June, 1936.

As Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Ala.

HYBART & CHASON, solicitors for Complainant.

LIS PENDENS NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on this day the Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Company, /a Corporation, has filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, its Bill of Complaint against the following described lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:-

> Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (NW2 of NW1) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Seven (7) South of Range Five (5) East of St. Stephens Meridian, except two (2) acres in the Northwest corner described as follows: - Commencing on the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 27; thence run East 295.17 feet to a point; thence run South 295.17 feet to a point; thence run West 295.17 feet to a point; thence run North 295.17 feet to a point, the place of beginning;

and against the following named Defendants, viz:-

Andy Weber, residence unknown;

Unknown Heirs of Andy Weber, residence unknown;

Julia Weber, residence unknown;

Unknown Heirs of Julia Weber, residence unknown.

The prayer of said Bill is to have declared in the said Inc., Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Company, a Corporation, the title to the aforesaid lands, and the claims, interests, title, lien or encumbrance or all persons whomsoever to be declared a cloud upon the title of the said Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Company, Inc., a Corporation, to said lands, and by appropriate decree to be removed therefrom.

Dated this H day of June, 1936.

Solicitors for Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Company, Harder poration.

BALDWIN PIMEER & NAVAL STORES COMPANY, De Corporation,

Complainant,

-VS-

NW½ of NW¼ of Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 5 East of St. Stephens Meridian, Baldwin County, Alabama, except 2 acres in the NW corner described as follows: - Commencing on the NW cor. of NW¼ of NW½ of said Section 27, thence run East 295.17 feet to a point; thence run West 295.17 feet to a point; thence run West 295.17 feet to a point; thence run North 295.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY.

Defendants.

Comes your Complainant, the Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Inc. Company a Corporation, organized under the general laws of Alabama, and shows this, its Bill of Complaint against the following described tract of land situated in the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama, to-wit:-

Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (NW1) of NW1) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Seven (7) South of Range Five (5) East of St. Stephens Meridian, except two (2) acres in the Northwest corner described as follows:— Commencing on the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 27; thence run East 295.17 feet to a point; thence run South 295.17 feet to a point; thence run West 295.17 feet to a point; thence run North 295.17 feet to a point; thence

and Complainant further brings its Bill of Complaint against any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance upon said lands, or any part thereof, and complainant respectfully shows unto your Honor as follows:-

- l. That it is in the actual, peaceable possession of said tract of land heretofore mentioned, claiming to own the same in its own right in fee simple.
- 2. That no suit is pending to test Complainant's title to, interest in, or its right to possession of, said lands.

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- 3. Complainant further shows that it claims the entire fee simple title in and to said lands, having acquired the same as per attached copies of Deeds, which are made Exhibits "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" and "F" to this Bill of Complaint, and are made a part of the same.
- 4. Complainant further shows that the title to said lands stands on the Records in the Probate Court of Baldwin County. Alabama, in the name of Complainant. Complainant further shows unto your Honor that Andy Weber and Julia Weber, whose residence and address is unknown to Complainant, if living, are non-residents of the State of Alabama, and, if dead, the na the heirs, devisees or grantees, if any, are non-residents of the their rame and allress. State of Alabama and are unknown to Complainant. (Complainant further shows unto your Honor that it has used due diligence in trying to ascertain the residence and address of these several parties, and has been unable to do so; that the search and inquiry to ascertain these facts made by Complainant is set out in Paragraph 7 of this Bill of Complaint, Your Orator further shows unto your Honor that the said Andy Weber and Julia Weber, or their heirs, devisees or grantees, are reputed to claim some right, title or interest in, or encumbrance upon said lands, and your Orator respectfully calls upon the parties mentioned in this paragraph to set forth and specify their title, claim, interest or encumbrance upon the same, and how and by what instrument the same is derived and created.
- 5. Complainant further shows unto your Homor that the individuals, firms and corporations as set forth in Exhibit "G" to this Bill of Complaint have assessed and paid the taxes on the aforesaid lands, for and during the last ten years next preceding, said Exhibit "G" being made a part of this Bill of Complaint.
- 6. Complainant further shows unto your Honor that it knows of no one other than itself and those under whom it immediately claims; that is, the State of Alabama, A. M. DeCoudres, John Brasy, John Gaunt and Elberta Turpentine Company, a copartnership

composed of L. W. Brannon and L. W. Brannon Jr., who have been in the actual possession of said land, and that no one is known to your Complainant to claim this land, or any part thereof, or any interest therein, except the Complainant and the Defendants to this proceedings, and Complainant calls upon the several possons mentioned as Defendants herein, or anyone else interested, to set forth and specify his, her or its title, claim, interest or encumbrance upon said land, and how and by what instrument, or otherwise, the same is derived or created.

7. Complainant avers that it has made a diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the residences and addresses of all persons, firms and corporations heretofore named, whether or not any of them be dead, and, if dead, to ascertain the names and addresses of the heirs, devisees, successors, assigns and grantees of such deceased persons; that in this investigation and inquiry Complainant has had a complete Abstract of Title of said real estate made from the Records of Baldwin County, Alabama; that it has had diligent inquiry made in the neighborhood of said lands as to the ownership of the same, the possession of the same, and the whereabouts of any and all persons who are interested in said lands, or may be interested in the same, or who may claim any interest therein; that in making said inquiry in the heighborhood of said lands that it has inquired of the old settlers there, and of people who are acquainted with the history of the community and its residents, and generally what is going on in their community.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS.

To the end, therefore, that equity may be had in the premises, Complainant prays that your Honor will cause the usual writ of process to issue to the above named Defendants in the usual form and according to the practice of this Honorable Court, requiring them to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time required by law and the practice of this Honorable Court, and that your Honor will also cause notice to be published of the

STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY.

Personally appeared before me, Mary F. Green, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, John Chason, who upon oath deposes and says:-

That he is the Agent of, and one of the Attorneys for, the Complainant in the above styled cause, and is therefore duly authorized to make this oath; that the facts stated in the foregoing Bill of Complaint upon knowledge are true; that he is informed as to the facts stated upon information and belief as therein stated, and verily believes, and so states, that the same are true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public whose seal is hereto affixed, this 460 day of June, 1936.

Mound: Heart Notary Holic, Balawin County, State of Alabama.

EXHIBIT "A".

STATE OF ALABAMA.

BALDWIN COUNTY.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Whereas, the land hereinafter described was subject to taxation for the year 1915, and the Board of Revenue levied taxes thereon for county purposes for said year, and;

whereas, the Tax Assessor assessed said land for said year to "Owner Unknown", after having made demand on the person to whom said land was last assessed, and diligent inquiry to ascertain the owner of said land, and;

WHEREAS, the certificate of examination and allowance was made on the book of assessments in accordance with Section 2156 of the Code, and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector entered in the Docket of tax causes the description of said land, and amount of taxes, fees and charges due thereon for said year, and delivered said docket to the Probate Judge, and reported in accordance with Section 2268 of the Code that he was unable to collect said taxes without a sale of said land, and;

WHEREAS, the Probate Court, at the April, 1916, term, rendered a decree ordering a sale of said land for the payment of said taxes, fees, charges, costs and expenses of sale, and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, in enforcement of said decree, gave thirty days notice by publication once a week for three successive weeks, in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper regularly published in said County, and also by posting notices at the Courthouse of said County, and at a public place in the precinct in which the land was situated, that he would sell said land on the 2nd day of June, A. D., 1916, between 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., in front of said Courthouse, which notices described said land and stated the amount for which the probate Court's Decree had been rendered against same, and that said taxes had been assessed to "Owner Unknown", and

WHEREAS, the Tax collector at said time, in front of said Courthouse Door, did offer said land at public outcry, so that as far as practicable only such portion thereof was sold as was necessary to satisfy said Decree, and did sell said land to A. M. DeCoudres, who was the highest bidder, for \$7.76, which covered the taxes, fees, charges, costs and expenses of sale, which amount he paid to said Tax Collector, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector did then deliver to said purchaser, according to Section 2285 of the Code, a Certificate of Purchase containing a description of said land, showing that same was assessed to "Owner Unknown", for said year, and also showing the taxes due thereon, distinguishing the amounts due the State and County and for school purposes, and the fees and costs, and further showing the time for which said land was assessed, the date it was offered for sale, the name of the purchaser and the price paid, and

whereas, the time for redemption of said land has elapsed, and said certificate of Purchase has been returned to the Probate Judge by A. M. Decoudres, the purchaser;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James M. Voltz, as Probate Judge in and for said County in said State, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 2296 of the Code of Alabama of 1907, and in consideration of One Bollar to me paid, have this day granted,

bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto A. M. DeCoudres, all the right, title and interest of said "Owner Unknown", and all the right, title and interest and claim of the said State and County on account of said taxes or under said decree, in and to the following described lands, to-wit

Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter Section 33, Township 7 South, Range 6 East, and Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 5 East, situated in said County and State.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, the said right, title and interest, unto the said A. M. DeCoudres, heirs, successors or assigns, forever, but no right, title or interest of any reversioner or remainderman in said land is conveyed hereby.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 25th day of September, 1918.

(SEAL)

James M. Voltz, Judge of Probate, Baldwin County.

STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY.

I, T. W. Richerson, Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that James M. Voltz, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance as Judge of Probate, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of this conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this 25th day of September, A. D., 1918.

T. W. Richerson, Clerk Circuit Court, Baldwin County, Alabama.

Filed for record September 25th, 1918. Recorded 27 N. S., pages 430-1.

EXHIBIT "B".

STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That A. M. Decoudres and Ellen J. Decoudres, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to them in hand paid by John Brasy, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby remise, release and forever quit claim unto the said John Brasy, all their right, title and interest in and to the following land lying and being in the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama, and particularly described as follows, to-wit:-

The Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 5 East; Northeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 6 East; Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 8 South, Range 4 East; Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 5 East; North half of Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 8 South of Range 4 East; Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 7 South of Range 6 East, and the Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 7 South of Range 5 East; also, the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 7 South, Range 5 East.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted premises unto the said John Brasy, his heirs and assigns, forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, they have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals this the 5th day of April, 1929.

Executed in the presence of M. G. DeCoudres Otto Berger.

A. M. DeCoudres L.S. Ellen J. DeCoudres L.S.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

COOK COUNTY.

I, Albert M. DeCoudres, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that A. M. DeCoudres and Ellen J. DeCoudres, his wife, whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this 5th day of April, A. D., 1929.

Albert M. Decoudres SEAL

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

COOK COUNTY.

I, Albert M. DeCoudres, a Notary Public in and for said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Otto Berger, a subscribing witness to the foregoing conveyance, known to me, appeared before me this day, and being sworn, stated that A. M. DeCoudres and Ellen J. DeCoudres, his wife, the grantors in the conveyance, voluntarily executed the same in his presence, and in the presence of the other subscribing witness, on the day

the same bears date; that he attested the same in the presence (page one)

of the grantors and of the other witness, and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence.

Given under my hand this 5th day of April, A. D. 1929.

SEAL

Albert M. DeCoudres

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

COOK

COUNTY.

I, Albert M. DeCoudres, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that on the 5th day of April, 1929, came before me the within named Ellen J. Decoudres, known "or made known" to me to be the wife of the within named A. M. Decoudres, who being examined separate and apart from the husband, touching her signature to the within peed, acknowledged that she signed the same of her own free will and accord, and without fear, constraints or threats on the part of the husband.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of April, 1929.

Albert M. DeCoudres SEAL

Filed for record November 19th, 1929. Recorded in 47 N. S., page 418.

EXHIBIT "C".

WARRANTY DEED.

STATE OF ALABAMA.

COUNTY OF BALDWIN.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That John Brasy and Margaret Brasy, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars to them in hand paid by John Gaunt, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY unto the said John Gaunt, his heirs and assigns, the following described meal estate situated in the County of Baldwin and State of Alabama, to-wit:

Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter Section 32, Township 7 South, Range 6 East; West half of Southwest Quarter Section 6, Township 8 South, Range 6 East; Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter Section 6, Township 8 South, Range 6 East; East half of Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 7 South of Range 6 East; Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 7 South, Range 6 East; Northeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 6 East; Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 7 South of Range 5 East; Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 5 East; Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter Section 14, Township 7 South, Range 5 East; North half of Southwest Quarter Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 4 East; Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 8 South of Range 4 East; Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 8 South of Range 4 East.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid premises to the said John Gaunt, his heirs and assigns, forever. And they do covenant with the said John Gaunt, his heirs and assigns, that they are lawfully seized in fee of the above granted premises; that they are free from all encumbrances; that they have a good right to sell and convey the same unto the said John Gaunt, his heirs and assigns, and that they will warrant and defend the premises unto the said John Gaunt, his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, they have hereunto set their hands and seals, this 2nd day of October, 1929.

John Brasy SEAL Margaret Brasy SEAL

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

COOK

COUNTY.

I, Ludwig Kahn, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, do hereby certify that John Brasy, 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 said conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this 15th day of (page one)

November, A. D., 1929.

SEAL.

Ludwig Kahn, Notary Public.

WIFE'S SEPARATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

COOK

COUNTY.

I, Ludwig Kahn, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, do hereby certify that on the 15th day of November, 1929, came before me the within named Margaret Brasy, known to me to be the wife of the within named John Brasy, who being examined separate and apart from her husband, touching her signature to the within conveyance, acknowledged that she signed the same of her own free will and accord and without fear, constraints or threats on the part of her husband.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal this the 15th day of November, 1929.

SHAL.

Ludwig Kahn, Notary Public.

Filed for record November 19th, 1929. Recorded in 48 N. S., page 185.

EXHIBIT "D".

STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY.

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into on this, the day of March, 1935, by and between JOHN GAUNT and HARRIET GAUNT, his wife, of the first part, and BALDWIN TIMBER & NAVAL STORES COMPANY, INC., of the second part, WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the sum of one Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, to parties of the first part this day cash in hand paid by party of the second part, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, parties of the first part have and by these presents do hereby remise, release, quit claim and convey unto party of the second part, the following described real property in Baldwin County, Alabama, viz:-

> West half of Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township S South of Range 6 East; Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 8 South of Range 6 East; East half of Northwest Quarter; Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 7 South, Range 6 East; Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 5 East; Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 5 East; Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 5 East; Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter Section 14, Township 7 South, Range 5 East; North half of Southwest Quarter Section 35, Township 8 South of Range 4 East; Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 8 South of Range 4 Hast.

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

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the party of the second part, its successors and assigns, forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties of the first part hereunto set their hands and affix their seals on this the day and year first above written.

John Gaunt

SEAL

Harriet Gaunt

SEAL

STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY.

I, W. E. Cooney, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, hereby certify that John Gaunt and Harriet Gaunt, his wife, whose names are signed to the foregoing instrument, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and Notarial Seal hereto affixed by me, this 18th day of March, 1935. W. E. Cooney, Notary Public,

Baldwin County, State of

Alabama.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,

BALDWIN COUNTY.

I, W. E. Cooney, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, hereby certify that on the day of March, 1935, came before me the within named Harriet Gaunt, known to me to be the wife of the within named John Gaunt, who, being examined separate and apart from the husband, touching her signature to the within instrument, acknowledged that she signed the same of her own free will and accord, and without fear, constraints or threats on the part of her husband.

Given under my hand and Notarial Seal this 18th day of March, 1935.

W. E. Cooney, Notary Public, Baldwin County, State of Alabama.

SEAL.

Filed April 12th, 1935. Recorded in 57 N. S., pages 2-3.

EXHIBIT "E".

ORIGINAL

No. 276

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WHEREAS, on 9th day of May, A. D. 1932, the Probate Court of Baldwin County rendered a decree for the sale of lands hereinafter described and conveyed, for the payment of State and County taxes then due from John Brasy, the owner of said lands, and for the payment of the fees, costs and expenses of and under said decree, and the sale had in execution thereof.

AND WHEREAS, thereafter, to-wit, on the 13th day of June, 1932, under and in pursuance of said decree, said lands were regularly offered for sale by the Tax Collector of Baldwin County for said taxes, fees, costs and expenses, and no person having bid a sufficient sum for said lands to pay the same, said lands were bid in for the State for the sum of said taxes, fees, costs and expenses.

AND WHEREAS, the time allowed by law for the redemption of said land has elapsed since said sale, and the same not having been redeemed, the title thereto under said sale is still in the state.

AND WHEREAS, said lands having been entered upon the books of the State Tax Commission, and the State Tax Commission of the State of Alabama, with the approval of the Governor, has fixed the price of said land, and ascertained that the sum of Thirty-five and no/100 (\$35.00) Dollars is sufficient to cover and satisfy all claims of the State and county against said lands for or on account of taxes, interest, fees and costs, and officers fees which were due upon or have accrued against said lands, as provided for by law.

AND WHEREAS, application has been made to the State Tax Commission of the State of Alabama by Elberta Turpentine Co. to purchase said lands, and said sum of Thirty-five and no/100 (\$55.00) Bollars therefor has been paid into the State Treasury.

NOW THEREFORE, The State Tax Commission of the State of Alabama, by virtue of and in accordance with the authority in it vested by law, with the approval of the Governor of Alabama, and in consideration of the premises above set out, has this day granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Elberta Turpentine Co., without warranty or covenant of any kind on the part of the State, express or implied, all right and title of the State of Alabama in and to said lands, described as follows:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 7 S., R. 5 E.; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, T. 7 S., R. 5 E.

lying and being situate in said County and State, to have and to hold the same, the said right and title of the State in the lands aforesaid, unto Elberta Turpentine Co. and its heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13th day of March, 1935.

Approved By Bibb Graves, Governor. STATE TAX COMMISSION OF ALABAMA, By Henry S. Long, President.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

EXHIBIT "G".

- 1935: No Assessment. Texes paid in purchase from State by Elberta Turpentine Company.
- 1934: No Assessment. Taxes paid in purchase from State by Elberta Turpentine Company.
- 1933: No Assessment. Taxes paid in purchase from State by Elberta Turpentine Company.
- 1932: Assessed to John Brasy. NW2 of NW2 Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 5 East, less 2 acres in NW cor. Not marked paid. (Taxes paid in purchase from State by Elberta Turpentine Company.)
- 1931: Tax Book 3, page 78, Beat 13. Assessed to John Brasy. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 5 East (with other land). Not marked paid.

EXHIBIT "E".

ORIGINAL

No. 276

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

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AND WHEREAS, thereafter, to-wit, on the 13th day of June, 1932, under and in pursuance of said decree, said lands were regularly offered for sale by the Tax Collector of Baldwin County for said taxes, fees, costs and expenses, and no person having bid a sufficient sum for said lands to pay the same, said lands were bid in for the State for the sum of said taxes, fees, costs and expenses.

AND WHEREAS, the time allowed by law for the redemption of said land has elapsed since said sale, and the same not having been redeemed, the title thereto under said sale is still in the state.

AND WHEREAS, said lands having been entered upon the books of the State Tax commission, and the State Tax commission of the state of Alabama, with the approval of the Governor, has fixed the price of said land, and ascertained that the sum of Thirty-five and no/100 (\$35.00) Dollars is sufficient to cover and satisfy all claims of the State and County against said lands for or on account of taxes, interest, fees and costs, and officers fees which were due upon or have accrued against said lands, as provided for by law.

AND WHEREAS, application has been made to the State Tax Commission of the State of Alabama by Elberta Turpentine Co. to purchase said lands, and said sum of Thirty-five and no/100 (\$35.00) Dollars therefor has been paid into the State Treasury.

NOW THEREFORE, The State Tax Commission of the State of Alabama, by virtue of and in accordance with the authority in it vested by law, with the approval of the Governor of Alabama, and in consideration of the premises above set out, has this day granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Elberta Turpentine Co., without warranty or covenant of any kind on the part of the State, express or implied, all right and title of the State of Alabama in and to said lands, described as follows:

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lying and being situate in said County and State, to have and to hold the same, the said right and title of the State in the lands aforesaid, unto Elberta Turpentine Co. and its heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13th day of March, 1935.

Approved By Bibb Graves, Governor. STATE TAX COMMISSION OF ALABAMA, By Henry S. Long, President.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

I, Julia Klinge, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Henry S. Long, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance as President of the State Tax Commission, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of this conveyance, he, in his capacity as such President, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this the 15th day of March, 1935.

Julia Klinge, Notary Public.

Filed for record May 20th, 1936. Recorded Deed Book 59, pages 236-7

EXHIBIT "F".

STATE OF ALABAMA,

QUIT CLAIM DEED.

BALDWIN COUNTY.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Elberta Turpentine Company, a co-partnership composed of L. W. Brannan and L. W. Brannan Jr., in consideration of the sum of one Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration....Dollars, to it in hand paid by Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Company, an Alabama Corporation, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do remise, release, quit claim and convey to the said Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Company, all its right, title, interest and claim in and to the following described real estate (or lands), to-wit:-

The Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 7 South of Range 5 East, and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 7 South of Range 5 East, Baldwin County, Alabama.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to the said Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Company, its heirs and assigns, forever.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of June, 1935.

Executed in the presence of

ELBERTA TURPENTINE COMPANY, By L. W. Brannan Jr. SEAL By L. W. Brannan SEAL

STATE OF ALABAMA,

MOBILE COUNTY.

I, Mary B. Prados, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that L. W. Brannan and L. W. Brannan Jr., whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the said conveyance, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this 10th day of June, 1935.

SEAL.

Mary B. Prados.

Filed for record July 5th, 1935. Recorded in 58 N. S., pages 25-6.

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Complainant pay the costs of this proceedings. Dated this Both day of August, 1936.

> f. W. HARE Judge of the Twenty-7125 Judicial Circuit of Alebana.

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EALDWIN COUNTY.

I, Robert S. Duck, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Register in Chargery in said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a frue and correct copy of the decree rendered by Judge I, W. Hare on the 20th day of August, 1936, in the case of Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores ompany, Inc., a Corporation, vs. Certain Lands, Andy Weber, et al.

Dated this glat day of August, 1936. chirs I bus

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Clerk of the Circuit Court and Register in Chancery of Baldwin County, Alabama.

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Corp., BALDWIN TIMBER & NAVAL STORES COMPANY, INC., a./, Complainant.	
Vs.	
CERTAIN LANDS, ANDY WEBER, Defendants_	
Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against ANDY WEBER, unknown heirs	
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in the annexed stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of	
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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN BAY MINETTE, ALA. June 17-36 EQUITY STATE OF ALABAMA: BALDWIN COUNTY Baldwin Timber & Naval Stores Inc., a Corporation, Complainant, Vs. The Lands Hereinafter Described Andy Weber, Et Al, Respondents. It having been made to appear in the above cause from the affidavit of John Chason, one of the Solicitors of Record in said cause, that the Defendants in said cause are non-residents of the State of Alabama, a more par-HED IN THE LAND OF THE GOLDEN SATSUMA ticular address being unknown; SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE in Notice is hereby given to Andy ADVERTISING RATES GIVEN ON APPLICATION Weber, unknown heirs of Andy Weber, Julia Weber, tinknown heirs of Julia Weber, and to any and all person Jr., to Complanianic, an dated June 10th, 1935, and is recordcul ed in the office of the Judge of Pro-Lacade, andy Mahi, of El. de bate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in 58 N. S., pages 25-6; Complainant further alleges in its Bill of Complaint that it is in the Cr quiet and peaceable possession of seid hand, claiming to own the same Labsolute dir fee simple; that comnice and those ninder whom it cia ve paid taxes on said land 2727 and her ome under color of title for more than ten years next preceding the filing of said Bill of Complaint, and that no other person, firm corporation has paid taxes on said lands during said ten year period. Witness my hand this 4th day of June, 1936. ROBERT S. DUCK, As Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Ala. HYPAPT & CHASON Solicitors for

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