

Final Certificate No. 129.83

Homestead Application No. 286407

LAND OFFICE

Div. G., AT
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

February 6th, 1891.

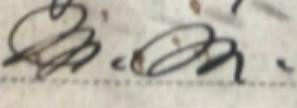
L. S. Sect. 11, Town. 4 N., Range 14 East

Conflict with M. & G. R. R. See app'd.
Railroad question eliminated.
See 7 August 3, 1900 a.m.

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Approved

Sept 27, 1900

 Clerk,

Division

Patented Nov. 12, 1900, 18

Recorded, Vol. 496, page 64

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Range Cookingto County¹⁹⁰, Ala.

HOMESTEAD.

Land Office at MONTGOMERY ALA

February 6th 1891

FINAL CERTIFICATE. }
No. 12983 }

APPLICATION. }
No. 28647 }

It is hereby certified That, pursuant to the provisions of Section No. 2291, Revised Statutes of the United States, Serena D Franklin has made payment in full for

North East Quarter

of Section No. 11, in Township No. 4 North, of Range No. 14 East, of the St Stephens Principal ^{1.07 40} Alabama

Now, therefore, be it known, That on presentation of this Certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said Serena D Franklin shall be entitled to a Patent for the Tract of Land above described.

J. H. Dugham
Register.

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1595⁰

[4-007.]

HOMESTEAD.

APPLICATION
No. 28647 } Post Office at Andalusia, Ala
1, Serena J. Franklin, of Covington, Ala
, do hereby apply to enter, under Section 2289,
Revised Statutes of the United States, the NE 1/4
of Section 11, in Township 4 N of
Range 14 E, containing 159.5⁰ her acres.
Serena J. Franklin
mark

Land Office at MONTGOMERY, ALA
Oct 27th, 1893

I, JULIAN H. BINGHAM, 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.

J. H. Bingham
Register.

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No. 28647

HOMESTEAD APPLICATION.

Serena T. Franklin
Montgomery, Ala.

Oct 27th, 1893.

Sec. 11, Town 4 N, Range 14 E
Conflict with M & G. R. R. Sel. off Apr. 26, 1860

RECEIVED IN OFFICE

ON 2/27/91 AT 9 O'CLOCK

FROM Mr. Riley AT
I H Bingham REGISTER

9/12/93

For sale by HERITAGE CORP., Washington, D. C.

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Final Receiver's Receipt No. 12,983

Application No. 28647

HOMESTEAD.

Receiver's Office, Montgomery, Ala.

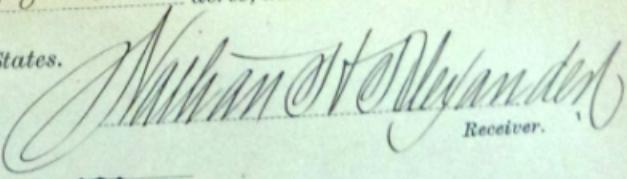
February 6th 1894

Received of Serena T. Franklin, Comptroller, the sum
 of Four dollars ~~~~~ cents,

being the balance of payment required by law for the entry of the
 North East quarter

of Section 11 in Township 4 North of Range 11 East.
 containing 159.50 acres, under Section 2291 of the

Revised Statutes of the United States.

\$ 4 00

 William H. Wyaner

Receiver.

\$ 0 50

Testimony fee received. Number of written words,

335

Rate per 100 words 15 cents.

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Notice No. 14,484.
Land Office at Montgomery, Ala.

Dec 7, 1893.

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 Judge of the Probate Court at ~~dalusia~~ ^{Montgomery} Ala., on Jan. 19, 1894, viz,

Serena T Franklin homestead No. 28647
for the ne qr sec 11 t 4 n r 14 e,

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuus residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Tyra B. Mock, William B McLelland,
George W. Patterson, Bluford Findley.

3 Loango, Ala.

J. H. Bingham, Register.

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George W. Patterson, Bluford Findley,
Loango, Ala.

J. H. Bingham, Register.

V.
The State of Alabama
Covington Co.

Howell, publisher of the
Times, a newspaper

published at Tuscaloosa Ala
hereby certify that the notice of
Serena T Franklin of intention to
make final proof of homestead
entry No. 28,647, copy of which is
hereto attached, has been pub-
lished in said paper for six
weeks, commencing Dec 7th 1893 and
ending Jan 19th 1894.

W. Howell

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Sworn and subscribed to this
the 19th day of January, 1894.

Malachi Belie
Judge of Probate

V.
~~The State of Oklahoma~~
Covington Co.

I, W P Howell, publisher of the
Covington River, a newspaper
published at Tulsa, Okla
hereby certify that the notice of
Seara T. Franklin of intention to
make final proof of homestead
entry No. 28,647, copy of which is
hereto attached, has been pub-
lished in said paper for six
weeks, commencing Dec 7th 1893 and
ending Jan 19th 1894.

W P Howell

Pub

Swear and subscribed to this
the 19th day of January, 1894.

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Judge of Probate

CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OF NOTICE.

Land Office at MONTGOMERY, ALA.

January 25, 1894-

I, JULIAN N. BINGHAM, 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 7

day of November, 1893-

Register.

Receiver's Duplicate Receipt No. 28647Application No. 28647

HOMESTEAD.

Receiver's Office, Montgomery, Ala.

October 27th, 1893,

Received of Serena T. Franklin the sum
 of Fourteen dollars — cents;

being the amount of fee and compensation of register and receiver for the
 entry of NE 1/4 of Section 11 in
 Township 4, North of Range 14, East, under

Section 2290, Revised Statutes of the United States.

John O'Alexander

Receiver.

\$14 00159.50 Acres

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 fourteen 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.

S. J. Franklin

June 19/94

The State of Alabama³
Cocongton County Personally
appeared before me Malachi Riley
Judge of Probate in and for said
State and County Serena J.
Franklin

sworn says on oath that she settled
on N D 1/4 Sec 11 T 4 R 14
about the year 1860
and that she was on said tract on
the 1st day of January 1890 and that
she is residing on said claim at
present time

Sworn to and Subscribed } her
Before me this 23 day { Serena J. Franklin
of February 1891 mark
Malachi Riley }
Judge of Probate

Also appeared before me at the same
time and place Lt. G. A. Green &
John M. Diamond who afte. being duly
sworn says on oath that they know
Serena J. Franklin
and know that the facts set forth
in the above affidavit are true as
stated therein
Sworn to and Subscribed

Before me this 23rd day
of February 1891

Malachi Riley, William J. Acre
judge of Probate John Diamond

United States Land Office,

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

September 12th, 1893., 189

Serena T. Franklin, Esq.,

Fairfield, Ala.,

Dear Sir:-

On February 27th, 1891, you filed in this office, your homestead application for the $\text{Nel}/4$ of Section 11 Tp. 4 north of Range 14 east, and said application cannot be allowed for the reason that at date of your application you failed to execute the proper homestead affidavit, form herewith which you will complete before the same officer before whom you made proof, and return to this office without delay, thirty days will be allowed you to complete the affidavit and return, refer in reply to No. 68,

Very respectfully,

J. Dugham
Register.

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RECEIVED IN OFFICE

ON Sept 3 1891 AT..... O'CLOCK
D W Gresham
REGISTER.

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The Hon. Commissioner of the General Land Office:

SIR—The Van Kirk Land and Construction Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Alabama for the purpose of completing the construction of the Mobile and Girard Railroad in said State, respectfully protests against the allowance of the claim of _____

Serenia D Franklin
c 16 1/4 to make homestead entry of the
of section 11.

Township 4ⁿ, Range 14^E, under the Act of Congress of September 29, 1890, for reasons following to wit:

1. That said tract, with others, was certified by the United States to the State of Alabama in the years 1859 and 1861, under the Act of Congress of June 3, 1856, to aid in the construction of said Mobile and Girard railroad, and the title thereto hence passed out of the United States.

2. That said land was lawfully transferred by the State, by act of its Legislature, to said Mobile and Girard Railroad Company, and has been lawfully conveyed by said Company by its deed of March 21st, 1890, to the said Van Kirk Land and Construction Company, for good and valuable consideration, and hence the legal and equitable title thereto vested, and now rests, in said Van Kirk Land and Construction Company.

3. That said title was not required by the Act of Congress of September 29, 1890, to be reconveyed to the United States, and has not been so reconveyed.

4. That the requirement of said Act of Congress was for the relinquishment to the United States by the Mobile and Girard Railroad Company of all the right, title and claim of *said Company* to any certain lands mentioned in said requirement, and that said Mobile and Girard Railroad Company having long previous thereto sold the particular tracts of land comprehended in this protest, and parted with all its interest, right, title, and claim thereto, and lawfully vested the same in this protestant, *said Company* had no interest, right, title or claim which it was required to relinquish, or which it could or did relinquish, or purport to relinquish, and hence that the title to said particular tract of land has not been reinvested in the United States.

5. That the relinquishment required from the Mobile and Girard Railroad Company by the act of September 29, 1890, and duly executed by said Company, did not and could not divest protestant of the title to the land which protestant owned and which said Mobile and Girard Railroad Company did not own, and such relinquishment did not purport to do so, and hence that the title of protestant to the tract of land hereinbefore specially mentioned remains unimpaired in protestant, and said land is not public land of the United States and is not subject to entry under any law of the United States.

6. That said *Serenia D Franklin* the homestead applicant herein, was not a bona fide preemption or homestead claimant to the above described land under color of the laws of the United States on January 1, 1890, and was not at that date an actual bona fide occupant of said land under said law.

THE VAN KIRK LAND AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,

By *W J Van Kirk*
President

STATE OF ALABAMA, } ss
County of Montgomery, }

Before me this 17th day of *Mar*, 1891, came

W J Van Kirk to me well known, made oath that the foregoing statement by him subscribed is true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.



W W Hornbary
Notary Public

¹ See note in red ink, which Receivers and Receivers will read and EXPLAIN THOROUGHLY to person making application for lands where the affidavit is made before either of them.

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RECEIVER'S RECEIPT, No. 08647

APPLICATION, No. 08647

HOMESTEAD.

Receiver's Office, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Oct 27th 1890

Received of Alvina S. Franklin Postmaster the sum
of Twenty dollars cents;

being the amount of fee and compensation of Register and Receiver for the
entry of The Northeast quarter

Township 4 North of Section 11 in
of Range 14 East, under

Section No. 2290, Revised Statutes of the United States.

John H. Alexander

Receiver.

\$14.00

Containing 159.50 acres

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 fourteen months, pay for it with cash or land warrants, upon making proof of settlement and of residence and cultivation from date of filing affidavit to the time of payment.

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 Covington County,

Feby 23 1889

I, Serenad Franklin, of Covington Coala
 having filed my Homestead Application No. 28647, do solemnly swear that I am
the head of a family over the age
of 21 years and a resident US.

that said application No. 28647, 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 In the year 1860
 that my improvements consist of Dwelling House, 20x22
0.3 acres cleared land,
 and that the value of the same is \$ 75.00; that owing to 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

and I identify applicant, or applicant has been satisfactorily identified by

to be the identical person that he represents himself to be.

Serenad T. Franklin
23 Feby 1889
Malachi Riley
Clerk of the Court for Judge 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 intention 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 AFFIDAVIT.

~~Post~~
Office at Audubon, Ala

Oct 3rd, 1893,

I, Senna P. Franklin, of Covington Co., Ala

having filed my application No. 28647, for an entry under section 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, do solemnly swear that I am not the proprietor of more than one hundred and sixty acres

of land in any State or Territory; that I am * a native born citizen
of the United States and over the age
of 21 years

that my said application is honestly and in good faith made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not for the benefit of any other person, persons, or corporation, and that I will faithfully and honestly endeavor to comply with all the requirements of law as to settlement, residence, and cultivation necessary to acquire title to the land applied for; that I am not acting as agent of any person, corporation, or syndicate in making such entry, nor in collusion with any person, corporation, or syndicate to give them the benefit of the land entered, or any part thereof, or the timber thereon; that I do not apply to enter the same for the purpose of speculation, but in good faith to obtain a home for myself, and that I have not directly or indirectly made, and will not make, any agreement or contract in any way or manner, with any person or persons, corporation or syndicate whatsoever, by which the title which I might acquire from the Government of the United States should inure in whole or in part to the benefit of any person except myself, and further, that since August 30, 1890, I have not entered under the land laws of the United States, or filed upon, a quantity of land, agricultural in character, and not mineral, which, with the tracts now applied for, would make more than three hundred and twenty acres.

+ and that I have never had the benefit
of the homestead Law

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

3rd day of October, 1893

Malachiah
Judge of Probate

* Here insert statement that affiant is a citizen of the United States, or that he has filed his declaration of intention to become such, and that he is the head of a family, or is over twenty-one years of age, as the case may be. It should be stated whether applicant is native-born or not, and if not, a certified copy of his certificate of naturalization, or declaration of intention, as the case may be, must be furnished. (See page 45, circular of January 1, 1889.)

† Here add an exception, if any, of land settled upon prior to August 30, 1890, giving date of settlement commenced, and describing improvements, and that the party has not heretofore made any entry under the homestead laws.

FINAL HOMESTEADS.

Register and Receiver's Report.
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

H. E. 28647 F. C. 129.80 District

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 he properly 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 interlineations or erasures of published notice will be permitted.
Fernandez, 6 L. D., 379.)
12. Are any papers lost, not dated, not signed, or sealed, 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. Yes.*
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. Yes.*
If not, require reason for failure, and if sufficient excuse is given, issue certificate, as in other cases.
(Silson vs. St. P., M. & M. R'y, 6 L. D., 567.)
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.)

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.

J. H. Dyer, Register.
W. W. Alexander, Receiver.
Oct. 26, 1894.

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Serena Franklin

Serena (4-¹⁴-S69.) Franklin

HOMESTEAD PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Original Application No. 28647

Final Certificate No. 12983

Reed Jan 24th 1894

Approved: Feb 6th "

J H Dugan, Register.

D W Alexander, Receiver.

Acres \$4.88

Woods 355- .58

\$4.50

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William B. McLellan, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Seneca T. Franklin for 18' Sec 17 T-2 R-48, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and postoffice address?

Ans. William B. McLellan, 36 Years old, Loango, Ala.

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

Ans. I am

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. No

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

Ans. Ordinary pine land

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

Ans. I have been knowing claimant for 20 years and she was there

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

Ans. I am married

she has she has as far as my knowledge
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

Ans. Has not been absent to my knowledge

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

Ans. From 1/2 to 3 acres every summer

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

Ans. Dwellinghouse Corncrib 3 acres.

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. No

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

Ans. Not to my knowledge

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. No

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 19 day of January 1894,

his Attest
William B. McLellan
notary public

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

The testimony of witnesses must be taken at the same time and place, and before the same officers of justice, and 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 WITNESS.

Pira B. Mock

being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Sefena Franklin for NE 1/4 Sec 11 T 2 R 10 E, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. *Pira B. Mock, 39, Seagoville*

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

Ans. *Yes*

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. *No*

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

Ans. *Ordinary prairie land*

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

Ans. *I have been raising claimant for 25 years and she was there then*

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

Ans. *She has remained*

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. *I have never been absent from the land*

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

Ans. *From 1/2 to 3 acres every year I have known her was about 20 years*

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

Ans. *Dwelling house 16x16, 3 acres improved land total 1000 ac*

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 to my knowledge*

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

Ans. *Not to my knowledge*

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. *No*

Ans. *As*

Pira B. Mock

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 19 day of January 1894.

Malachi L. Bailey

Judge of Probate

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

(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.

Serena T. Franklin being called as a witness in his own behalf in support
of homestead entry, No. 28,647, for NE 1/4 Sec 119 T 4 R 148

testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Serena T. Franklin 66 Loaves & Fishes

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 State Alabama

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 28,647, at the
Montgomery land office on the 27th day of

October 1893 and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

NE 1/4 of Sec 119 T 4 R 148

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 1860 In 1860

Dwellinghouse Corncrib 3 acres unclaimed
Land Small value \$0.00

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. Married. Myself.
& have

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

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

Ans. From 1/2 to 3 acres 34 Seasons

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. 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. Ordinary fine land Agricultural purposes

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. No

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

Ans. No

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

Ans. No

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. No

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 19 day of January 1894 her

[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. 3392.—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.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Original Application No. 28647

Final Certificate No. 12293
Date Sept 24th 1894
Approved: *W. C. D.*

John Hayes, Register.

John Hayes, Receiver.

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FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

SECTION _____ OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, Serena P. Franklin, having made a Homestead entry of the NE 1/4 of Range No. 14 E, 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. Swear that I am a citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated and resided upon said land since the 1 day of 1860, 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, True.

I, Malachi Riley Judge, of Probate Court, Montgomery Co., Ala do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of January 1894.

Malachi Riley
Judge of Probate