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391.
Final Certificate No. 10269
Homestead Application No. 17078

LAND OFFICE

AT

Montgomery, Ala.

March 21st, 1891.

Sect. 17 & 8, Town. 2 N, Range 23 E

no complaint
no railroad
area OK
no mineral

Approved Sept. 23, 1891
[Signature], Clerk,

Division C

Patented Jan'y 18, 1891

Recorded, Vol. 21, page 130

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Ac. S. 640.48 = 40.01
47- 639.92 = 119.99 = 160.

Watford Geneva Ala (4-196.)

HOMESTEAD.

Land Office at Montgomery Ala

March 21st, 1891.

FINAL CERTIFICATE,

No. 10269

APPLICATION,

No. 17078

It is hereby certified That, pursuant to the provisions of Section No. 2291, Revised Statutes of the United States, John J. Ward Jr has made payment in full for the East half of the North East quarter the North East quarter of the South East quarter of Section No 17. and the South East quarter of the South East quarter.

of Section No. 8, in Township No. 2 North, of Range No. 25 East, of the St. Stephens Principal Meridian, containing 160.00 ¹⁰⁰ acres.

Now, therefore, in presentation of this Certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said John J. Ward Jr shall be entitled to a Patent for the Tract of Land above described.

J. D. Bingham

Register.

(J-659 a.)

FINAL HOMESTEADS.

Register and Receiver's Report.

II. El 70787. C. 10269 District MONTGOMERY, ALA.

1. Was proof prematurely made? *Ans. No*
(Instructions 1.)
2. Was proof made after 7 years from date of entry? *Ans. No*
If so, did you apply Instructions 2? *Ans. No*
3. State No. of weekly insertions of published notice? *Ans. 6*
Was notice definite as to time, place, and officer to take the proof? *Ans. Yes*
Was proof taken (a) by officer advertised? *Ans. Yes*
Was proof taken (b) on day advertised? *Ans. Yes*
Was proof taken (c) at place advertised? *Ans. Yes*
Was land properly described in published notice? *Ans. Yes*
Were names of witnesses properly published? *Ans. Yes*
(See Instructions 3.)
4. Was officer legally qualified to take the proof? *Ans. Yes*
(See Instructions 4.)
5. Was all the proof taken before the same officer? *Ans. Yes*
6. Has the property signed and attested the proof papers? *Ans. Yes*
7. Have you signed all necessary papers? *Ans. Yes*
8. Are names of claimant and witnesses properly signed to all the papers? *Ans. Yes*
9. Do they agree with published notice? *Ans. Yes*
10. Have you compared description and names in the original proof and final entry papers and found them correct? *Ans. Yes*
11. Are proof of publication and posting of notice correct? *Ans. Yes*
(No insertions or emasures of published notice will be permitted.
Fernandez, 3 L. D., 379.)
12. Are any papers lost, not dated, not signed, or stated, if necessary. *Ans. No*
13. Was any witness substituted? *Ans. No*
14. Are all absences fully explained? *Ans. No*
15. If claimant fully naturalized, are original papers furnished? *Ans. No*
If not, did officer taking proof certify a copy of original papers (not a copy of a copy)? *Ans. No*
16. Was residence established within 6 months from date of entry? *Ans. No*
If not, require reason for failure, and if sufficient excuse is given, issue certificate, as in other cases.
(Nelson vs. St. P., M. & M. Ry. 6 L. D., 577.)
17. Have you any doubt of claimant's having complied in good faith with the law? *Ans. No*
18. Have you any reliable information outside of the record which casts suspicion on this entry? *Ans. No*

(See Certificate on back.)

CIRCULAR OF INSTRUCTIONS

TO

REGISTERS AND RECEIVERS

For Taking and Passing on Final Proof.

RULE 1.—PREMATURE FINAL PROOF.

Reject all Final Proofs prematurely made, viz:
In Pre-emptions and Commuted Homesteads, before the expiration of 6 months from date of establishing a bona fide residence.
In Final Homesteads, before the expiration of 5 years from date of entry, except: 1. Where residence is allowed before entry (Act June 14, 1878, Act May 14, 1880). 2. Where credit is allowed for military or naval service. Secs. 2304-5-6 and 2291, R. S. U. S.
In Timber Cultures.—1. Before the expiration of 8 years from date of entry. 2. Before the expiration of 8 years from the date when the total number of trees, seeds, and cuttings required by law are planted.
Cir. July 12, 1887, Sec. 23.
In Timber and Stone Entries, before the expiration of 60 days publication, as required by law (10 weekly insertions).
20 Stat., 89, Sec. 3; Cir. '84, p. 97; 2 L. D., 709; 4 L. D., 282.
In all cases, before the expiration of the time of publication and the day fixed.
See Rule 3.

RULE 2.—LAPSED FINAL PROOF.

When final proof is taken (or offered) after lapse of statutory period, viz:
In Final Homesteads, after 7 years from date of entry.
In Timber Cultures, after 13 years from date of entry.
In Desert Entries, after 3 years from date of entry.
Require affidavit of party making proof of real cause of delay, withhold certificate, and forward all papers to this office for action.
Note.—In Pre-emption and Commuted Homesteads the above rule does not apply.

RULE 3.—PUBLISHED NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.

The Register alone is responsible for the correctness of published notice. Act of March 3, 1879.
Thirty days publication of notice (6 weekly insertions), of intention to make proof is required in—
Pre-emptions, Commuted Homesteads, and Final Homesteads. Act March 3, 1879; Cir. March 20, 1883.
Timber Cultures. Cir. July 12, 1887, Sec. 23.
Desert Entries. Cir. June 28, 1887, Sec. 13.
Town-sites. Cir. July 9, 1886, Sec. 12.
Timber and Stone Entries. Sixty days (10 weekly insertions). Cir. July 16, 1887, Sec. 10.
The notice must contain—

Timber and Stone Entries. Sixty days (10 weekly insertions). Cir. July 16, 1887, Sec. 10.

The notice must contain—

(a) Correct description of land sought to be entered, and kind of entry to be made. Act March 3, 1879. (b) Correct names of witnesses and post-office address. Act March 3, 1879. (c) The exact day (not a holiday) when, and (d) the exact place where proof is to be taken. (e) The officer's name and official designation who is to take proof.

c, d, e, Jacob Semcr case, 6 L. D., 345; Lent case, 6 L. D., 110; Sherlock case, 6 L. D., 155.

Note.—C, d, e, must be unambiguous and not alternative, as in the Jacob Semcr case (6 L. D., 345), viz: "before a Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record."

Note 2.—All proof must be taken before the same officer; provided pending cases, and those wherein notice of intention to submit proof has been published under a different practice, will not be affected by this requirement

RULE 4.—OFFICERS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE FINAL PROOF.

In Pre-emption and Commuted Homesteads—
Register and Receiver; Clerk of County Court; Clerk of Court of Record. 21 Stat., 169; Cir., March 30, 1886.
In Timber Culture and Desert Entries—
Register and Receiver; Judge, or Clerk of Court of Record. T. C. Cir., July 12, 1887, Sec. 24; Desert Cir., June 28, 1887, Sec. 7.
In Final Homesteads—
Register and Receiver; Judge of Court of Record; Clerk of Court of Record (only) when Judge is absent. This fact must be certified by Clerk. Act March 3, 1877.
In Timber and Stone Entries and Town-sites
Register and Receiver alone can take the proof. T. & S. Cir., July 16, 1887, Sec. 11; Town-site Cir., July 9, 1886; R. S., 2337.
Note.—Judges and Notaries Public can not take Pre-emption and Commuted Homestead Proof, except Probate Judges, who are *ex officio* their own clerks, and so certify. Cir., Oct. 27, 1884; Cir., March 30, 1886; 3 L. D., 194.
Judges, Clerks, and Notaries can not take proof in Timber and Stone Entries. Clerks can not take Final Homestead Proof unless Judge is absent, and they so certify.

RULE 5.

Registers and Receivers will approve no case, neither accept payments nor issue final certificate and receipt thereon, until the foregoing requirements are complied with. *Provided*, in exceptional cases of hardship, when non-compliance is no fault of claimant and his good faith appears, and no one protests against the entry, you will withhold certificate and receipt, and forward papers and explanatory affidavits to this office by special letter for instructions.

S. M. STOOKSLAGER,
Commissioner.

Approved:
Wm. F. VLAS,
Secretary.
Jan. 1, 1889.

6-612.

(2372—25 M.)

CERTIFICATE.

We, the undersigned Register and Receiver, do hereby certify that the foregoing report was made after careful examination, and that the same is correct.

W. S. Stookslager, Register.
W. F. Vlas, Receiver.
Juch 21, 1891.

6-612.

NOTICE NO. 11603.

Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.,
Dec. 19, 1890.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the register in chancery at Geneva, Ala., on February 2, 1891, viz., John J Ward, Sr., homestead entry No. 17,078, for the se qr of se qr sec 3, e hf of ne qr, ne qr of se qr, sec 17 twp 2 n range 25 east,

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz, W J Webb, F M Watford, E H Sanders, J J Hall—all of Watford, Ala.

decxxiv J. H. BINGHAM, Register

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Geneva, Ala.,
Dec. 19, 1890.
The following
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February 2,
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cultivation of
land, E H
Ala.
Register

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
Geneva County. }

We, GRAY & GLENNAN, publishers of the Geneva Record (a news-
paper published at Geneva, in Geneva county, Alabama), do solemnly
swear that Notice No. 11603 of *John J Ward Sr.*
intention to make final proof in support of Homestead Entry No. 17078
a copy of which notice is hereto attached, has been published in said
newspaper for six consecutive weeks, commencing on the 24th day
of *December*, 1890, and ending on the 28th day of
January, 1891.

Gray & Glennan

I hereby certify that the above affidavit was sworn and subscribed
by Gray & Glennan before me this 2nd day of *Feb* 1891

N M Gray

Register in Chancery for Geneva County, Ala.

(4-140.)

Final Receiver's Receipt No. 10269

Application No. 17078

HOMESTEAD.

Receiver's Office, Montgomery, Ala.

March 21st, 1891

Received of John J. Ward Sr. Watford General, Ala. the sum
of Four dollars _____ cents,

being the balance of payment required by law for the entry of the
Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter
Section 8 and the East half of the North-
East quarter and the Northeast quarter of the
Southeast quarter

of Section 17 in Township 2 North of Range 25 East
containing 160.00 acres, under Section 2291 of the
Revised Statutes of the United States.

\$1.00

Nathan St. Alexander
Receiver.

\$ 0.70 Testimony fee received. Number of written words, 480

Rate per 100 words 15 cents.

(4-227.)

CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OF NOTICE.

Land Office at MONTGOMERY, ALA.

March 27., 1891-

JULIAN H. BINGHAM.

I, _____, Register, do hereby

certify that a notice, a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was

by me posted in a conspicuous place in my office for a period of

thirty days, I having first posted said notice on the 19.

day of December, 1890

Julian H. Bingham

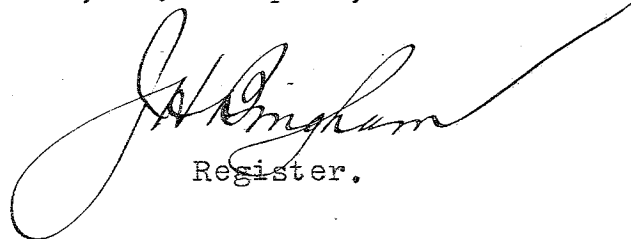
Register.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,

Montgomery, Alabama, April, 16 th, 1890.

I J.H.Bingham, Regsiter of the United States Land Office, at Montgomery, Alabama, do hereby certify that as is evidnced by the records of this office John J.Ward, Sr., made homestead entry, NO. 17078, August 25 th, 1885, for the Sel/4 of Sel/4, Section 8 and the El/2 of Nel/4, Nel/4 of Sel/4, Section 17 TP. 2 north of Range 25 east, and that said tract embraces 160.00 acres.

Given under my hand this the 16 th, day of April, 1890.


Register.

Gray, Ward Sr

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

E. H. Sanders, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John J. Ward Sen for homestead Entry, testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?

Answer. E. H. Sanders Wetford, P. O. Ala. Age 30 years

Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans. I am with both

Ques. 3.—Is said tract within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade or business?

Ans. It is not 1710

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land. Coal or prairie

Ans. Common pine land No Minerals only fit for farming Purposes

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

Ans. January 1885 both occurred at same date

Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. They have him and family

Ques. 7.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. Never been absent

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. 12 or 14 acres five crops

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?

Ans. Dwelling house and all other out houses and 14 acres cleared land About worth 600\$ The Labour

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes).

Ans. Not that I know none of any sort only valuable for farming Purposes

Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. Not that I know don't think he has

Ques. 12.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. I am not

I, do
E. H. Sanders

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 27 day of Feb 1891

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

R. M. Gray, Register
in Charge for Coneville, Ala

(The testimony of witnesses must be taken at the same time and place, and before the same officer as claimant's final affidavit. The answers must be full and complete to each and every question asked, and officers taking testimony will be expected to make no mistakes in dates, description of land, or otherwise.)

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William J. Webb, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John J. Ward son for Homestead Entry, testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?

Answer. William J. Webb, 33, Watford, Ala

Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans. I am well with both

Ques. 3.—Is said tract within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade or business?

Ans. It is not

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. Common pine land No Minerals only fit for farming Purposes

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

Ans. January 1885—~~from~~ Settlement occurred in 1885
can say exactly

Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. he has him and family

Ques. 7.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. never absent—~~they did~~

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. About 14 acres five crops

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?

Ans. Dwelling house and all other out houses and 14 acres
open land Value all worth Six hundred dollars

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes).

Ans. None that I know only fit for farming purposes

Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. he has not that I know

Ques. 12.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. I am not

I do
William J. Webb

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 2 day of Feb 1897

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

R. M. Gray Register
in Charge of Census Ct. Ala

(The testimony of witnesses must be taken at the same time and place, and before the same officer as claimant's final affidavit. The answers must be full and complete to each and every question asked, and officers taking testimony will be expected to make no mistakes in dates, description of land, or otherwise.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

John J. Ward Sen, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 170 78, for E 1/2 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 17 also SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 18 Township 2ⁿ Range 25 East testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?

Ans. John J. Ward Sen 70 years Wetford, P.O. Ala

Ques. 2.—Are you a native born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?*

Ans. I am Georgia

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 170 78, at the Montgomery land office on the 25th day of August

1885, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am Common pine land only

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. in the year 1885 I built and established residence Jan
uary 1885. Labour worth five hundred dollars
a double frame log house and barns stables washstands etc

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. Wife and one daughter we have, married

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. never been absent—only on visits
they did

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. About fourteen acres. five crops

Ques. 8.—Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade and business?

Ans. It is not (No)

Ques. 9.—What is the character of the land? Is it timber, mountainous, prairie, grazing, or ordinary agricultural land? State its kind and quality, and for what purpose it is most valuable.

Ans. Common pine land no minerals only fit or valuable for farming

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals, of any kind, on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. Not that I know only fit for farming purposes

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. I have not

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. I have not

Ques. 13.—Have you any personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? (If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.)

Ans. I have not

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 2 day of Feb 189

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

* (In case the party is of foreign birth a certified transcript from the court records of his declaration of intention to become a citizen, or of his naturalization, or a copy thereof, certified by the officer taking this proof, must be filed with the case. Evidence of naturalization is only required in final (five year) homestead cases.)

NOTE.—The officer before whom the testimony is taken should call the attention of the witness to the following section of the Revised Statutes, and state to him that it is the purpose of the Government, if it be ascertained that he testifies falsely, to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

TITLE LXX.—CRIMES.—Chapter 4.

SEC. 5392.—Every person who, having taken an oath before a competent tribunal, officer, or person, in any case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any written testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate by him subscribed is true, wilfully, and contrary to such oath, states or subscribes any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars, and by imprisonment at hard labor, not more than five years, and shall, moreover, thereafter be incapable of giving testimony in any court of the United States until such time as the judgment against him is reversed. (See § 1750.)

John J. Ward
HOMESTEAD PROOF.
 LAND OFFICE AT
 MONTGOMERY, ALA.
 Original Application No. *17078*
 Final Certificate No. *10269*
Rec'd Dec 5 1891
Approved: March 21 1891
J. D. Buchanan, Register.
W. T. Alexander, Receiver.
 Area—*4.00*
480 words
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FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

SECTION _____ OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, *John J. Ward*, having made a Homestead entry of the *SE 1/4 & SE 1/4 Sec 8*
NE 1/4 & SE 1/4 Section No. *17* in Township No. *2*
 of Range No. *25*, subject to entry at *Montgomery Ala*
 under section No. 2289 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, do now apply to perfect my claim thereto
 by virtue of section No. _____ of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and for that
 purpose do solemnly *Swear* that I *John J. Ward* *am*
am a citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement
 upon and have cultivated and resided upon said land since the *3rd* day of *January* 18*86*
 to the present time; that no part of said land has been alienated, except as provided in section 2288 of the Revised
 Statutes, but that I am the sole bona fide owner as an actual settler; that I will bear true allegiance to the Government
 of the United States; and, further, that I have not heretofore perfected or abandoned an entry made under the homestead
 laws of the United States, ~~except~~

I, *N. M. Gray* Register, of *the Court of Chancery in Montgomery Ala*
 do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this *2* day of
July 189*1*
N. M. Gray Register
in Chancery for Montgomery

(4-137.)

RECEIVER'S RECEIPT, No. 17078

APPLICATION, No. 17078

HOMESTEAD.

Receiver's Office, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Aug. 25, 1885

Received of John J. Ward, Sr the sum
of Twenty dollars

being the amount of fee and compensation of Register and Receiver for the
entry of South east 1/4 of South east 1/4 of Sec. 8.
East half of North east 1/4 and North east 1/4 of
South east 1/4 of Section 17 in
Township 2 North of Range 25 East, under
Section No. 2290, Revised Statutes of the United States.

A. A. Mabson
Receiver.

\$ 14.00

NOTE.—It is required of the homestead settler that he shall reside upon and cultivate the land embraced in his homestead entry for a period of five years from the time of filing the affidavit, being also the date of entry. An abandonment of the land for more than six months works a forfeiture of the claim. Further, within two years from the expiration of the said five years he must file proof of his actual settlement and cultivation, failing to do which, his entry will be canceled. If the settler does not wish to remain five years on his tract, he can, at any time after six months, pay for it with cash or land warrants, upon making proof of settlement and cultivation from date of filing affidavit to the time of payment.

ELECTRO'S. [12628-100 NL.]

See note in red ink, which Registers and Receivers will read and EXPLAIN THOROUGHLY to persons making application for lands where the affidavit is made before either of them.

Timber land embraced in a homestead, or other entry consummated, may be cleared in order to cultivate the land and improve the premises, but for no other purpose. If, after clearing the land for cultivation, there be more timber than is required for improvement, there is no objection to the settler disposing of the same. But the question whether the land is being cleared of its timber for legal purpose is a question of fact which is liable to be raised at any time. If the timber is cut and removed for any other purpose it will subject the entry to cancellation, and the person who it will be liable to civil and for recovery of the value of said timber, and also to criminal prosecution under Section 2461 of the Revised Statutes.

HOMESTEAD AFFIDAVIT

Under Section 2294, Revised Statutes, for settlers who cannot appear at the District Land Office.

Office of the Clerk of the Court

FOR Genova COUNTY,

August 22nd 1885.

I, John J. Ward Sr., of Genova County Ala. having
filed my Homestead Application No. 17078, do solemnly swear that I am a
native born citizen of the United States and the
head of a family

that said application No. 17078 is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation;
that said entry is made for my exclusive use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for
the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; that I am
now residing on the land I desire to enter, and that I have made a bona fide improvement
and settlement thereon; that said settlement was commenced January 3rd 1885
that my improvements consist of a single room dwelling house 1 corn
crib on well used 4 acres in cultivation
and that the value of the same is \$ 100⁰⁰; that owing to the greute distance

I am unable to appear at the District Land Office to make this affidavit, and that I have never before made a homestead
entry except

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

John J. Ward Sr.
22nd day of August, 1885

Clerk of the Court for

E. J. Boland
J. A. D. G. of Probate

NOTE.—The claimant must fill up the blank places above, showing whether he is the head of a family or over twenty-one years of age; whether a native citizen, or has declared his intent on to become a citizen; whether he and his family, or some member thereof, is residing on the land, giving the date of actual settlement, describing the dwelling-house and improvements, and stating the value of the same, and stating reason for not appearing at the District Land Office. If claimant ever before made a homestead entry, describe the same; if not, draw a line over the word "except."

HOMESTEAD.

APPLICATION

No. 17078

Post Office at Dessidee Ala.

August 22nd, 1886.

I, John J. Ward Sr., of Geneva County Ala.,

do hereby apply to enter, under Section 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, the

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, in Township 2 North of

Range 25-East, containing 160.00 acres.

8.000 48. 17 6290

1098 John J. Ward Sr.

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Land Office at Montgomery Ala

Осина 25- 188 6-

I, Thomas S. Con- REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE, do hereby
certify that the above application is for Surveyed Lands of the class which the applicant is
legally entitled to enter under Section 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, and that
there is no prior valid adverse right to the same.

Thomas G. Scott

Register.

7148

No 17078

Homestead applica-

John J. Ward Sr.
Monigony area
Aug 25/88

Dec 8-17 F.R.R. 25.

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U.S. National Archives & Records Administration

Form 84 Land Entry Files - Research Ticket

DELIVERY FORMAT: ELECTRONIC
TRANSFER

NATIONAL ARCHIVES ORDER FOR COPIES
OF LAND ENTRY FILES

1. FILE TO BE SEARCHED: General Land Entry File			
2. NAME OF ENTRYMAN (Last, First, and Middle names): Ward, Sr. John J.	3. LAND LOCATED IN STATE OF : Alabama	4. APPROXIMATE DATE OF ENTRY: Before 1908	
5. PRE-1908 GENERAL LAND ENTRY FILES:			
5a. SECTION NUMBER: 17	5b. TOWNSHIP NUMBER: 2N	5c. RANGE NUMBER: 25E	
6. TYPE OF GENERAL LAND ENTRY: Homestead Act		POST-1908 GENERAL LAND ENTRY FILES: 9. SERIAL PATENT NUMBER:	
7. PATENT FINAL CERTIFICATE OR DOUCMENT NUMBER: 10269	8. TYPE OF GENERAL LAND ENTRY: St. Stephens <i>Montgomery</i>		
BOUNTY LAND WARRANT:	10. YEAR OF AUTHORIZING WARRANT:	11. WARRANT NUMBER:	12. NUMBER OF ACRES:

Comments: The certificate is posted on the BLM website at:
https://glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=AL4790_130&docClass=STA&sid=5ybzcg1n.gcc

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