

Q. Did he pay taxes and maintain the property?

A. Yes.

Q. Who took over after he left the property?

A. My brother took care of the property, and lived there a while.

Q. Are there any claims at all to this property?

A. No.

Q. Are there any heirs of Matilda T. J. Lee or Gertrude Lee living today?

A. No.

By Mr. Sheffield:

Q. The land in question has been under the immediate control of you and your father and your brother, and no law suits brought or persons other than the immediate family laid claim to the land or disputed the ownership?

A. No.

LAWRENCE SMOTHERS, the Plaintiff, on his own behalf, after first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

By Mr. Sheffield:

Q. Will you please state your full name, your age and your residence?

A. Lawrence Lester Smothers. I'm staying in Knoxville, but my address is Burkittsville, Maryland. I will be 62 on September 18, 1976.

Q. Are you related to Joseph Smothers?

A. He is my brother, Joe.

By Mr. Sheffield:

Thank you. Go right ahead.