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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, S. A. Lokey, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared John W. Shaw, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is John W. Shaw. I am 79 years of age and have lived in Shelby county, Alabama all of my life. Since I was a small child, I have been a member of the Union Methodist Church in Shelby County. I have all along been acquainted with the following described land:

Begin at the northwest corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 19, Range 1 East and run east along the north line of said 40 acres 420 feet; thence south and parallel with the west line of said forty acres 210 feet; thence west and parallel with the north line of said forty acres 420 feet to the west line thereof; thence north along said west line 210 feet to the point of beginning, being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

The first church was erected on said land when I was a young boy, 9 or 10 years of age, and that means that was in the neighborhood of 70 years ago. I remember that the members of the church employed Presley Bean and George Weathers as carpenters to build the building. The building was some 40 feet by 60 feet. It was a two-story building and had a Masonic Hall above it. Some of the original members of the church were my father, Hugh Shaw, and Joshua Spearman, Glenn Moore, Green Self, Fayette Archer, A. Sullivan, Joe Gregg and Jim Page. Said building, mentioned above, was used by the members of Union church as a place of worship until about the year 1906 when it was torn down and the present church was erected in the same location. The members of said church have worshipped continuously in said buildings from the time I can first remember ^{it} until this very day.

I know of my own knowledge that said church purchased said land described above and obtained a deed to it but through some oversight it was not recorded. Some years ago the deed was accidentally burned while it was in the possession of E. H. Rascoe who was holding it at that time as an officer of the church. As an officer of the church, I kept the deed some years prior to Mr. Rascoe.

Affiant further says that Union Methodist Church has been in possession of every foot of said land during all the years he has known said land, and has owned it and occupied it openly, adversely, continuously and notoriously and that he has never known of anyone contesting its possession or disputing its title.

John W. Shaw
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State of Alabama

Shelby County

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 19 day of June, 1951.

S. A. Lokey
Notary Public

State of Alabama

Shelby County

Before me, S. A. Lokey, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State personally appeared J. W. Moore, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is J. W. Moore. I am 71 years of age and have lived in the same neighborhood in which Union Methodist Church is located all of my life and have been a member of said church since I was a small boy. I have read the above affidavit made by John W. Shaw and know that the same is true and correct.

J. W. Moore
J. W. Moore

State of Alabama

Shelby County

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this the 19 day of June, 1951.

S. A. Lokey
Notary Public

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the 19 day of June 1951 at o'clock M.
and recorded in Deed Book 146 Page 461 this 22 day of June 1951.
Deed Tax Mortgage Tax has been paid.
L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate