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STATE OF ALABAMA, X  
SHELBY COUNTY.....X

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared A.J.Spradley, who, being first duly sworn deposes and says that he resides at Sterrett, Alabama; that for a period of more than 45 years, last past, he has been acquainted with the location, boundaries, corners, owners, parties in possession and use of the following described tract of land, to wit:

That certain tract of land situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 18, Range 1 East, described as commencing at an iron pipe at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 14, and run thence magnetic South 4 degrees and 16 minutes East along old fence line a distance of 1313.4 feet to the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 14; thence run 90 degrees left along the South line of said forty acres for a distance of 660 feet to the point of beginning of the lot herein described and conveyed; thence run 87 degrees and 27 minutes to the left a distance of 689.5 feet to an old iron pipe (on the South side of the old Vandiver road); run thence 88 degrees and 43 minutes to the right, a distance of 252.8 feet; run thence 46 degrees and 56 minutes to the right a distance of 568.1 feet; run thence 41 degrees and 48 minutes to the right 257.5 feet to the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 14; run thence 90 degrees to the right a distance of 660 feet to the point of beginning and containing 8.3 acres, more or less, and all being in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 18, South, Range 1 East, in Shelby County, Alabama,

Affiant further says that when he first knew the above described lands, the same were owned by H.I.Howard and wife, M.M.Howard, the father-in-law and mother-in-law of your affiant; that on March 2, 1911, the said M.I. and M.M.Howard conveyed a part of the above described tract to your affiant and his wife, Emma Spradley, and immediately thereafter, your affiant built a residence thereon, and occupied the same for sometime as a homestead. The deed to your affiant is recorded in Deed Book 56, page 291, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama.

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On November 16, 1914, your affiant and his wife, conveyed the tract of land theretofore purchased to. Maggie Langston, as shown in Deed Book 56, page 290, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama.

On September 15, 1914, Maggie Langston purchased the remainder of the lands under examination from John Watson and wife, Fannie Watson, shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 56, on page 145, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama;

Affiant further says that on August 29, 1921, Maggie Langston conveyed the tract of land under examination to Walton A. Grubbs and wife, Leila M. Grubbs, as shown of record in Deed Book 70, on page 300; in the description of said lands, the beginning point was described at a pine stump on, or near the North and South line between the Northwest Quarter and the Northeast Quarter on the South side of Vandiver and Sterrett public road.

Affiant further says that he was familiar with the location of said pine stump and that the same was located near, or on the North and South line between the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, and that the description intended in said deed was that said beginning point was located on, or near the North and South line between the Northwest Quarter and the Northeast Quarter in the Northeast Quarter of said Section 14.

Affiant further says that he is familiar with the location of the RED OAK TREE on the South side of the public road leading from Vandiver to Sterrett, as mentioned in the deed from H.I. and M.M. Howard, to your affiant and his wife, Emma Spradley, and that said tree is now standing, and is at the point now marked by an old pipe corner described in the map and survey recently made of the lands under examination by R.E. Butler, a Civil Engineer; affiant further says that he was with the said R.E. Butler in the recent survey of the lands under examination, and he knows that the said survey was made according to the old marks and indications of the boundaries heretofore used in the description of the conveyances of said lands to the several owners since the date of same by H.I. and M.M. Howard.

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Affiant further says that Mrs. Maggie Langston was a widow on September 5, 1923, at the time she executed a mortgage to the Leeds State Bank conveying the lands under examination.

Affiant further says that he is acquainted with Ama Lou Bass Whitaker, nee Ama Lou Bass, and knows that Ama Lou Bass married J.C. Whitaker, and that she is one and the same person as Ama Lou Bass.

Affiant further says that of his own personal knowledge he knows that for more than 45 years, last past, that S.L. Haley and wife, Virgia Haley, and those through whom the said S.L. Haley and wife, Virgia Haley, hold title, namely, Ama Lou Bass Whitaker, Ama Lou Bass (being one and the same person), W.T. Runyan and wife, Eurelia Runyan, C.D. Cruse, Leeds State Bank, Maggie Langston, Walton A. Grubb, and wife, Leila M. Grubb, John W. Watson, A.J. Spradley and wife, Emma Spradley, and M.I. Howard and wife, M.M. Howard, respectively, to the above described tract of land, have been, respectively, in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceable, and adverse possession of said lands, claiming said lands as their own, respectively, against all the world, and exercising acts of ownership over said lands from time to time, and at times, cultivating the same and using said lands as a homestead, and cutting and removing timber from said lands, and assessing and paying taxes on said lands; that affiant has never heard the title of the said S.L. Haley and wife, Virgia Haley, or those through whom they hold title to said lands, as named above, to be questioned by anyone. te

*A.J. Spradley*  
(A.J. Spradley).

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1953.

*Margaret Strickland*  
Notary Public, Shelby County,  
Alabama.

Filed in the office of the Probate Judge on the 30 day of May 1953 at 10 o'clock PM  
and recorded in Deed Book 160 Page 473 this 30 day of June 1953.  
Deed Tax \_\_\_\_\_ Mortgage Tax \_\_\_\_\_ has been paid.  
L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate