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STATE OF ALABAMA,

SHELBY COUNTY.

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

I am personally acquainted with the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 23, Township 21, Range 1 West, Situated near the Town of Columbiana in Shelby County, Alabama.

I purchased this tract of land from A. W. Gay and wife on the 3rd day of March 1931 and immediately thereafter I moved on to said property and took possession of all of said land and my wife and I lived on this property until about the 18th day of February 1947 at which time we conveyed all of said property to Hugh Kershaw. During the time I owned this property I cultivated a garden and twelve acres of land each and every year. I know that it was twelve acres because on at least two occasions agents of the Soil Conservation Service surveyed my fields. Hugh McDanal was one of the surveyers who surveyed this property. I also raised and kept chickens, cows, hogs, and a mule on this property each and every year while I owned it and I cut trees for stovewood from this property each and every year. The house in which we lived was maintained and repaired by me and I assessed and paid taxes on this property each year from 1931 to 1947. Hugh Kershaw moved on to this property and took possession thereof immediately after this conveyance and he and his family continued to reside thereon until they conveyed this property to Jackson L. Lansford on September 24, 1947. Hugh Kershaw purchased this property so that he might have a dwelling close to his business at Shelby, Alabama where he was engaged in extracting iron ore. He was a busy man and he did not cultivate any portion of the land during the time he had title thereto.

Jackson L. Lansford and his mother and father moved on to this property and took possession thereof, immediately after he purchased same and he or his parents have been in possession of this property from that time until present date. Portions of this property have been cultivated each and every year since 1947 by the Lansfords. They have had a garden thereon and have raised corn crops each year.

A portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 23, lies East of the Columbiana- Chelsea road and this portion was conveyed to Charlie Joiner by Jackson L. Lansford by deed dated January 22, 1949.

Jackson L. Lansford conveyed to his brother Ernest L. Lansford, and to his brothers wife, Eva P. Lansford, a tract of land fronting on the Columbiana- Chelsea road a distance of 100 feet and extending westerly in a uniform width for a distance of 200 feet and situated in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 23.

This conveyance was by deed dated January 5, 1951.

The property described together with the remainder of the subject property has been conveyed by the two Lansford boys and the wife of Ernest Lansford to their father and mother, Joseph L. Lansford and Rosa Ann Lansford.

As I previously stated I have been acquainted with this land and the ownership thereof since March 3, 1931. Each of the owners set forth thereinabove has, during his or their ownership, had open notorious, continuous, exclusive, peaceable, actual, visible, hostile and adverse possession thereof, claiming to own same against all the world. Ruby Lacey has had no possession of any portion of this property. She lives on a small tract of land which is situated about one forth mile west of the property described herein. I knew J. B. Pitts in his lifetime. I know that neither he nor anyone claiming under him ever had possession of any portion of this property.

Executed on this the 19th day of December, 1952

W. T. Seale
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Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 19th day of December, 1952

Conrad M. Fowler
Notary Public

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the 20 day of Dec, 1952 at 2 o'clock P
and recorded in Book 157 Page 142 this 22 day of Dec, 1952
Deed Tax _____ Mortgage Tax _____ has been paid.
L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate