

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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Before me, H. H. Buck, the undersigned authority

in and for Cook County, in the State of Illinois, personally appeared Frank O.

Washam, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is Frank O. Washam. I am 61 years of age and am a resident of the State of Illinois. I am the husband of Mary Lee Ratchford Washam and am personally acquainted with the persons herinafter mentioned. I know that the following named persons are the sole and surviving heirs at law of John William Ratchford and Rose Ella Ratchford, both deceased. John William Ratchford has sometimes heretofore been referred to as William Ratchford, John W. Ratchford, J.W.V. Ratchford and J.W. Ratchford. Rose Ella Ratchford has sometimes heretofore been referred to as Lila Rosa Ratchford, R. E. Ratchford and Rosella Ratchford. Said heirs being as follows:

1. A daughter, Mary Lee Ratchford Washam, whose husband is Frank O. Washam.
2. A daughter, Elvie Ratchford Shaw, sometimes heretofore referred to as Lilla Valentine Ratchford Shaw, a widow.
3. A daughter, Izora Ratchford Elder, sometimes heretofore referred to as Izora Ratchford DeCovey, and husband, Paul Elder.
4. A son, John W. Ratchford, Jr. whose wife is Mozelle Ratchford.
5. A daughter, James Frances Ratchford Foster, sometimes heretofore known as Frances James Ratchford Butler, an incompetent, who is a divorcee. Affiant is the conservator of said incompetent, having been appointed by the Probate Court of Cook County, Illinois, and as such is authorized to execute a deed covering any interest said incompetent may own in any real property. Affiant further says that said incompetent owns certain land in Shelby County, Alabama, jointly with the estate of Rose Ella Ratchford and the other heirs of John William Ratchford, deceased, and that there is no valid authority to sell such interest of said incompetent vested in any person by the terms of any instrument under which such incompetent holds such interest in said land and a sale of same is not prohibitive or restricted by any instrument. Affiant further says that as such conservator, being the same as a guardian in the State of Alabama, he proposes to join the other tenants in common in a private sale of certain land in Shelby County, Alabama in which said incompetent holds an interest for a division of the proceeds thereof among said join owners.
6. A son, Levie Edward Ratchford, a widower, who died on July 11, 1949 without leaving a Will and left surviving him the following children:
  - a. June Ratchford Martz, whose husband is Carl A. Martz
  - b. Ellie Inez Ratchford Snyder, whose husband is William E. Snyder
  - c. Harold S. Ratchford, whose wife is Dona Joan Ratchford.
  - d. Levi E. Ratchford, Jr., whose wife is Doris M. Ratchford
  - e. Melba Ratchford Powers, whose husband is Roy M. Powers
  - f. Audrey Ratchford Porubsky, a widow
7. A widow, Noba Ratchford, who is the widow of John William Ratchford, deceased, being the second wife of said John William Ratchford, having been married to him subsequent to the death of Rose Ella Ratchford.

Affiant further says that all of the above named persons are over the age of twenty-one years and of sound mind, except for James Frances Ratchford Foster, who is an incompetent.

Frank O. Washam  
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State of Illinois

Cook County

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this  
the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1955.

H. H. Buck  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 7-28-56

STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY

I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within affidavit  
was filed for record the 9 day of July 1956 at 1 o'clock P.M.  
and recorded in Book 128 Page 126 and the mortgage tax of         
Deed Tax of        has been paid.

Judge of Probate