

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
 COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)

Personally appeared before me Mrs. Bess Stewart Lowery, who being duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is a citizen and resident of the County and State aforesaid; that she is 62 years of age and that she was born and reared in the Fairview section of lower Greenville County, a few 100 yards from the old Homeplace of deponent's uncle, James L. Stoddard, who has been dead for many years, deponent being the daughter of Dr. H. B. Stewart, who practiced medicine in said Fairview section for 50 years or more.

That deponent knows of her own knowledge, that her said uncle, James L. Stoddard, and his only wife, Amanda Stewart Stoddard, who predeceased said James L. Stoddard, were the parents of only two children, namely: A son, W. Edward Stoddard, who died several years ago, leaving no wife, parents or children; and Catherine Elizabeth Stewart Babb, sometimes known as "Camie" S. Babb, who departed this life testate on Aug. 31, 1946, as will be shown in the office of the Probate Judge of the County and State aforesaid in Apt. 518, File 23. That the said Catherine Elizabeth S. Babb was the last member of the family of the said James L. Stoddard.

That deponent knows that that certain tract of land consisting of 90.12 acres, more or less, known as the "Old Homeplace" of the said James L. Stoddard, has been in the possession of the said James L. Stoddard and his children as hereinabove mentioned, as long as deponent can remember, it being deponent's common knowledge that the said James L. Stoddard acquired said land long before the birth of deponent, and that neither he nor his children ever, at any time, alienated the 90.12 acre tract of land now being sold by the executrices of the will of said Catherine Elizabeth S. Babb to E. L. Craigo.

That deponent, along with Mrs. Maud S. Buford and Mary Peden, was appointed as one of the executrices of the will of said Catherine Elizabeth S. Babb, was duly qualified and is now acting in that capacity. That, acting as said executrix, deponent found among the personal effects of the said Catherine Elizabeth S. Babb, two old deeds, which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, and identified as follows: deed of Little B. Waldrip to James L. Stoddard, conveying a tract of 8 acres, more or less, said deed bearing date of August 14, 1869; deed of C. B. Stewart to James L. Stoddard, conveying a tract of land containing 90 acres, more or less, said deed bearing date of December 29, 1871; that neither of said deeds were probated and were never recorded. That deponent verily believes that the said two deeds conveyed to the said James L. Stoddard a part of his original Homeplace consisting of approximately 142 acres, and that said Catherine Elizabeth S. Babb had possession these many years, and claimed ownership, to the tract of land hereinabove mentioned, under said two unrecorded deeds, along with deed of H. B. Stewart to J. L. Stoddard, bearing date of January 24, 1882, and recorded in Vol. MM, page 774.

That, to deponent's knowledge, the only part of the original Homeplace of approximately 142 acres, which has ever been sold was a tract of 50 acres, more or less, sold to J. Walter Woods by W. E. Stoddard and Camie S. Babb, by deed dated November 23, 1935, and recorded in the RMC office in deed book 191, page 324. The metes and bounds of the above described property is more clearly shown on plat of property of Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth S. Babb estate, recorded in the RMC office in plat book _____, page _____.

SWORN to and subscribed)
 to before me on this)
17th day of December, 1946.)

Bess Stewart Lowry

C. Victor Pyle)
 Notary Public for S. C.

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, Little B. Waldrip of the county and State aforesaid, in consideration of the sum of Eighty Dollars to me in hand paid by James L. Stoddard of Laurens County have granted, bargained, sold and released: and by these