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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Personally came and appeared before me, S. A. Lokey a Notary Public for the State of Alabama at large, H. S. Nelson, who after being by me first duly sworn according to law to speak the truth, deposeth and says:

My name is H. S. Nelson. I am 76 years of age and have lived in Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama all of my life and am well acquainted with the following described property:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the North line of Depot Street with the West line of Main Street and running in a Westerly direction with the North line of Depot Street 331.8 feet to the Southeast corner of the present Methodist church lot, run thence in a Northerly direction along the East line of said church lot 91.8 feet, run thence in an Easterly direction 303 feet to a point on the West side of Main Street which is 175.5 feet North of the point of beginning, run thence in a Southerly direction along West side of main street 175.5 feet to the point of beginning and situated in the NE4 of Section 26, Tp. 21, Range 1 West.

When I first remember the property it was part of a large lot on which was situated a large two story antebellum home occupied by Judge Alonza A. Sterrett. Judge Sterrett died while living on this property and his widow continued to live there. It is my recollection that the above described lot was part of the orchard at the time the Sterretts occupied the property. At any rate it was part of the residence property and was used by them in connection with their residence.

After Judge Sterrett died his daughterand her husband, Sam Roper lived with Mrs. Sterrett and operated a hotel known as the Roper Hotel and since the property is often referred to as the Roper Hotel property. W. B. Brown married Mr. Roper's daughter. After Mrs. Sterrett and Mr. and Mrs. Roper died, W. B. Brown and wife continued to live in the house. It is my recollection that Judge and Mrs. Sterrett had only one child, the wife of Sam Roper and I know that Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roper had only one child, who married W. B. Brown, so Mrs. Brown must have inherited the property from her mother, who in turn inherited from her father and mother, Judge and Mrs. Sterrett. At any rate after the death of Judge and Mrs. Sterrett and after the death of Mr. and Mrs. Roper, all of whom died in the big house on this property, Mr. and Mrs. Brown continued to live there many years. The above described property was either cultivated or grazed and had a few fruit trees on it, but it was used in some way by the Browns in connection with their home for many years. W. B. Brown and wife are both dead and they left surviving them two sons, Brad Brown, and Chester S. Brown and three daughters, Margaret S. Brown, Emma Brown and Myra Brown Koenig. The said Brad Brown died a number of years ago without ever having been married. It is my recollection that soon after the death of Mr. Brown that A. P. Longshore and family moved into the old Roper Hotel and used and occupied the land connected with it, including the above described property. This was about the year 1919 and Judge Longshore and his family continued to occupy the property as a homestead, including the above described property, which they either cultivated or grazed. About the year 1925 Dr. Joel Chandler moved into said house and continued to occupy the whole of the property, including the above described lot until his death about the year 1936, and his widow has since lived on said property and lives there now. The above described lot for the most of the time since I have known the property has been under fence as an orchard, grazing lot or in cultivation.

Several years ago Mrs. Myra V. Chandler, the widow of Dr. Joel Chandler, sold the above described lot to the Columbiana Methodist Church. Since then the lot has been vacant and no possession has been exersed, except that the Church has cut the weeds and grass from time to time and has had dirt put on the lot prepartory to building. The possession of the above named parties during the time they were in possession as stated was open, notorious, adverse, hostile, exlusived, peaceful quite and under claim of ownership and I have never heard of any one disputing their title to said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 16th day of August 1945.

S. A. Lokey

Filed for record in this office on the 16th day of August, 1945, at ten o'clock A. M. and duly recorded in Deed Record Vol. 121 on page 435 and examined.

L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate.

NO TAX DUE ON THIS INSTRUMENT