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STATE OF ALABAMA )

JEFFERSON COUNTY )

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for said county in said state, Roy Fredrick Horton, who, being by me first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he has been familiar with the following-described property situated in Shelby County, Alabama, to-wit:

All the NW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 22, Range 1 West. Also all that part of the NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 22. Range 1 West, lying Northwest of Southern Railway right-of-way, EXCEPT the following described parcel which has heretofore been deeded to Baker Holcombe, to-wit: Commence at a point where the old Columbiana-Calera Highway crosses Southern Railway right-of-way; thence running along the Northwest side of Southern Railway right-of-way in a Southwesterly direction to the North boundary of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence West along said forty line to old Columbiana-Calera Highway; thence in a Northeasterly direction to a point of beginning of said exception, said exception containing 8 acres more or less, and being located in the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 22, Range 1 West. ALSO S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 31, Township 21, Range 1 West.

Affiant avers that he does not remember exactly when the property was acquired by B. H. Holcombe and wife, Mattie Holcombe, nor does he specifically remember when it was deeded from B. H. Holcombe and Mattie Holcombe to James Holcombe; that he has lived within about three-quarters of a mile of the property for sixty-eight years; that he knows when Howard Holcombe, who is the nephew of James Holcombe, bought said property, and has been shown the deed from James Holcombe and wife, Jewel Holcombe, recorded in Real Volume 357, page 392, Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, which incorrectly describes the property as lying in Township

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21. Affiant knows this to have been a scrivner's error; that during all of the time he has been familiar with the property, it has been owned and occupied one way or another by the Holcombe family; that in 1961, he helped Howard Holcombe who then owned the property fence the entire 292 acres; that prior to that time, he with his brother, Samuel Horton, had cut the timber on said property under a contract with Mr. Holcombe and had sold the timber to B. L. Owens Lumber Company in Columbiana; that since that time, he does not recall the exact date but probably in the early 1970s, he has again cut the timber on said property under a similar arrangement with Mr. Holcombe.

Affiant avers that during all of said time, no one has ever questioned the ownership of Mr. Howard Holcombe and his wife, Josephine Holcombe; that it has been well recognized in the community as belonging to them and to their predecessors in title.

Boy Fredrick Horton

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the \_\_\_\_\_\_day of September, 1984.

Notary Public

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The undersigned, Samuel Horton, hereby certifies that he has read the above affidavit and that all of the facts stated therein are true and correct; that he did not actually participate in the fencing operation of said property himself, but knows that the title of the Holcombes has never been questioned.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 10th day of September, 1984.

Notary Public

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