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Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Pat. J. Kroell, who is known to me, and who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I.was acquainted with Charles L. Meroney on or prior to March 10, ... 1884. In fact I have known him all his life. His father and mother were respectively, P. D. Meroney and M. J. Meroney.

I am acquainted with the following described land, situated in Shelby County, Alabama, namely:

The  $W_2^1$  of  $SW_1^1$  of Section 16, except 1.97 acres in SE corner sold Rufus Paschal as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 125, page 56; and all that part of the  $SE_4^1$  of  $SW_4^1$ , which lies West of the Montevallo and Elyton Road and North of a certain ditch in Section 16, Township 22, Range 3 West. Also the  $E_2^1$  of  $NE_4^1$  and  $E_2^1$  of  $SE_4^1$  of Section 17, Township 22, Range 3 West. And all that part of the  $SW_4^1$  of  $NE_4^1$  and  $NW_4^1$  of  $SE_4^1$  of Section 17, Township 22, Range 3 West, which lies East of McHenry Creek.

The father and mother of Charles L. Meroney lived upon the land for a long time prior to 1884.

As shown by deeds of record and as revealed by abstract in this case, said P. D. Meroney and wife conveyed practically all this property to Charles L. Meroney prior to 1888. The old Meroney place, which was owned by Charles L. Meroney's father consisted of about 275 or 280 acres of land as above described.

Charles L. Meroney lived upon the land and had portions of it cultivated from 1887 until he moved away after he married and thereafter he had tenants upon it who cultivated portions of it continuously until Meroney lost it in connection with the Montevallo Cotton Mills about the year 1929 or 1930.

It is true that Charles L. Meroney sold off portions of the land from time to time, but in eachinstance the property was deeded back to him.

I have lived in and around Montevallo, Alabama, all my life and used to visit the Meronev home before Charles L. Meronev's father and mother died. I was born in 1870, and I remember well going to the Meroney home on the land above described just as far back as I can remember. I would go there with the North boys to get butter.

Pat J. Kroett

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this the 20th day of March, 1957

Notate at targe for Alabama