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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Personally came and appeared before me, W. W. Rabren, a Notary Public for the State of Alabama at large, J. E. Falkner, who after being by me first duly sworn according to law to speak the truth deposes and says:

My name is J. E. Falkner. I am 69 years of age and have resided at Sterrett, Shelby County, Alabama all my lifetime. I was a rural mail carrier for 44 years but am now retired.

I am familiar with the ownership and possession of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and that part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, that lies South of the Shoops Old Saw-mill Road, about 10 acres more or less, all being in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, Township 18, Range 1 East.

I purchased the above described property from the heirs of Laura A. Cospers, deceased, in the year 1945. The deed conveying the property to me was never placed on record by me. I delivered the deed to A. R. Goodwin and wife, Alma J. Goodwin at which time I conveyed the property to them, on September 19, 1945 by deed recorded in Deed Book 125 at page 317 in the office of Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama. It is my information that A. R. Goodwin did not have the deed recorded and has since lost the deed.

I know that A. R. Goodwin and wife, Alma J. Goodwin sold the above described property to James A. Johnson and Dalton Johnson on March 4, 1947 by deed recorded in Deed Book 194 at page 278 in the office of Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama.

I know that James A. Johnson and Dalton Johnson went upon the above described property after purchasing same and cut the timber therefrom.

The possession of the above described property by James A. Johnson and Dalton Johnson from the time they purchased the property in the year 1947 up until their sale of the property on June 15, 1958, by deed recorded in Deed Book 193 at page 518, has been actual, continuous, exclusive, open, notorious, adverse, hostile and under color of title and claim of ownership and no persons have ever claimed any right, title or interest in or to said property adverse to James A. Johnson and Dalton Johnson, nor have I ever known of anyone disputing or questioning their title.

J. E. Falkner
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 15th day of September, 1958.

W. W. Rabren
W. W. Rabren, Notary Public for State
of Alabama at Large

STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY

I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within was filed for record the 15 day of Sept. 1958, at 2 o'clock and recorded in Deed Book 193 at page 518, and the Mortgage Tax of _____ Deed Book of _____ has been paid.

L. C. Walker
L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate