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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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

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

A part of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 20, Range 3 West, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point on the North side of the tract of the South and North Ala Railroad (Now L & N RR) opposite the depot building in Helena and the SE corner of the lot in said Town owned by the heirs of Bridgett Keefe; thence North along the Eastern boundary line of said Keefe Lot and the lands formerly owned by Joseph Squire to Buck Creek; thence up said Creek in an Easterly direction to the West right of way line of the Helena-Acton Road; thence along the West right of way of said road to the SE corner of the lot sold to R. B. Davidson; thence in an Easterly direction along North line of Buck Creek to the East right of way line of said road; thence in a Northerly direction along the East line of said road to the top of a hill, being the South line of the lot sold by John W. Davidson to Sterling Watts; thence in an Easterly direction along top and center of hill and along South boundary of lots sold by John W. Davidson to Sterling Watts and Allen McClellan to the Mill Pond on said Creek; thence South across said Creek and Mill Pond to the North boundary line of the lands formerly owned by the Central Iron Works (also known as Rolling Mill Property); thence down said Creek along said line to a point where the same leaves said Creek; thence in a Southerly or Southwesterly direction along boundary line of lands formerly owned by Central Iron Works to North right of way line of L & N Railroad; thence in a Westerly direction along said railroad right of way to point of beginning. EXCEPTING mineral and mining rights to all above lands that lies in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and also all above land that lies East of Ridge and North of Creek in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 15, Township 20, Range 3 West.

Also except a strip of land 30 feet wide along the North right of way of the L & N Railroad and extending from the Rolling Mill Property to the East line of the Helena-Acton Highway, also known as Main Street in the Town of Helena, Alabama.

This property was conveyed by John Bishop and wife, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ M. A. Bishop, to C. T. Davidson, on August 26, 1907, by deed which is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. My father, C. T. Davidson, went into possession of the land described in the aforementioned deed and remained in the actual, open, notorious, exclusive, continuous, adverse, hostile possession of the same until he died. My father left no Will, and after his death his soleheirs at law and next of kin have been in possession of said property, claiming to own it, and have been in the actual, open, notorious, exclusive, continuous, adverse, hostile possession of same down to the present time, except as to the lot sold off this property to R. B. Davidson, by deed dated February 11, 1931, which deed is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 93, page 157, and except also a 30 foot strip for a right of way deeded to the Town



of Helena, Alabama, being a strip 30 feet wide along the North line of the L & N Railroad extending from what is known as the Rolling Mill Property to the Helena-Acton Highway, also known as Main Street in the Town of Helena, Alabama.

I purchased the Rolling Mill Property, formerly belonging to Connors Steel Company and I sold it to Fred Mullins, who in turn deeded it to Harper C. Reeves, and this Rolling Mill Property is not a part of the tract of land hereinabove described.

I <sup>and the other heirs of C. T. Davidson, deceased</sup> deeded to Harper C. Reeves a 15 foot right of way adjacent to the North line of the L & N Railroad and extending from the Rolling Mill Property to the Helena-Acton Highway, also known as Main Street, in the Town of Helena, Alabama. Reeves deeded me the Rolling Mill Property and also deeded back to me the 15 foot right of way as above outlined.

The abstract shows two deeds to the Town of Helena, Alabama, effecting the above described property, but those deeds really convey a 30 foot right of way lying adjacent to the North right of way line of the L & N Railroad, and extending from the Rolling Mill Property to Helena-Acton Road and that is the only land there that the Town of Helena owns insofar as it effects the land in connection with which this affidavit is made.

The deed from Harper C. Reeves to me is dated September 27, 1955, and is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 178, page 218. This deed is not shown in the abstract but the 15 foot easement I deeded to him was deeded back to me in that deed.

In the abstract in question there is shown a deed from me to the Town of Helena, Alabama, a municipal corporation, dated September 3, 1956, and recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Book 187, page 388. This deed conveys to the Town of Helena property which was formerly owned by Connors Steel Company and does not effect the land under consideration unless it may be that it included the 30 foot right of way described in this affidavit.

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J. W. Davidson  
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me  
on this 17th day of April, 1958.

Harry Ellis

Notary Public  
State at Large for Alabama

State of Alabama, Shelby County

I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within affid. was filed in this office for record the 17  
day of April 1958 at 2 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Deed Record 192 Page 527 & examined  
and the Mortgage Tax of \$ Deed Tax of \$ has been paid.  
L. C. Walker Judge of Probate