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Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Grace Pope, who is known to me, and who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says on oath as follows:

My name is Grace Pope. I am the widow of R. L. Pope and reside in Shelby County, my home being situated on the following parcel of real estate, viz:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 20 South, Range 3 West and run thence East along the North line of said S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ a distance of 1969.6 feet to the northwest corner of property heretofore conveyed to Collie Black as shown by deed recorded in deed book 160 at page 374 Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, which is the point of beginning of the parcel herein described; thence turn an angle of 89 deg. 54' to the right and run along the West line of said Collie Black property a distance of 669.94 feet to the North line of Pope Road; thence turn an angle of 90 deg. 48' to the right and run along the North line of said Pope Road a distance of 784.16 feet to the East line of property heretofore conveyed to Alice Smith, as shown by deed recorded in deed book 110 at page 153 Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama; thence turn an angle of 72 deg. 52' to the right and run along the East line of said Alice Smith property, and along the East line of property heretofore conveyed to T. M. Carroll, as shown by deed recorded in deed book 84 at page 238 in said Probate Office, a distance of 605.45 feet to the Northeast corner of said Carroll property; thence turn an angle of 73 deg. 08' to the left and run along the North line of said Carroll property a distance of 356.45 feet to the East right of way line of U. S. Highway 31; thence turn an angle of 83 deg. 06' to the right and run along the East right of way line of said U. S. Highway No. 31 a distance of 80.4 feet to a point on the North line of said S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; thence turn an angle of 96 deg. 22' to the right and run along the North line of said S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ a distance of 1304 feet to the point of beginning.

I first became familiar with the above described property in September, 1947, when my said husband, R. L. Pope, and I bought and went into possession of said property under a Warranty Deed from R. R. Bradley and wife, Thelma Bradley. There was a hull of a house situated on said property at that time, and my said husband and I lived and resided in said house, making improvements from time to time, from 1947 until the death of my said husband in 1960, and subsequent to the death of my said

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husband, I have continued to reside in said house on said property until the present date. After the death of my said husband, Hazel Pope Brown Baucum, who was the only child ever born of said R. L. Pope, conveyed her interest in and to said property to me, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 222 at page 61 Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama. All of the debts of said R. L. Pope, and of his estate, have been paid in full.

My said husband and I^{have} possessed the above described property as a part of our homestead and in connection with our residence in the house situated thereon since 1947 and until the present date, having had gardens from time to time on said property, and having also pastured a part of said property from time to time.

The above described parcel is, and has been since 1947, bounded on the North by the North line of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 20 South, Range 3 West. The East boundary of said property is, and has been since 1947, the West line of a parcel of property which was previously conveyed to Callie Black, said Callie Black having conveyed her property lying to the East to divers parties, including J. V. Scoggins and wife, Lois B. Scoggins, who presently own a portion of the land which lies to the East and adjoins the above described property, and including another parcel which lies to the East and adjoins the above described property which was formerly conveyed to Inez Massey, and including another parcel which lies to the East of and adjoins the above described property, which was formerly conveyed to Billy Warren Reach but which is now possessed by his sister, Polly Reach, according to my information. The East line of the above described property has never been disputed with any of the adjoining property owners, and its location, or approximate location, was formerly marked by an old fence.

The South line of the above described property is, and has been since 1947, marked by an old dirt road which has now been straightened and paved in its original location and which is known as "Pope Road". In 1948 my said husband, R. L. Pope,

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bought and went into possession of the parcel of land which lies immediately to the South of the above described property, and to the South of said Pope Road, from George M. Walker. Said Pope Road was the North boundary of said property which my said husband purchased from said George M. Walker, and when my husband and I bought the above described property from R. R. Bradley and wife, Thelma Bradley, in 1946, our property holdings extended on both sides of said Pope Road, said Pope Road adjoining said property purchased from George M. Walker and said property purchased from said R. R. Bradley and wife, Thelma Bradley. My said husband subsequently subdivided said property which he purchased from George M. Walker and which lies to the South of the above described property, as shown by map of Pope's Subdivision of Shady Grove which is recorded in Map Book 4 at Page 32 Office of Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama. /^{Said} Map of said Sub-^{the} division shows/location of said Pope Road as it originally lay in 1947 and after it was widened and paved, in connection with said Pope's Subdivision of Shady Grove.

The above described property is, and was in 1947, bounded on the West by Lots which were previously conveyed to Alta ^{and} Carroll, /to Earl Garrett, I having retained ownership of a strip approximately 80.4 feet wide which extends Westward and fronts on the East right of way line of U. S. Highway 31, said strip which I retain lying North of said Carroll parcel and South of the forty line.

Mr. John P. Hagler, Registered Land Surveyor, has recently surveyed the above described property, his plat being dated January 19, 1971, in connection with a proposed sale of the above described property by me, said plat being for a proposed subdivision called "Blueberry Estates". I have examined the said plat prepared by Mr. Hagler, and it is true and accurate, according to my information and belief.

My said husband and I, as aforesaid, have been in the open, continuous, peaceable, undisturbed, notorious, adverse possession of all of the above described property since 1947 until the present date. During all this time, no one has ever disputed or

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questioned our title or possession to said property, and there has never been any dispute with any of the adjoining land owners as to the location of the boundary lines of said property.

Grace Pope
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Sworn to and subscribed before
me on this 22 day of February,
1971.

Lance Brasler
Notary Public



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