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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said State and County, personally appeared W.T. Mason, who, after first being by me sworn according to law to speak the truth, deposes and says: He is 54 years of age and has lived approximately seven miles from the town of Columbiana since the year 1919, and affiant has all along been well acquainted with the property described below and those in possession of it. Said property being described as follows:

Lots 2 and 3 in Block 2 according to survey and map of J.W. Johnston's Addition to Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama, said map being recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, on the 10th day of July, 1924, in map book of said office. Said survey having been made by J.D. Moor, C.E. Leeds, Alabama, said property being described more particularly as follows: Begin at the northwest corner of Section 25, Township 21, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama, and run south, 73 degrees and 35 minutes east, 635 feet to the northwest corner of the W.F. Payne tract of land on the east line of Thompson Street; Thence run along the east line of said street south. 18 degrees and 30 minutes east, 169 feet to the point of beginning; Thence run north, 75 degrees and 15 minutes east, 140 feet; Thence run south, 18 degrees and 30 minutes east, 100 feet; Thence run south, 75 degrees and 15 minutes east, 100 feet, Thence run south 75 degrees and 15 minutes west, 140 feet to said east line of Thompson Street; Thence run north, 18 degrees and 30 minutes west, 100 feet to the point of beginning. All of said property being in Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 21, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama.

That affiant purchased said property on November 15, 1927 from Mrs. Mary M. Johnston, the widow of J.W. Johnston, and the sole beneficiary under the will of said J.W. Johnston. Affiant's deed to said property is recorded in Deed Book 79, page 611, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. Affiant went into immediate possession of said property, each and every foot of it, at the time he purchased it and he has kept close supervision over it, and has made personal inspections of said property, each and every foot of it, an average of two times a year, each and every year, since he purchased said property. Affiant has from time to time removed sticks and rubbish from said property, each and every foot of it. Said property, each and every foot of it, was enclosed by a fence, with other parcels of property owned by grantees of said J.W. Johnston and his widow, Mary M. Johnston, from November 15, 1927, the date affiant purchased said property, until October, 1938, when W.F. Payne purchased some lots adjoining the above described property, at which time said fence was torn down. Affiant further said he has attended this fence from time to time. At the time affiant purchased said property its boundaries were indicated by wooden stakes at the four corners of said property and affiant took care that said wooden stakes remained intact during each and every year until October, 1938, when affiant and the above said W.F. Payne removed said wooden stakes and put iron stakes in their place, which iron stakes have been there continuously until this very day. Affiant has permitted said property to be used a part of a pasture from year to year during the time he has owned it, and for the past six years he has given one L.C. Taylor permission to use said property to graze his cow on. This past spring affiant plowed said property. From time to time affiant has carried prospective purchasers to look at said property and affiant has paid the taxes on said property, each and every foot of it, each and every year since he purchased it.

Affiant further said that since the year 1919, to his personal knowledge J.W. Johnston and then Mary M. Johnston and then affiant have been in actual, open and notorious possession of said property and he has never known of the title to said property being disputed.

W.T. Mason

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Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this 7th day of October, 1940.

L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate
of Shelby County, Ala.

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the 17 day of November, 1950 at 1:00 P.M. and recorded in Deed Record 143 on page 56 this the 17 day of November, 1950.

L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate

NO TAX DUE ON THIS INSTRUMENT.