

STATE OF ALABAMA,
SHELBY COUNTY)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that, whereas, heretofore, on to-wit: the 10th day of December, 1926, National Surety Company, a corporation, became surety on the official bond of Steadman Wood, as Tax Collector of Shelby County, Alabama, which bond is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Official Bond Record Vol. 4 at page 111; and,

Whereas, an examination or examinations were made of the official acts and official account of said Steadman Wood as said Tax Collector of Shelby County, Alabama, wherefrom it appears that he was short in his said accounts as such Tax Collector for the years 1927-1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931 in a considerable sum; and,

Whereas, in the case of the State of Alabama vs. Steadman Wood and National Surety Company, a judgment was obtained in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, on the 20th day of April, 1932, for, to-wit: \$11,028.00, which was the amount with interest thereon due by said Steadman Wood to the State of Alabama, the County of Shelby, certain municipalities, and certain school districts in and for said County of Shelby and which suit was instituted for the purpose of collecting the shortage of the said Steadman Wood in his official account or accounts as Tax Collector of said Shelby County, Alabama; and,

Whereas, National Surety Company has paid and discharged said judgment and satisfied the same and is now claiming a lien on certain property owned by said Steadman Wood as provided by the laws of the State of Alabama; and,

Whereas, a portion of said property owned by said Steadman Wood during the life of said official bond and upon which said National Surety Company claims a lien is described as follows:

A certain parcel of land in the Town of Columbiana, Alabama, situated on the north side of White House Street, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the South east corner of what is known as the "Christian Lot" now owned by C.R. Tinney, and formerly owned by J.J. Haynes, and running thence north 68 degrees, 30 minutes East 140 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 68 degrees 30 minutes East along the north side of said White House Street 74 feet to the south-west corner of what is known as the Leeper Lot, thence north 20 degrees west 160 feet along the west line of said Leeper lot to a stake, thence south 70 degrees, west 70 feet, thence south 25 degrees, east 163 feet to the point of beginning. Upon said lot is now located a dwelling house recently occupied by Mrs. Pauline Bird, and situated in Shelby County, Alabama; and,

Whereas, Claudie Merrell Wooley of Columbiana, in the County of Shelby, and State of Alabama, purchased the aforementioned and described land from Steadman Wood and procured a deed thereto of date October 23, 1929, and which deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in deed book 89 at page 35; and,

Whereas, said Claudie Merrell Wooley contends that her title under said deed aforesaid is superior to the lien of said official bond for the reason that the purchase price which she paid for said land discharged, satisfied and paid prior mortgages on said property, which mortgages were superior to the lien of said bond, and that she is protected in her claim and title to said land under the doctrine of subrogation; and,

Whereas, said National Surety Company and said Claudie Merrell Wooley desire to settle and compromise the controversy between them:

It is, thereupon, agreed as follows:

1. That said Claddie Merrell Wooley shall and does pay to said National Surety Company the sum of even seven hundred and fifty dollars for a release of any and all claim or lien said National Surety Company has on the aforementioned and described property, under and by virtue of said official bond hereinabove referred to, and under and by virtue of said judgment obtained by said State of Alabama against Steadman Wood and said National Surety Company, as aforesaid.
2. Said National Surety Company, for and in consideration of the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars to it in hand paid by said Claudie Merrell Wooley, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby release the aforementioned and described property from the lien of said official bond and said judgment aforesaid.

Witness our hands and seals this the 27th day of September, 1932.

Claudia Merrell Wooley (L.S.)

National Surety Company (L.S.)

a corporation,

By D G Adams -S-2-F

As vice President.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
SHELBY COUNTY)

I, L.H. Ellis, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Claudie Merrell Wooley, whose name is signed to the foregoing agreement and release and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the agreement and release, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 27th day of September, 1932.

L.H. Ellis, Notary Public.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
COUNTY OF NEW YORK,

I, Julia M Quilmette, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that D.G.Adams, whose names as Vice-President, of the National Surety Company , a corporation, is signed to the foregoing agreement and release, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he, as such officer, and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 4th day of October, 1932.

Julie M Quilmette, Notary Public.

Notary Public for New York County, EO 235.

My commission expires March 30, 1933.

State of Alabama,
Shelby County,

I, Cage Head, Judge of Probate in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that the within was filed for record in this office January 23rd 1934, at 9 o'clock AM and duly recorded in deed record 97, page 118 and examined.

Cage Head, Judge of Probate.