STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before the undersigned authority, personally appeared, Handy Ellis, who is known to me and who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am acquainted with R. L. Merrell and his wife, Willard Merrell, who in 1948 executed a deed to W. E. Curlee, which deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama in Deed Book 134 at page 315. Mr. R. L. Merrell and his wife, Willard Merrell never did live on the land described in the aforementioned deed, but they lived at Calera and the property conveyed in the deed was not their homestead. I have known Mr. and Mrs. Merrell for a number of years and have represented him in various matters and I know of my own knowledge that he did not ever live on the land conveyed in the above described deed, but has lived at Calera all along.

Handy Ellis

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 5th day of May, 1955.

Notary Public, State of Alabama at Large.