

STATE OF ALABAMA

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SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, Hall C. Harrison, the undersigned authority in and for said county, in said state, personally appeared Elizabeth Lester Bearden, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is Elizabeth Lester Bearden. I was born on March 23, 1908. I was too young to remember when my father died but I have recollection of some things soon after the time he died. I know from common knowledge in my family that my mother, Lenora Isabel Lester, sometimes known as Nora Lester, and my brothers and sisters, namely: Amye Lester, sometimes known as Amy Lester, Blanch Lester, Clay Lester, Dan Lester and I all lived in the dwelling house situated on the following described land from February 2, 1911, when the same was purchased by my father's estate as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 35 Page 509 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, throughout the years until said children sold their interest in same to the said Clay Lester in October, 1944, as shown by deeds recorded in Deed Book 120 Page 92 and in Deed Book 119 Page 213 in the said Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. Said land being described as follows:

A lot or parcel of land in the Town of Columbiana, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the intersection of the west boundary line of Lester Street (heretofore known as an alley) which runs south from Sterrett Street and which said Lester Street is about 420 feet west of Main Street, and the southern boundary line of said Sterrett Street and run thence west along said south boundary of Sterrett Street 185 feet; thence south 500 feet, more or less, to the south line of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 21, Range 1 West; thence east along said south line 185 feet to said Lester Street; thence north along said Lester Street 500 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

The said Clay Lester has continued in the possession of said property either by living on it or renting it out to tenants each and every month until this very day and throughout all the years since we moved on said premises, my mother and her said children have occupied it as the owners thereof and have claimed to own it as against the whole world and we occupied it and lived on it continuously without any interruptions. A few years prior to my father's death, my Uncle W. A. Wilder died in South Alabama and my Aunt Mary M. Wilder came back to Shelby County and lived near where the Florida Short Route Highway is now located. My grandmother Jackson lived across the road from her. On several occasions my mother took all of her said children up to visit my said Aunt Mary M. Wilder and her children and I especially

remember it because my said Auht was sick and had to sit up in a reclining chair. During her said illness, my mother took all of her said children to visit with my Aunt Mary M. Wilder and her children from time to time. My said Aunt died from said sickness and it is my best recollection that my mother and all of her said children went to the funeral. During these visits we Lester children and my mother associated with and mingled with my said Aunt Mary M. Wilder and her said children, being Marvin Wilder, Emmitt Wilder, Ina Wilder, Ruby Wilder and Jack Wilder. After the death of my said Aunt Mary M. Wilder, Ruby and Ina Wilder went to live with my grandmother, Hulda Jackson, and they remained with her for sometime and while they were living with my grandmother, all of them from time to time visited my mother and her said children in our home in Columbiana located on the above described property and my mother and her said children visited with my grandmother and said Wilder children. Marvin Wilder was living with his Uncle in South Alabama and was working there at this time. After my Aunt Mary M. Wilder died, Emmitt Wilder went to live with my mother's brother in Birmingham and he lived there until he went to World War I. He became sick during the war and soon after the war, he died. Ruby Wilder visited in our home on many occasions up to the time she died about the year 1928 or 1929. Ina Wilder also visited in our home on many occasions from the time my father died up until the past few years. She has moved away and I haven't seen her for several years. It is my recollection that Jack Wilder went to live with some of his father's people in South Alabama after his mother's death, but I recall that he came to my mother's funeral approximately ten years ago. The above said visits and associations between my mother and her said children and my Aunt Mary M. Wilder and her said children began immediately after my father's death and continued after the provisions of my father's Will had been made known to my mother and her said children, and affiant says that said provisions were known to all of said Lester children as long ago as 30 years or more, and that said visits were made between said Lester children and said Wilder children continuously from time to time up until the past few years and that said Wilder children just don't happen to live near by and affiant has not seen them often for the past few years. My father and Uncle W. A. Wilder and his wife, Aunt Mary M. Wilder, had had some falling out shortly before me father's Will was written and by the time of my father's death, they were very good friends.


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Sworn to and subscribed to before me this the 5th day of October, 1951

Harold Albarran
Notary Public for State
of Ala at House



Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the 6 day of Oct 1951 at 10 o'clock PM M.
and recorded in Deed Book 148 Page 377 this 10 day of Oct 1951.
Deed Tax — Mortgage Tax — has been paid.

L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate