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STATE OF ALABAMA )

SHELBY COUNTY )

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Cecil L. Gardner, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is CECIL L. GARDNER. I am 48 years old. I live in Shelby County, Alabama, about 1/2 miles from the 80 acres of land owned by Mr. J. L. Speer, which land is described as the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of the  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  Section 24, Township 19, Range 1 East. I have lived near this land for 48 years and am well acquainted with it. I have seen this land at least 50 times each year for about 40 years. I know that Mr. Speer rented out a portion of the north forty of said land to JOHN H. GARDNER during the years 1928 through 1933 and I know that Mr. Speer built a house on said north forty about the year 1941 and rented the house to \_\_\_\_\_ for about \_\_\_\_\_ years. The house <sup>OKP</sup> burned about 1928. I have never heard Mr. Speer's title, or right of possession, called into question or disputed. I know that no one other than Mr. Speer and his tenants have been in possession of the north forty of said land or any part of the same at any time during the past 31 years, nor exercised any rights of possession during said time. During the time I have known this land there has never been any fence around any portion of it, nor has any portion of it been cultivated by anyone other than Mr. Speer's tenants, and no one has cut any timber on the land except the person to whom Mr. Speer sold the timber <sup>to MR. COMBEN. 11.3</sup> about 1944 years ago, and no one has lived on any part of the land except Mr. Speer's tenant who lived in the house Mr. Speer built in the north forty about 1941. I am not related in any way to Mr. Speer nor have I any interest whatever in this land.

Cecil L. Gardner

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

this the 3 day of August, 1953.C. J. Messer, Jr.

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 2 day of Aug 1953, at 2 o'clock P. and recorded in Deed record 187 Page 315 and the Mortgage Tax of \_\_\_\_\_ Deed Tax of \_\_\_\_\_ has been paid.

L. C. Walker Judge of Probate