STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY

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

My grandfather, C. C. O'Barr, on January 17, 1891, received a warranty deed from Margaret Elizabeth Cost and husband, William P. Cost, in which was conveyed the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 26, Township 20, Range 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama, and which deed is recorded in the Probate. Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 33, at page 221.

On the 9th day of January, 1891, W. C. Powers and wife, deeded to C. C. O'Barr among other property the  $E_{\overline{z}}$  of SE $_{\overline{z}}$  of Section 26, Township 20, Range 3.West, which lies West of the South & North Alabama Railroad, which includes all of the  $E_{\overline{z}}$  of SE $_{\overline{z}}$  lying West of Buck Creek.

Said C.C. O'Barr was a dentist and he died about the year 1900, but I do not know the exact date. He left surviving him his widow, Laura C. O'Barr, who died in 1922, and she left surviving her as her sole heirs at law and next of kin three grandchildren, who were the children of her daughter, an only child, whose name was Constance O'Barr Oates. SAid Constance O'Barr Oates died prior to the death of Mrs. C. C. O'Barr. The Laura C. O'Barr and only heirs/of C. C. O'Barr at the death of his widow, Laura C. O'Barr, consisted of three grandchildren as follows:

- 1. William Allen Oates, a grandson of C. C. O'Barr and Laura C. O'Barr, who is over 21 years of age and who resides at Brierfield, Shelby County, Alabama.
- 2. Margaret Oates, a single woman, who is over 21 years of age, and who resides at Montgomery, Alabama.
- 3. Forrest C. Oates, Jr., who is over 21 years of age, and who resides at Cedartown, Georgia.

My grandmother, Laura C. O'Barr, remained in possession of all the real estate belonging to C. C. O'barr until she died and the three grandchildren above named inhereited the C. C. O'Barr land from him, including the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and all that part of the E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, lying West of Buck Creek, in Section 26, Township 20, Rarge 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama.

When we inherited the property there was a house on that portion of the  $NE^{\frac{1}{4}}$  of  $SE^{\frac{1}{4}}$  of said Section 26, and it was continuously rented out to tenants and occupied by tenants until 1951, when affiant had torn down.

Portions of this land was cultivated as far back as I car remember and portions of it continued to be cultivated each and every year until 1954. In 1954 I stopped renting it, thinking of making my home on it but concluded otherwise.

For the last 20 years or more the three grandchildren as stated above have been in the actual, open, notorious, continuous, exdusive, adverse, peaceable possession of said property above described, having tenants upon it, and cultivating portions of it each year until 1954, and since 1954 we have not actually had tenants on it, but we remained in possession of it, regularly assessing and paying taxes on it.

In 1952, we sold the timber off the land.

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Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this 2nd day of

Eebruary, 1956.

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