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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY

COUNTY

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Before me, Lyndol Bolton, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, personally appeared J.N. Niven, who, being by me first duly sworn, deposeth and saith as follows:

My name is J.N. Niven. I am 87 years of age. I live at Wilsonville, Alabama. I have lived in this community continuously for the past 87 years. I own land in the community and am familiar with the ownership and possession of lands in the area. I am familiar with the lands owned by Maye Ray, a widow, and described as follows:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 12, Township 21 South, Range 1 East.

Also the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 12, Township 21 South, Range 1 East all of which is situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

To my personal knowledge, the said Maye Ray and her predecessors in title have been in open, continuous and adverse possession of the said land for the past 20 years. The said May Ray acquired title to the said land by conveyance from under will of R.J. Ray, executed on or about July 15, 1939, and recorded in Volume will Bk 5 at pages 90 plus in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama. The possession and claim of Maye Ray and her predecessors in title has been and is being evidenced by the following acts: Maye Ray lived on the property with her husband prior to his death in 1939 and presently lives on the property and she and her predecessors in title have farmed that portion suitable for farming, have rented row crops to various persons, fenced and cross fenced the property at will, erected and maintained buildings for farm and dwelling purposes, cut timber on more than one occasion, dug and maintained a well for farm and household use, has and have had rental houses on the above described property and have rented same, ditched and improved the property to further the commercial farm use thereof and have exercised all other acts of ownership and possession that the above described property would admit to.

The said land is reputed in the community to be the property of Maye Ray, and I never have heard of her title or right of possession, or that of her predecessors in title, being questioned or disputed during the past 20 years, or the time I have been familiar with the ownership and possession of the said lands.

I make this statement of my own free will and accord, and I have no interest in the lands.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of July 1959.

Lyndol Bolton
Notary Public, State of Alabama
at Large

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I, Conrad M. Fowler, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within Will was filed for record the 23 day of Sept 1959 at 8 o'clock M. and recorded in Shelby Record 208 at page 286 and the Mortgage Tax Deed Tax has been paid.

Conrad M. Fowler
Judge of Probate