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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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Before me, , the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared James Merritt, who, after being by me duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is James Merritt. I was born in 1878 and have lived in Shelby County, Alabama since 1896. In the year 1925, I purchased certain land adjoining the following described land:

4 acres in the Northwest corner of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 1, Township 21, Range 3 West, said land lying north of the original settlement road running across said forty acres; and being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

At that time I fenced in and took into possession said land described above, along with the other lands to which I obtained a deed. I have been in the actual possession of said land, living on it and obtaining fire wood and building timber from it each and every year until this very day and no one has ever questioned my title to said land. It is common knowledge in our community that Humphrey Griffin formerly owned said land and that he died and left a daughter surviving him and she has since died and left surviving her, George Allen, who is also dead. I have inquired in the community and have never heard of anyone who knew of any brothers or sisters of the mother of George Allen. Affiant further says that on March 29, 1957, the sole and surviving heirs at law of George Allen, were: Bulah Allen, his widow, and the following children: Ossie Allen, William James Allen, Horace Allen, and Edith Virnina Allen Nixon.

James Merritt  
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me  
this the 2nd day of April, 1957.

Martha B. Jainer  
Notary Public

State of Alabama, Shelby County

I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within was filed in this office for record the day of April 1957 at 11 o'clock A. M. and recorded in Deed Record 185 Page 518 and the Mortgage Tax of \$ .60 Deed Tax of \$ .20 has been paid.  
Fee \$ .60 L. C. Walker Judge of Probate