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STATE OF ADABAMA, X SHELBY COUNTY...

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared James Wooten, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he resides at Helena, in Shelby County, Alabama; that for a period of more than 40 years, last past, he has been acquainted with the location, possession, ownership, use, and parties claiming to own the following described lands situated in the County of Shelby, State of Alabama, to wit:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 21, Range 3 West for a starting point, and run thence North along the Section line, a distance of 2643.3 feet to the Northeast corner thereof, thence continue North along the East line of Section 33, Township 20, Range 3 West, for a distance of 851.8 feet to a fence line; thence at an angle to the left of 84 degrees and 34 minutes along said fence line, a distance of 830.2 feet; thence at an angle to the right 27 degrees and 19 minutes run 179.7 feet to the center of the Branch, known as Scrivner's Spring Branch; thence in a general Northwestward direction along the meanderings of said Spring Branch to the intersection with the Elyton and Montevallo Road; thence continue along the meanderings of said Branch, first, in a Northwest direction, thence in a Northerly direction, to the intersection of said Branch with Beaver Dam Creek; run thence in a Southerly direction and following the meanderings of said Beaver Dam Creek to its intersection with the South line of Section 33, said point being the center of Beaver Dam Creek, and being 1898 feet West of the Southeast Corner of said Section 33, thence run West along said Section line to the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section, thence South along the West line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 21, Range 3 West, a distance of 1135.2 feet; thence in a Southeasterly direction across Beaver Dam Creek to the mouth of Broadhead Spring Branch, thence in a Southeasterly direction and following in the meanderings of said Branch to its intersection with the center line of the Elyton and Montevallo Road; thence in a Southward direction along the center line of said Road 370.6 feet to the South line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 4; thence East along said line 1824.9 feet to the point of beginning, and containing, approximately, 183 acres of land.

There is Excepted, however, from the above description the following schoolhouse site, namely:Beginning in the center of the Elyton and Montevallo Road at the intersection of Broadhead Spring Branch, and run thence Northward along said Road 420 feet, run thence West 120 feet, run thence South 235 feet to the center of said Branch, run thence Southeast along said Branch to the point of beginning, containing 1.2 acres; also, the graveyard on the East side of said Road opposite the schoolhouse site, containing 1 acre.

Affiant further says that the above described lands were conveyed by two separate deeds to Hattie J.Wyatt, and husband, Fountain Wyatt, as shown by deeds recorded in Deed Book 55, on page. 329, and in Deed Book 87, on page 436, as shown of record in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, and that the lands conveyed therein are the same lands described above, whether accurately described or not, and purchased by the grantees named therein, whether accurately described or not, and being the same lands for which the purchase money recited therein was paid, and being the same lands in which the above named grantees were put into the possession of by the grantors named therein; affiant further says that the lands first above described are the same lands described in that certain deed from Annie S.Smith and husband, W.E.Smith to James Wooten, your affiant, and his wife, Lucille Wooten, dated December 28,1914, and recorded in Deed Book 56, on page 302 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, and being the same lands purchased by your affiant and his wife for which the purchase money was paid by your affiant and his wife, and that they were put into the possession of said lands on said date by the said Annie S.Smith and husband, W.E. Smith.

Affiant further says that he has never heard of Mrs. S.A.Haygood, W.B.Haygood, nor Mrs. L.E.McLaughlin ever being in the possession, or making any claim to any part of the above described lands.

Affiant further says that he has never known or heard of S.M.Pate and wife, Virgie Pate, Adkins I.Collins and wife, Mary Douglas Collins,

J.F.Thompson, and wife, Winnie Thompson, J.T.Gamble and wife, Ethel. Gamble, or the Peoples Savings Bank ever being in the possession or claiming any right, title, or interest in and to the above described lands.

Affiant further says that Cecil Richards, on February 27, 1933, at the time that he conveyed the above described lands to his said father, Joel Amos Richards, was an unmarried man.

Affiant further says that of his own personal knowledge, he knows that for more than 40 years, last past, that Mary Annie. Richards, the widow of Joel Amos Richards, deceased, and the heirsat-law and next of kin of Joel Amos Richards, being the one and same person as J.A.Richards; Cecil B.Richards, J.I.Richards, Etheridge G. Richards, James A. Jones, Betty Joyce Jones, and Lula F. Richards, and those through whom the last named parties hold title, namely, Joel Amos Richards, Cecil Richards, G.A. Paul, Fountain Wyatt, Emma G. Guy, and husband, W.J.Guy, Lucille Wooten, and husband, James Wooten, Annie S. Smith, and husband, W.E.Smith, and Patty J.Wyatt, respectively, to the above described lands, have been, respectively, in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceable, and adverse possession of said lands, claiming them as their own, respectively, against all the world, and regularly and continuously exercising acts of ownership over said lands by residing thereon as a homestead, and cultivating said lands in agricultural crops, and regularly and continuously assessing and paying taxes thereon; that affiant has never heard the title of the said Mary Annie Richards, the widow of Joel Amos Richards, deceased, and the heirs at law and next of kin herein above named of the said Joel Amos Richards, deceased, or those through whom they hold title to said lands, as herein set forth, to be questioned in any way.

Affiant further says that he knows of his own personal knowledge, that upon the purchase of the above described lands by Joel Amos Richards, being one and the same person as J.A.Richards, from his son, Cecil Richards, on, or about February 27,1933, that the said Joel Amos Richards immediately went into the possession of said lands under said deed and remained in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceable, and

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adverse possession of said lands claiming the same as his own, respectively, against all the world, and regularly and continuously resided thereon and exercised acts of ownership over the same until his death in the year 1936, and that after the death of the said Joel Amos Richards, as aforesaid, the said Mary Annie Richards, his widow, and his heirs-at-law, as heretofore named, have continued and remained in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceable, and adverse possession of said lands, free from the claim, or the right of possession, or ownership from any person whomsoever.

James Wood Lin

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 3 day e.1951.

Notary Public, Shelby County, Alabama.

STATE OF ALABAMA, X SHELBY COUNTY....

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Ella Dunnam, who, being first duly sworn deposes and says that she resides at Helena, Alabama, and has so resided for more than 40 years, last past; that for a period of more than 40 years, she has been acquainted with the ownership, possession, use, and location of the lands described in the foregoing affidavit, which is signed by James Wooten.

Affiant further says that she has read the facts set forth in the above and foregoing affidavit, signed by James Wooten on this day, concerning the use, possession, and ownership of said lands, and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and information.

Mrs. Ella Dunnam

Notary Public, Shelby County,

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Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Jack Griffin, who, being duly sworn deposes and says that he now resides at Alabaster, in Shelby County, Alabama, and that for a period of more than 20 years, last past, he has been acquainted with the location, use, and parties in possession of the lands described in the affidavit hereto attached and signed by James Wooten, and affiant knows, of his own personal knowledge for the last twenty (20) years, that the facts set forth as to the use, possession, and claim of ownership of the said lands are true and correct.

Jack Suffin

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June,1951.

Notary Public, Shelby County,
Alabama.

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