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STATE OF ALABAMA)

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SHELBY COUNTY)

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, personally appeared T. J. Stone, who, being known to me and being by me first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says as follows:

My name is T. J. Stone. I am 81 years of age and have been a resident citizen of Shelby County, Alabama all of my life. During the last past 50 years I have been well acquainted with the ownership, use and possession of the following described land in Shelby County, Alabama:

All that part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 20 South Range 1 East, lying Northeast of Four Mile Creek, being $\frac{1}{4}$ acres more or less; Also W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32 Township 20, South Range 1 East.

When I first knew this land some 50 years ago I was living about three miles from the land and have not lived further from it during any of the last fifty years. When I first knew the land in about 1904 J. E. Blackerby and his wife, Sara F. Blackerby, whom we called Sally Blackerby were living on the land. J. E. Blackerby was a farmer and cultivated the land which was open land each and every year until his death. Part of the land was under fence and part of it was wooded and part of it was in a pasture. Mr. Blackerby cleared the land as he farmed more of the land.

I know that after the death of Mr. J. E. Blackerby, who was one and the same person as John Blackerby, that his widow, Sara Blackerby, and one of his sons, Simon Blackerby, continued to occupy the land until the death of Sara Blackerby, some three years later.

After the death of Sara Blackerby, their son Simon Blackerby, his wife and daughter continued to occupy the land and farm the same until it was purchased by Simon Blackerby and his brother Lewis Blackerby from the heirs of J. E. Blackerby and Sara Blackerby, by warranty deed dated July 22, 1942 and which said deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama in Deed Book 113 Page 592. Upon the execution and delivery of the deed Simon Blackerby and Lewis Blackerby rented the land out to tenants who farmed the land each and every year thereafter and to this very day.

During the entire time I have known the land it has been known in the community as the land of J. E. Blackerby and I have never heard the title of J. E. Blackerby and his sons, Lewis and Simon questioned in any way.

T. J. Stone

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 28th day of July, 1956.

Charles A. Walker
Notary Public

STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY
I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within deed
was filed for record the 28th day of July, 1956, at 8 o'clock P.M.
and recorded in Deed Book 113 Page 592, and the Mortgage Tax of —
Deed Tax of — has been paid.
L. C. Walker Judge of Probate