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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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Before the undersigned authority personally appeared A. B. Bristow, who is known to me, and who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am acquainted with the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 6, Township 24 North, Range 15 East, Shelby County, Alabama, and have known this land for more than forty years.

On October 15th, 1934, under an assessment against Carrie Ford, this property was sold for 1933 taxes and was bought in by the State of Alabama. This Tax sale is reflected in Tax Sale Record 11, page 542.

On November 5, 1937, I purchased this land from the State of Alabama.

In 1938, I assessed this property for taxes but in someway overlooked paying the taxes for 1938, and on June 19th, 1939, it was sold under said ^{assessment} against me, as shown by Tax Sale Record 13, page 198, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. On August 15th, 1942, I redeemed this property and paid taxes for 1939, 1940, 1941, and 1942. This is also shown by the last mentioned tax sale record.

On June 29th, 1943, I obtained a deed from Carrie Ford to this property, who was in possession of it claiming to own it, notwithstanding my tax title. Carrie Ford had executed a mortgage to Hightower Bros on April 6th, 1937, which mortgage is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 173, page 580. This mortgage included not only this property but livestock and probably another parcel of land and Hightower Bros were about to foreclose, and thereupon Carrie Ford executed a deed to me as aforesaid on June 29th, 1943, which is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 115, page 595, and I thereupon paid off the mortgage of Carrie Ford to Hightower Bros. and freed her livestock and other property from the mortgage.

After I obtained the deed from Carrie Ford, as aforesaid, I immediately had the land surveyed, and had the lines all around the property marked with red paint, and I have had the trees along the lines repainted at intervals of about three years to the present time, and I sold the timber on this land to B. L. Owen, who cut it off about 1948 or 1949, but I do not recall the exact date.

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From the time I obtained the deed from Carrie Ford, as aforesaid, I have frequently and regularly patrolled the land, seeing after the timber and keeping trespassers off, and checking for fires, and have kept almost constant supervision over the land and timber, and I have been in the actual, open, notorious, continuous, exclusive, adverse, hostile possession of said property from the time I obtained the aforementioned deed from Carrie Ford, exercising acts of ownership over it as aforesaid.

I have regularly assessed the property for taxation and paid taxes on it to the present time, and during all that time no other person, firm or corporation has been in possession of said property or have advanced any claim or interest in or to the same since I obtained the deed from Carrie Ford, as aforesaid.

A. B. Bristow
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me
on this the 1st day of April, 1958.

Handwritten Signature
Notary Public
State at Large for Alabama

State of Alabama, Shelby County

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

day of April 1958 at 4 o'clock P. M. and recorded in Deed Record 192 Page 369 & examined
and the Mortgage Tax of \$ 1.35 and the Tax of \$ 1.35 has been paid
Fee \$ 1.35

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was filed in this office for record the
Judge of Probate