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SHELBY COUNTY.....X

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Before me, Paul O. Luck, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Thomas Minor, who, being by me first duly sworn deposes and says that he resides at Columbiana, in Shelby County, Alabama; that he is 82 years of age and that he has, for a period of 50 years, last past, been acquainted with the location, use, boundaries, and parties in possession of the following lands, to-wit:

PARCEL ONE: Commencing at an old pine stump at or near where the branch crosses the dirt road running West from the Columbiana, Shelby County, to Montevallo, about one half a mile from said town of Columbiana running North along said branch from said stump 69 yards; thence West 70 yards; thence South 69 yards, thence East along said road to point of beginning.

PARCEL TWO: Beginning at the SW corner of the lot described above as Parcel ONE (One) and run thence North along the West boundary of said Parcel ONE 70 yards; thence West 70 yards; thence South 70 yards to the North boundary of the Columbiana-Saginaw Cut Off Road; thence Easterly along the North margin of said road 70 yards to point of beginning.

Affiant further says that he is acquainted with the lands conveyed by K.E. McWilliams to J.J. Germany and wife, Marie Germany, by that certain deed dated March 2, 1954, and recorded in Deed Book 165, on page 83, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, which said parcel of land comprises parts of PARCEL ONE and TWO, and which land is more accurately described as shown by a recent survey made by James A. Ray, Jr., a Civil Engineer, which said parcel of land is described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 21 South, Range 1 West; and run thence South 39 degrees 01 minutes East for a distance of 1067.56 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land hereinafter described: Run thence North 79 degrees and 33 minutes East ( 79 degrees, 33 minutes and 30 seconds East), for a distance of 175 feet to a point; run thence South 14 degrees and 59 minutes East for a distance of 210 feet to a point on the North right of way line of the County paved Highway No. 32; run thence South 79 degrees, 33 minutes and 30 seconds West along said right of way line for a distance of 175 feet to a point; run thence North 14 degrees and 59 minutes West for a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning; that said property is

a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 21, South, Range 1 West, and the corners thereof are marked by iron pins driven in the ground, and all situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant further says that when he first knew said tract or parcels of land described in PARCEL TWO, on or about 25th. day of November, 1907, the above described parcel of land, designated as Parcel TWO, was resided upon and owned by an old Negro woman by the name of Annie Norton who claimed to own said land as her own, and who occupied said land as her homestead; that the community and family history of Annie Norton and her husband, Henry Norton was that Henry Norton and his wife, Annie Norton purchased said lands many years prior thereto, and occupied the same as their homestead; and that some years prior thereto the said Henry Norton died intestate and left surviving him his wife, Annie Norton; that the said Henry Norton left surviving him no children or their descendants; no father or Mother, and no brothers or sisters or their descendants.

Affiant further says that this same information was told to your affiant by the said Annie Norton, and your affiant is reasonably certain that the above is true and correct as to the status of the heirs at law and next of kin of the said Henry Norton, and that your affiant has never known or heard any facts contrary to the above statements during the past 50 years.

Affiant further says that he and his family cared for and looked after the said Annie Norton for several years prior to her death, and that said Annie Norton died intestate and left no husband surviving her and left no children or their descendants surviving her, nor did she leave a father, Mother, brothers, sisters or their descendants surviving her.

Affiant further says that of his own personal knowledge he knows that for 50 years, last past, that J.J. Germany and wife, Marie Germany, and those through whom the said J.J. Germany and wife, Marie Germany, hold title, namely, Henry Norton, Annie Norton, Thomas Minor, Leon Marcus Templin, G.C. Ray, K.E. McWilliams, respectively, to the above described parcel of land, as shown by the survey given above, have been, respectively, in the open,



notorious, continuous, peaceable and adverse possession of said lands claiming said lands as their own, respectively, against all the world, and regularly and continuously exercising acts of ownership over said lands by residing thereon, cultivating said patches in agricultural crops and building fences around the same; that affiant has never heard the title of the said J.J.Germany and wife, Marie Germany, or those through whom they hold title to the lot described above as the Germany lot to be questioned in any way.

Affiant further says that he knows of his own personal knowledge that for 50 years, last past, that neither Elizabeth M. Sterrett, nor her heirs at law, nor W.B. Browne, nor Lizzie Browne, nor Margaret S. Browne, nor John M. DeCottes, or Nina Brown DeCottes, nor Emma Browne, nor Myra Browne Koenig, nor Chester S. Brown, nor Margaret Browne Broughton, being the one and same person as Margaret S. Browne, has ever been in the possession of the parcel of land described above as the Germany tract of land during any period during the past 50 years, nor has your affiant known of the above named parties making any adverse claim to said parcel of land.

Thomas M. Mearns

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on this the 29th. day  
of January, 1957.

Paul D. Luck  
Notary Public, Shelby County,  
Alabama.

Before me, Paul O. Luck , a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Alf McClanahan, who, being first duly sworn , deposes and says that he resides in Columbiana, Alabama; that he is 76 years of age, and that for a period of 50 years, last past, he has been acquainted with the location, owners, and parties in possession of the lands described in the above and foregoing affidavit, signed by Thomas Minor of Columbiana, Alabama.

Affiant further says that the facts and statements set forth in the above and foregoing affidavit, as aforesaid, as to the ownership, possession and next of kin of the said Henry Norton and Annie Norton are true according to the community and family history of said parties, and that affiant has never known or heard of any children or their descendants, nor father, nor mother, nor brothers, nor sisters, nor their descendants surviving either of the said Henry Norton or the said Annie Norton.

Affiant further says that he has never known of any other party or parties being in the possession of the above described lands, or claiming to own the same, other than the parties named in the above and foregoing affidavit, and that said lands have been used for a homesite or for the cultivation of agricultural crops by the several parties named above during the past 50 years.

Alf McClanahan

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on this the 29th.,  
day of January, 1957.

Paul O. Luck  
Notary Public, Shelby County,  
Alabama.



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Before me, Paul O. Luck, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Nolan Barnett, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he resides in Columbiana, in Shelby County, Alabama; that for a period of more than 50 years, last past, he has been acquainted with the following described tract of land, to-wit:

PARCEL ONE: Commencing at an old pine stump at or near where the branch crosses the dirt road running West from the Columbiana, Shelby County, to Montevallo, about one half a mile from said town of Columbiana running North along said branch from said stump 69 yards; thence West 70 yards; thence South 69 yards, thence East along said road to point of beginning.

Affiant further says that J.T. Barnett was the father and M.E. Barnett was the Mother of your affiant; and that many years ago they resided upon the above described lands, and the same was used as a home site for his parents.

Affiant further says that some years prior to November 25, 1907, the parents of your affiant purchased the above described lot from B.L. Moore, who then resided in Columbiana, Alabama, and that from the date of said purchase by the parents of your affiant, that they were in the open, notorious, continuous, peaceable, and adverse possession of said lot of land, claiming the same as their own and regularly using said tract of land as their homesite; in fact, until the date of sale of said lands to Thomas Minor, on or about November 25, 1907.

*Nolan Barnett*

(Nolan Barnett)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on this the 29th., day of January, 1957.

*Paul O. Luck*  
Notary Public, Shelby County,  
Alabama.

State of Alabama, Shelby County

I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within

day of Feb. 1957 at 8 o'clock P.M., and recorded in

and the Mortgage Tax of \$.....

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*L. C. Walker*  
Judge of Probate