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STATE OF ALABAMA |

SHELBY COUNTY |

Before me, Grace Carter, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared J. F. Norris, who is known to me, and who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I was acquainted with Drusilla B. McMath who, on the 22nd day of January, 1896, deeded to H. I. Williams the following property situated in Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama, viz:

Part of the north east quarter of the north east quarter of Section 26, Township 21, Range 1 West, to-wit:

A lot of land in the Town of Columbiana, described as follows: Beginning on the east side of Main Street at SW corner of lot of Thomas Minor, and run east 500 feet more or less to the east line of the section, thence south along the Section line 250 feet, more or less, to a large ditch, thence west along said ditch 500 feet more or less to the east side of Main Street, thence along Main Street to the point of beginning, and known as lot #88, according to W. J. Horsley's map of the Town of Columbiana, Alabama.

The deed above referred to is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in deed book 109 at page 129. The grantee, H. I. Williams, was a physician and moved on to the above described land immediately after the execution of the aforementioned deed and remained upon it and had a dwelling house upon it, which was his home until the time of his death, several years ago. He left surviving him, his widow, Minnie Williams, who later become Minnie Usrey, and after the death of Dr. Williams said surviving widow remained upon said land, living in the house thereon situated until several years ago when she remarried, and moved away. Dr. H. I. Williams had two brothers, Dr. J. H. Williams and G. J. Williams, and two sisters, viz: Mrs. Mary A. Williams Merrell, and Mrs. Mattie Williams Leonard.

His brothers and sisters are dead and his sole heirs at law and next of kin entitled to share in the distribution of his estate on the 22nd day of January, 1940, and during and throughout 1940 down to the present time are as follows:

1. Sarah Thomas, the sole surviving heir at law of said Dr. J. H. Williams.
2. Laura Williams Reeves, the sole devisee under the will of G. J. Williams, deceased.
3. F. E. Merrell, Mrs. Affa Williams, Mrs. Fannie Taylor, Mrs. Cynthia Knight, W. I. Merrill, Mrs. Pearl Webb, Mrs. Minnie Webb, D. E. Merrell, Herman Merrell, and Mrs. Letha Greenwood, who are the sole surviving heirs of said Mrs. Mary A. Williams Merrell.
4. W. A. Leonard, F. A. Leonard and J. J. Leonard, who are the sole surviving heirs at law of said Mrs. Mattie Williams Leonard.

Since Mrs. Usrey moved off of the place it has been in the possession of H. I. Williams' heirs above enumerated. All of the while there has been a house on it and the parties owning the property have lived upon it or had it rented out to tenants continuously down to the present time.

J. F. Norris

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 6th day of September, 1940.

Grace Carter, Notary Public

Filed in this office September 7, 1940 at 5 pm and recorded in Deed Record 109 at page 148 and examined.

L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate

