

State of Alabama

Shelby County

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared W. J. Horsley, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:-

I am now 71 years of age and have been living in Columbiana since 1904 and have been engaged in making abstracts and tracing titles to lands and town lots in Shelby County practically all this time. I am familiar with the lands and lots in and around Calera, in this county, and have known and worked on the title to lots in Calera for more than forty years. The records here show that in 1869 one N. B. Dare, surveyor, for the Shelby Lime Company, who was the owner of the lands, surveyed and laid off into lots, streets and avenues a large area in and around Calera, and conveyances were made by the Shelby Lime Company and their successors to the lots according to N B Dare's map of Calera, and this continued until about 1886 when all the unsold property was purchased by the Calera Land Company, who employed one John H. Dunstan, a Civil Engineer, who re-surveyed the town of Calera and laid it off into lots and blocks, and prepared a map known as Dunstan's map of Calera, and this map and survey is now in vogue, and lots are being conveyed according to this map until this day. The Dunstan map has never been recorded in the probate office of this county and is a printed map, dated in 1886, and these printed maps have no certificate of the surveyor or adoption or acknowledgment by the owners. I have never seen the original map, nor have I ever seen anyone who has. The Dunstan map of Calera is so old and well known and familiar to every one, that everybody seems to think it official and completely sufficient to make conveyances by, and hence deeds and mortgages to any part of the survey are never questioned by anyone.

W. J. Horsley

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 30 day of August, 1947.

Handy Ellis

Notary Public, State at Large, Alabama.

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L. C. Walker,

Judge of Probate.