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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Came before, me, W. W. Rabren, a Notary Public, State of Alabama at Large, W. L. Christian, who being first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says as follows:

My name is W. L. Christian and I am a resident of Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama. My father's name was Jefferson P. Christian and was the grantee in deed dated August 25, 1886 from John S. Storrs and wife, Lulan J. Storrs recorded in Deed Book 8 at page 170 in the Office of Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama, which conveyed the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 22, Range 1 East, being 20 acres, more or less, reserving the iron ores and any other minerals that might be on said lands and mining privileges. By deed dated March 24, 1890 and recorded in Deed Book 12 at page 471, the same grantors conveyed to my father, Jefferson P. Christian, all ore and mining rights in the said 20 acres which had been reserved. My father and mother, by deed dated March 29, 1890 and recorded in Deed Book 12 at page 470, conveyed a one-half undivided interest in the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 22, Range 1 East, containing 20 acres more or less, to John S. Storrs.

My father died intestate on or about the 29th day of January, 1902, seized and possessed of Lot Two of Block Three and an undivided interest in all of Block One; all of Block Two, except Lots Five, Six and Seven; all of Block Nine, Ten, Eleven and Twelve, of Christians Addition to Shelby, Alabama, which is on record in the Probate Office in Shelby County, Alabama in Deed Book 13 at page 431, and also interest in and to Main Street and that part of Hazard Street, Christian Avenue and Storrs Avenue, adjacent to said property. Being a part of the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 22, Range 1 East.

John S. Storrs died on or about the 12th day of November, 1930 leaving a Last Will and Testament which is on record in the Probate Office in Shelby County, Alabama in Will Book 4 at page 491.

About the year 1943 Bentley Porter contacted me at which time he offered to purchase the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 22, Range 1 East at the price of \$25.00 per acre. I told Bentley Porter that such price would be agreeable with the heirs at law of Jefferson P. Christian and that I would turn the matter over to Samuel A. Lokey, Attorney at Law, in order that he may prepare the deeds and have the deeds signed by all the heirs at law of

Jefferson P. Christian. I also told Bentley Porter that it would be agreeable with the Christian heirs for him to take possession of the property and to clear the property and make same suitable for cultivation. I know that Bentley Porter did enter into possession of the said 20 acres, cleared the property and began cultivating crops on the property.

In the year 1943 some of the Christian heirs at that time were overseas in the armed services and Mr. Lokey found it very difficult to obtain the signatures of all the heirs on the deeds. The deeds from the Christian heirs were dated in the months of January and February of 1948 but the transaction was not completed until the month of February, 1951, that was the reason the deeds to Bentley Porter was not filed for record until the month of February, 1951.

The deed to Bentley Porter which conveyed the interest of John S. Storrs, deceased, was executed on November 29, 1947 but was not filed for record until February 14, 1951, at the time of the completion of the transaction.

Although the deeds were not filed for record until the month of February, 1951, they were executed by the grantors approximately three years prior to the month of February, 1951 and delivered to Mr. Samuel A. Lokey, the attorney and agent for Bentley Porter, the heirs at law of Jefferson P. Christian and the representative of the estate of John S. Storrs and Lulan N. Storrs. Furthermore, as previously stated, Bentley Porter was in the actual possession of the property for several years prior to the month of February, 1951.

W. L. Christian  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 23rd day of December, 1958.

W. W. Rabren  
W. W. Rabren, Notary Public

State of Alabama, Shelby County

I, L. G. Walker, Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within affidavit was filed in this office for record the 23 day of December 1958 at 3 o'clock P M and recorded in Deed Record 198 Page 94 & examined 12/24/58 and the Mortgage Tax of \$            has been paid. L. G. Walker Judge of Probate.  
Fee \$ 1.50