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STATE OF ALABAMA,

SHELBY COUNTY.

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared John W. Dewberry who is known to me and who by me being first duly sworn does depose and say as follows:

I am John W. Dewberry, age 56. I presently reside East of the Florida Short Route about one mile South of Harpersville. On about 21 July, 1927, I purchased from Lena Ballard the following described property:

^{Township 20,}
S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 24, Range 1 East, and 15 acres, more or less, in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 24, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of said SW 1/4 and run thence in a southerly direction along the East line of said forty acres 260 yards; thence in a Westerly direction and perpendicular to the East line of said forty acres a distance of 350 yards; thence in a Northerly direction and parallel with the East margin of said forty acres a distance of 210 yards to the North line of said forty acres; thence in an Easterly direction along the North line of said forty 350 yards to the point of beginning. All situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

The deed whereby I received title to this land was never recorded and the deed has been lost or destroyed.

Shortly after I purchased this land it is my recollection that I learned that Lena Ballard did not own a fee simple title in the land and for this reason I decided to let the land sell for its taxes and the land was sold in 1932 for the 1931 taxes. The land was subsequently redeemed by E. S. and Burlie Robinson. Record of this sale and redemption appears in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Tax Sale Record 11, at Page 201. Lena Ballard has been dead 2 years or more.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 10 day of May, 1951

Conrad M. Fowler
Notary Public