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Affidavit

State of Alabama)
Shelby County)

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared W. F. Wilder, who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he resides in Shelby County, Alabama, and gets his mail from Sterrett, Route One, Alabama, and that his home is situated on the Florida Short Route between Chelsea and Westover, Alabama, and that for a period since 1861 that he has resided on, has been acquainted with the following described real estate situated in Shelby County, Alabama, to-wit:

The Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 19, South Range 1 West, and the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 19, South Range 1 East, in Shelby County Alabama.

Affiant further says that W.C. Wilder was his father and that he moved upon the above described lands when he was a small child in 1861. Affiant further says that D.H. Wilder was his brother. Affiant further says that he is familiar with the ownership, possession and use of the above described land for more than 60 years, and that he remembers when D.H. Wilder and wife, Mattie R. Wilder conveyed the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 19, Range 1 East; and also 16 acres strip across the East Half of the northeast quarter of Northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 19, Range 1 West, to Weldon and Company, by deed dated September 24, 1896, and that said Weldon and Company was a business firm near affiant's home at that time, and that the same was a partnership composed of John H. Weldon and R.G. Weldon, and that the members of said partnership conveyed to your affiant on the 15th day of November 1896 the above described real estate.

Affiant further says that for the past 45 years that he has been in possession and has regularly paid taxes on the above described property up until the date of sale as shown of record of the several pieces embodied in the above described lands.

Affiant further says that on the 23rd day of June, 1932, he conveyed to his daughter, Mrs Emma Helms Cook, all that part of the North half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter situated north of the Harpersville and Birmingham Highway, now known as the Florida Short Route, Highway, and containing 16 acres, more or less, and situated in Section 25, Township 19, Range 1 West. Affiant further says that since the date of said sale that the said grantee in the above has regularly assessed said property and has been in the continuous possession of the same until this date, and that his daughter built a dwelling house upon said tract of land during the year 1933 and has lived there continuously until this date.

Affiant further says that he knows of his own personal knowledge, that Mrs Emma Helms Cook, and those through whom she holds title, namely: W.C. Wilder, D.H. Wilder, Weldon & Company and your affiant, W.F. Wilder, sometimes known as Wilburn F Wilder, have been in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceful and adverse possession of the above described lands, and has used the same and has regularly assessed and paid taxes on the same, and that he has never heard the title of the above described 16 acres, or any other part of the above described lands disputed or questioned in any way.

W. F. Wilder

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this
the 4th day of October, 1940

Paul O. Luck,
Notary Public, Shelby County Alabama

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