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W. V. PHILLIPS,

Plaintiff,

VS.

C. C. GANTT,

Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

AT LAW

#### AMENDED COMPLAINT

Comes the Plaintiff in the above styled cause and amends his complaint heretofore filed in this cause so that when amended, the said complaint will read as follows:

The plaintiff sues to recover possession of the following tract of land, to-wit:

Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 4 North, Range 4 East,

of which he was in possession, and upon which, pending such possession, and before the commencement of this suit, the defendant entered and unlawfully withholds, together with \$1000.00 for the detention thereof.

Attorney for Plaintiff.

Plaintiff demands a trial of said cause by jury.

Attorney for Plaintiff.

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ALICE J. BUCK, Clerk

AMENDED COMPLAINT W. V. PHILLIPS,

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA AT LAW

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#### THE STATE OF ALABAMA---JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

#### THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

October Term, 19 54-55

| To the  | Clerk                | of the                      | Circuit                    | Court,                   |
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|         |                      | <del>-</del>                | County—Gre                 | eting:                   |
| W       | hereas, the Record   | and Proceedings of the      |                            | urt                      |
| of said | d county, in a cer   | rtain cause lately pendi    | ng in said Court betweer   | ı                        |
|         |                      | C. C. G                     | antt                       | , Appellant,             |
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|         |                      |                             | y to said appellant. , $v$ |                          |
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| Suprer  | ne Court, by appe    | al taken, pursuant to la    | w, on behalf of said appel | iant:                    |
| NO      | OW, IT IS HEREBY     | ? CERTIFIED, That it wa     | s thereupon considered, o  | rdered, and adjudged by  |
| our Su  | preme Court, on th   | e 7th day of Oc             | tober , 19 54,             | that said                |
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| It ·    | is further certified | that, it appearing that sai | d parties have waived th   | eir rights of exemption  |
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C. C. Gantt

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Appellee.

From Baldwin Circuit

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## CERTIFICATE OF AFFIRMANCE

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C. C. GANTT,

Appellant,

VS.

I COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,

W. V. PHILLIPS,

Appellee.

I ALABAMA, AT LAW

#### SECURITY FOR COST

C. C. Gantt, having taken an appear to the Supreme Court of Alabama to review the judgment in that certain cause in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, At Law, Number 1990, wherein W. V. Phillips was the Plaintiff and the said C. C. Gantt was the Defendant, made and entered on the 17th day of September, 1953, and the order of the said Circuit Court in denying the motion of the said C. C. Gantt for a new trial of saidcause; we, C. C. Gantt, as principal, and the undersigned as sureties, do hereby acknowledge ourselves as security for all cost of such appeal. And as against the collection of the same we waive all right of exemption as to personal property under the constitution and laws of the State of Alabama.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this ST# day of November, 1953.

Charles 5. Louth (SEAL)

Rolph J. Louth, (SEAL)

Taken and approved this given day of November, 1953.

Alice J. Dack, Clerk, Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, At Law.

## THE STATE OF ALABAMA ) Baldwin County - Circuit Court (

#### TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA — GREETING:

| Whereas, at a Term of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, held on the     |                 |
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| 17th day of September xmondayxh , 19                                       | 📆, in a cer-    |
| tain cause in said Court wherein W. V. PHILLIPS                            |                 |
| Plaintiff, and C. C. GANTT   |                 |
| Defendant, a judgment was rendered   | ed against said |
| C. C. GANTT  |                 |
| to reverse which judgment , the said C.C. GANTT                            |                 |
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| applied for and obtained from this office an APPEAL, returnable to theNEXT |                 |
| Term of our Supreme Court of the State of Alabama, to be held a            | t Montgomery,   |
| on the5th day ofApril, 1954 next, and the n                                | ecessary bond   |
| having been given by the said C. C. GANTT                                  |                 |
| with Charles E. Gantt and Ralph F. Gantt                                   | , sureties;     |
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| Now, You Are Hereby Commanded, without delay, to cite the said             |                 |
| W. V. PHILLIPS or J. B. BLACKBURN  |                 |
| attorney, to appear at the next  | Term of our     |
| said Supreme Court, to defend against the said Appeal, ifthey think        | r proper.       |
| Witness. ALICE J. DUCK, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, this    | 9th             |
| day of November , A. D., 19453   |                 |

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### CIRCUIT COURT Baldwin County, Alabama

W. V. PHILLIPS

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#### DEMAND FOR ABSTRACT

TO C. C. GANTT, OR TO CHASON AND STONE, HIS ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 7, Section 940 of the 1940 Code of Alabama, demand is hereby made upon you for an abstract in writing of the title or titles on which the defendant will rely for defense of this suit.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 1953.

Attorney for plaintiff.

I hereby certify that I delivered a copy of the foregoing instrument to Norborne Stone, Esquire, a member of the firm of Chason and Stone, attorneys for the defendant, on this the 3rd day of September, 1953.

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ALICE J. OUCK, Clerk

Attorney for plaintiff.

DEMAND FOR ABSTRACT

W. V. PHILLIPS,

VS.

Plaintiff,

C. C. GANTT,

Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
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#### ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

> H. M. Hall, Judge Circuit Court, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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W. V. PHILLIPS,

Plaintiff.

VS.

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IN THE CIRCUIT GOURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
AT LAW NO. 1990

#### OBJECTIONS TO CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT

Now comes the Appellee, W. V. Phillips (Plaintiff in the trial Court) and objects to the certified transcript filed in this cause and as Grounds for such objection says:

- 1. The said certified Transcript is incorrect in that the Plaintiff W. V. Phillips was asked on direct examination the following questions:
  - "Q. Mr. Phillips, how long did you know Isreal Milton prior to his death?
  - A. As long back as I could remember about 47 or 48 years.
  - Q. Was this George Milton, who together with his wife, Rena Milton, and Mamie Hubbard, formerly Mamie Milton I will ask you whether or not they constituted all of his heirs on the date these deeds were given?" (Transcript, Page 27)

To which questions the witness, the said Plaintiff, answered "Yes", which said answer is not included in the said transcript.

Attorney for Appellee (Plaintiff)

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TO CHASON & STONE

Attorneys for the Appellant (Defendant)

You are hereby notified that the above objection to the certified transcript has been filed on this the 4th day of December, 1953, and that the said objection will be called to the attention of the trial judge at 10:00 o'clock A. M. on December 15, 1953.

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STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA - GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to summon the Honorable J. B.

Blackburn, the Attorney of Record for W. V. Phillips, in that certain cause in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, wherein the said W. V. Phillips was Plaintiff and C. C. Gantt was Defendant, to appear at the next term of the Supreme Court of the State of Alabama, then and there to defend an appeal which the said C. C. Gantt has this day issued out, returnable to said court, to review a judgment which the said W. V. Phillips at the Fall Term 1953 of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, recovered against the said C. C. Gantt and make immediate return of this Writ showing how the same has been executed.

Witness my hand as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and the seal of said Circuit Court, this day of November, 1953.

Alice J. Duck, Clerk, Circuit Court, Baldwin County, Alabama, At Law.

#### STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

#### SHERIFF'S RETURN

I have executed the within citation and notice of appeal by serving a copy of the same on the Hon. J. B. Blackburn, Attorney at Law, Bay Minette, Alabama, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November 1953.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA - - - JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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W. V. Phillips

Appeal from Baldwin Circuit Court SIMPSON, JUSTICE.

Phillips recovered of Gantt ten acres of land in Baldwin County in a statutory action of ejectment and Gantt appeals.

The plaintiff's evidence and on which the jury rested its verdict tended to establish the plaintiff's title to the land as follows: [arael Milton and his wife. Jane, acquired the land in about 1906 and were put late possession by their granters, but the deed to them

misdescribed the property. In 1931 a corrected deed was attempted to be made to Jane Milton, but this also falled to correctly describe the property. Anyway, the Miltons from 1908 until about 1944, when they attempted to convey the land to the plaintiff, had lived on and possessed it in such a way that regardless of any deed they had acquired title to the ten acres by prescription. Thereafter they made a deed to the plaintiff, also incorrectly describing the property, but they put the plaintiff in possession and he remained in the adverse possession of the property for about nine years and until a few months before the lawsuit when the defendant took possession, which precipitated the lawsuit. In March of this same year, after the plaintiff had discovered that his deed did not correctly describe the property, he procured deeds from the heirs of Jerael and Jane Milton correctly describing the property. On the basis of this evidence, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff and in our view it was well founded.

The evidence for the defendant was, of course, contrary to the above, but we see no need of detailing it, since it was the jury's prerogative to accept that of the plaintiff as correctly describing the status of the title to the ten acres.

Before discussing the several assignments of error, we will mention some established principles which govern the case.

The prevailing rule is that the validity of the deeds received by the plaintiff from the heirs of the Miltons was unaffected by whether or not he or the defendant was in possession when they were executed. The statute, Code 1940, Title T. § 636 (first appearing in the Code of 1807), abolished the common law rule of champerty and maintenance with respect to that status. - Spradling v. May, 250 Ala. 10 (18), 65 So. 24

So when the beirs of Israel and Jane Milion conveyed the property to the plaintiff, they invested him with the legal title for the reason that the grantors, as the heirs of the Milions, inherited the outstanding title from their Milion ancestors, who had acquired a perfect title by prescription, and nothing short of a grant by the titleholder or adverse possession by the opposing grantor and his predecessors in title for the statutory period could divest that title, - Milistead v. Devine, 284 Ala. 442(4), 48 So. 24 530; Brantley v. Helton.

The trial court and counsel failed to give full effect to this principle in the trial below and seem to have been under the impression that since the plaintiff had not received a proper deed from the elder Miltons, he could only establish his title by tacking his adverse possession to that of the Miltons. But the law is otherwise. The theory of tacking "... contemplates a situation where the prior claimant by adverse possession

to the jury. We deduce this from a colloquy which we will refer to between counsel for the respective parties and the court, as well as a certain portion of the court's oral charge. With respect to the collegny which took place preparatory to a ruling by the court on a motion by the defendant to exclude the deeds from evidence, the following appears:

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"THE COURT: Did he show the deed from the heirs to Mr. Phillips?

"MR. STONE [attorney for defendant]: Yes."

Whereupon the court overruled the motion to exclude the deeds. Thereupon Mr. Chason, attorney for the defendant, stated to the court:

"He has not shown in his evidence any connection between the parties who executed these deeds and the two Miltons who they say were in possession."

"THE COURT: If I understand the evidence you have testimony that the Miltons were in possession from 1908?

"MR. BLACKBURN (attorney for plaintiff): Yes, and we have the testimony of Mr. Phillips that these persons were the heirs of the Miltons. I proved that all the way through.

"MR. CHASON [for defendant]: That these parties that executed the deeds are the only beirs?

"MR. BLACKBURN [for plaintiff]: Yes.

"THE COURT: Overrule the motion."

The foregoing seems to be tantamount to an admission in open court between the parties of the facts contended for by the plaintiff. This is borne out by a portion of the court's oral charge where he stated, "Later on the plaintiff secured a deed from the heirs according to the evidence of those persons (meaning the Miltons) who were in possession."

We hold, therefore, that there was no error in admitting the deeds in orthonos.

Defendant also argues for a reversal in the giving of several written charges. But given for whom? The record falls to show and we should not precume for whom the several charges were given. Section 273.

Title 7 of the Code sets out the meaner in which transcripts should be prepared and this section was not complied with in showing for whom the charges were given or by whom requested. These charges, several in number, merely appear on the separate transcript page after the certificate of the court reporter and are marked given and algaed by the trial judge. We do not think this a sufficient compliance with the statute to invite a review of any of the given charges.

We have reviewed refused charges where the record was silent as to whom they were requested by, but that was because only the charges refused to the appellant are required to appear in the transcript. Presuming the clerk complied with the law and set out only the appellant's refused charges, the court with some degree of leniency adopted the rule of undertaking to review such charges. - Jackson v. Burton, 226 Als. 483, 147 So. 414.

We do find one case, Townsend v. Adair, 323 Ale.

150. 134 So. 537, where there was only one given charge assigned as error, which immediately followed the charge of the court as the statute required, and the court reviewed that charge even though it was silent as to whom it was silent as

that "none of the other given charges are assigned as error." To extend the rule further would, in our view, be unwarranted. As a matter of fact, it is not a valid presumption that any number of charges first appearing in the transcript were given at the request of the plaintiff, for the plaintiff might not have requested any charges or the trial court might not have given any if requested for him. We hold, therefore, that the charges are not subject to review. For analogy see

The appellant also argues as error to reverse the action of the court in allowing the plaintiff to testify that during the forty-year period of time that is rack. Milton lived on this ten acres of land involved in this suit he claimed to own it. The argument is made that the testimony was invasive of the province of the jury as calling for a conclusion or opinion of the witness, citing Aikin v. McMillan. 313 Ala. 494, 106 Sc. 150, and other cases. The cases cited are not factually similar to the one at bar, but without determining the soundness of the proposition advanced, it is sufficient to avert error by noticing that the defendant interposed no objection pending trial on the stated ground. - Birmingham Ry., L. & P. Co. v. Moseley, 164 Ala. 111, 51 Sc. 424.

Finally, it is insisted by appellant that the court erroneously allowed the plaintiff to introduce in evidence certain tax receipts showing the payment of taxes by the plaintiff on the ten acres because they appear to

be made from escape assessments. In this we perceive no error. An escape assessment made by a party in good faith while in possession of the property or a receipt showing such payment would be admissible as evidencing the plaintiff's claim of ownership, just as any other assessment or receipt.

We have given studious consideration to the case in the light of argument of counsel and find no reversible error.

Affirmed.

All the Justices concur.

# THE STATE OF ALABAMA—JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

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October Term, 19. 54-55

1st · Div., No. 580

C. C. Gantt

Appellant,

vs.

W. V. Phillips

Appellee.

From Baldwin Circuit Cour

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| W. | V. | PHILLIP | S,         | ð |                         |
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#### PLEA

Comes now the Defendant, C. C. Gantt, by his attorneys, and for answer to the Complaint filed against him says;

Not guilty.

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5-27-5-3
ALICE J. DUCK. Clerk

Respectfully submitted
CHASON AND STONE

Attorneys for Defendant

W. V. PHILLIPS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

C. C. GANTT,

Defendant.

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#### DISCLAIMER

Comes now the Defendant, by his Attorneys, and for answer to the Complaint heretofore filed against him says that he is not in possession of the property sued for, to-wit, in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 4 North, Range 4 East, and neither was he in possession of said property at the time of the commencement of this suit.

And the Defendant, for further answer, denies that he has entered said property and unlawfully withholds the same or that he has damaged the Plaintiff in any amount by the detention thereof.

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Respectfully submitted CHASON AND STONE

BY:

nevs for Defendant

#### DISCLAIMER

W. V. PHILLIPS,

Plaintiff,

VS .

C. C. GANTT,

Defendant.

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W. V. PHILLIPS,

Plaintiff,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

VS.

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

C. C. GANTT,

AT LAW.

Defendant.

#### DEMAND FOR ABSTRACT

TO W. V. PHILLIPS, OR TO J. B. BLACKBURN, HIS ATTORNEY OF RECORD:

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 7, Section 940 of the 1940 Code of Alabama, demand is hereby made upon you for an abstract in writing of the title or titles on which the Plaintiff will rely for defense of this suit.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 1953.

Attorney for Defendant.

I hereby certify that I delivered a copy of the foregoing instrument to J. B. Blackburn, Esquire, the attorney of record for the Plaintiff, on this the 3rd day of September, 1953.

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Attorney for Defendant.

W. V. PHILLIPS,

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DEMAND BY THE DEFENDANT OF THE PLAINTIFF FOR ABSTRACT OF TITLE

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Law Offices

CHASON & STONE

BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons C. C. Gantt to appear within thirty days from the service of this writ in the Circuit Court to be held for said County at the place of holding same, then and there to answer the Complaint of W. V. Phillips.

WITNESS my hand this // day of May, 1953.

alice f. renche

Clerk.

W. V. PHILLIPS,

Plaintiff.

VS.

C. C. GANTT,

Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

AT LAW.

COMPLAINT

The plaintiff sues to recover possession of the following tract of land, to-wit:

> Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 4 North, Range 4 East,

of which he was in possession, and upon which, pending such possession, and before the commencement of this suit, the defendant entered and unlawfully withholds, together with \$1000.00 for the detention thereof.

Attorney for Plaintiff.

Plaintiff demands a trial of said cause by jury.

Attorney for Plaintiff.

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COMPLAINT

W. V. PHILLIPS,

Plaintiff,

VS.

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