Affidavit W

State of Alabama Shelby County

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared W.J. Horsley, who being by me duly sworn according to law to speak the truth, deposes and says: He is 64 years of age and has lived in Columbiana, Shelby County Alabama, for the past 36 years, except for the years 1925 to 1931 when he lived in Birmingham, Alabama, but during said six years he was in and about Columbiana from time to time; that he is well acquainted with the following described real estate and has known its ownership and possession all these 36 years; Said land being described as follows:

Lots 2 and 3 in Block 2, according to the survey and map of J. W. Johnston's Addition to Columbiana, which map was certified to on June 28, 1924, by J. D. Moor, Civil Engineer, Leeds, Alabama, and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, on the 10th day of July, 1924, said property being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Northwest corner of the NW of the NW of Section 25, Township 21, South of Range 1 West, thence East along the north line of said section 614.4- feet to the East line of Thompson Street, according to above survey, thence 96 degrees and 10 minutes to the right and in a southerly direction along the East line of said Thompson Street 274 feet to the northwest corner of above described lot 3, which is the point of beginning of the property herein described; thence southerly along the East line of said Thompson Street 100 feet to the southwest corner of above lot 2, thence 93 degrees and 45 minutes to the left and along the southerly line of lot 2, 140 feet to the W est line of an alley, themee in a Northerly direction along the West line of said alley 100 feet to the northeast corner of above described lot 3, thence Westerly along the north line of said lot 3, a distance of 140 feet to the point of beginning, said property being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

That affiant lived from 1912 to 1924 just across Thompson Street from said land and remembers it well. That in 1904 when affiant first came to Columbiana said land belonged to Mattie L. Brasher, and that there was a residence Bear the southwest corner of said land, being situated on a part of the tract of which the above was a part, and said residence was known all through the years as the Brasher house. That the said Mattie L. Brasher either lived in or rented out said house each and every year until her death. That in 1909 all of the heirs of said Mattie L. Brasher sold said property to J. W. Johnston, who acquired other land adjoining the above described tract, and affiant remembers it was all under one fence, and affiant knows of his own knowledge that the above described tract was under fence by the owners for 15 years or more prior to 1924. The said J. W. Johnston never die live on said land himself, but had tenants on it each and every year until the old house was torn down. The said J. W. Johnston owned some 12 or 15 acres in all under fence as above said, of which the above described land was a part. That he rented said land to others for cultivation each and every year, and then rented it as a pasture until some time in 1924, when he subdivided salid land and laid it off unto lots. Said J. W. Johnston died in April 1925, and left a will, which was dulyprobated, leaving all of his property to his wife, Mary M. Johnston, who on November 15, 1927, conveyed the above described property to W. T. Mason. Affiant further says of his own knowledge, he knows that W. T. Mason has been in actual, open, notorious, continuous, and exclusive possession of said property from the date he purchased it to the present time.

Affiant further says that since 1904 the above mentioned owners, as aforesaid, to his own personal knowledge, have been in actual, open, notorious, continuous and exclusive possession of said property and he has never known of the title to said property being disputed, nor has he ever known of anyone claiming adversely to the above mentioned owners.

W. J. Horsley

State of Alabama, Shelby County

Sworn to and subscribed to before me

this 10th day of October, 1940

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