

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
)
JEFFERSON COUNTY.)

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, personally appeared William J. Thornton, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

That he is a resident of Jefferson County, Alabama, and has made certain investigations regarding J. C. C. Watson and his wife, Addie J. Watson, who claimed an interest in the following described property some 25 or 30 years ago, said property being described as follows:

The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 19, Range 1 East. Except right of way of A. B. & C. R. R. Company across said land. Also except that part of the above lands sold to Ruby Nelson by deed recorded in Deed Book 140, Page 211, Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant further says that J. C. C. Watson and Mrs. Addie J. Watson were the parents of Mrs. Elva Graham, who was a former owner of this property; affiant further says that Addie J. Watson died on May 21, 1926, and is buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Birmingham, Alabama, and that J. C. C. Watson died on February 2, 1931, and is buried next to his wife at the Forest Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama; that he has made numerous inquiries as to the circumstances of Mr. and Mrs. Watson, and can find no trace of any of their heirs, but was informed by some old settlers in Shelby County that they had only one daughter, Mrs. Elva Graham, and that it is uncertain whether or not she is now living or dead; that from his investigation, neither Mr. J. C. C. Watson nor Mrs. Addie J. Watson ever occupied the above property as their homestead; that he made an investigation of the Probate Court records in Shelby County, Alabama and in the Jefferson County Probate Court, and did not find any administration of the estate of either J. C. C. Watson or Mrs. Addie J. Watson.

William J. Thornton
AFFIANT

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on this 22 day of August, 1955.

Frances J. Wheeler
NOTARY PUBLIC



STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY

I, L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within affidavit was filed for record the 10 day of Sept, 1955 at 12 o'clock, M. and recorded in Book 175 Record Page 84, and the Mortgage Tax of Deed Tax of has been paid.

Judge of Probate