

## AFFIDAVIT

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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me Cecil Duke, a notary public, in and for said County in said State, personally appeared W. J. Horsley, being known to me and being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

That he has been a resident of Columbiana, Alabama since 1904, having been in the abstract business during all of this time. That he is familiar with the location, use, ownership, and possession of the following described lands situated in the Town of Columbiana, Alabama, to-wit:

That certain lot or parcel of land situated on the east side of Main Street in the Town of Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama, commonly known as the Sallie Lawrence Lot, and designated as Lot 87 on Map of Town of Columbiana, Alabama, prepared by W. J. Horsley, on file in Shelby County Abstract Office, Columbiana, Alabama, which lot is more particularly described as follows: Bounded on the west by said Main Street, on the north by the ditch or branch that separates said lot from the property of the late Dr. H.I. Williams, on the east by the lands now in the possession of and occupied by Mrs. W. W. Carter as a resident, and on the south by the north line of lane, as now situated, that separates said lot from the land formerly owned by John H. Robertson, and now occupied by E. B. Lyon.

Affiant further says that when he came to Columbiana, Alabama in 1904, the above described land was occupied by Sallie Lawrence, an unmarried woman, and her brother, Amos Lawrence, an unmarried man, as their home, That the said Amos Lawrence is now deceased, having died without issue, leaving surviving him the said Sallie Lawrence, and Henry T. Lawrence, who was married to Elizabeth P. Lawrence. Affiant further says that the aforesaid surviving heirs were the sole heirs at law. Affiant's information is that Rachael Lawrence, widow of Thomas P. Lawrence who was the father of Amos Lawrence, Sallie Lawrence, and Henry T. Lawrence, is now deceased.

Affiant further says that in 1921 the above described land was conveyed by Henry T. Lawrence, and wife Elizabeth P. Lawrence, and Sallie Lawrence, an unmarried woman to Mary E. Blackerby, said conveyance being dated November 25, 1921 and recorded in Deed Book 70 page 377 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. That the said Mary E. Blackerby, took possession of the said described land upon the execution and delivery of the aforesaid deed and held the same openly, adversely, notoriously, exclusively, and continuously, claiming the same to be her own from the 25th day of November, 1921 until January 20, 1938, when she conveyed the same to J. R. Wood by warranty deed now recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama in Deed Book 100 page 584; that the said J.R. Wood took possession of the above described land upon the execution and delivery of the aforesaid deed and has held the same openly, adversely, notoriously, exclusively, and continuously, claiming the same to be his <sup>own</sup> from the date of the aforesaid deed up to and including the date of the making of this affidavit.

Affiant further says that from the records and plats which he has available in his office, it is his opinion that the ten acres of land conveyed by Joseph Howard by warranty deed to the town of Columbiana, dated July 14, 1826 and recorded in Deed Book C page 187 in the probate office of Shelby County, Alabama, in no way encroaches or overlaps on the above described land.

Affiant further says that he is not related to any of the parties named above and has no interest of any character in the affairs of such named persons, or their estates.

W. J. Horsley

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 3rd day of October, 1947.

Cecil Duke  
Notary Public

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge the 13th day of October, 1947 at 8 o'clock A.M. and recorded in the Deed Record 130 on page 450 on this the 23rd day of October, 1947.

L.C. Walker,  
Judge of Probate

NO TAX DUE ON THIS INSTRUMENT