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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, *Clall G. Harrison*, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared M. L. Martin, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says: "

My name is M. L. Martin. I am 75 years of age and have lived in and around Calera, Alabama, for the past 75 years and have all along been familiar with the hereinafter described land and the persons in possession of it. Said land being described as follows:

$E\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 12, Township 24 North, Range 13 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant further says that when he first knew said land, it was owned and in the possession of William P. Green and affiant would say that was approximately in the year 1895. Affiant says the said William P. Green lived on said land and farmed portions of it and obtained firewood and building timber from portions of it each and every year until his death/ ^{in 1914} He left a widow who died some 30 years ago and he left the following children: Ida Green Steele, being one and the same as Ida J. Steele, Lizzie G. Busby, ^{being affiant's mother,} Anna G. Martin/and Davis Green.

Affiant further says that Lizzie G. Busby died without a Will and left her one-fourth interest in said land to her two children, Grover L. Busby and Hassie Busby Johnson Neese. Affiant further says Anna G. Martin died without a Will and left as her sole heirs M. L. Martin, Bessie Ellison and Essie Chism and that they along with their husbands and wife, conveyed their one-fourth interest in said land to Ida Steele, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 132 page 232 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. Affiant further says the said Davis Green died about the year 1930 without a Will and left a widow, who is now dead, and he left the following children: Claudia Green Busby and Orbin Green; that the said Orbin Green died without a Will and without leaving a widow or any children and the said Claudia Green Busby inherited his undivided interest in said land. Affiant further says the said Ida Steele conveyed her one-half back & forth to different people and then finally conveyed it interest/to Clifford Stephens and Isabelle Stephens in 1948, as shown by Deed Book 132 Page 231 in said Probate Office. Affiant further says that Ida G. Steele or some of the other heirs were living on said premises continuously until the death of Ida G. Steele. After which Clifford Stephens and Isabelle Stephens went into immediate possession of the same as owners and lived on it until the death of Clifford Stephens and Mrs. Stephens remained on the land and married a man by the name of Scott and they lived there until it was sold to Lewis Walker in October, 1957, as shown by Deed Book 189 page 390 in said Probate Office, and he and his predecessors in title have been in the actual open and adverse possession of said land since affiant can first remember

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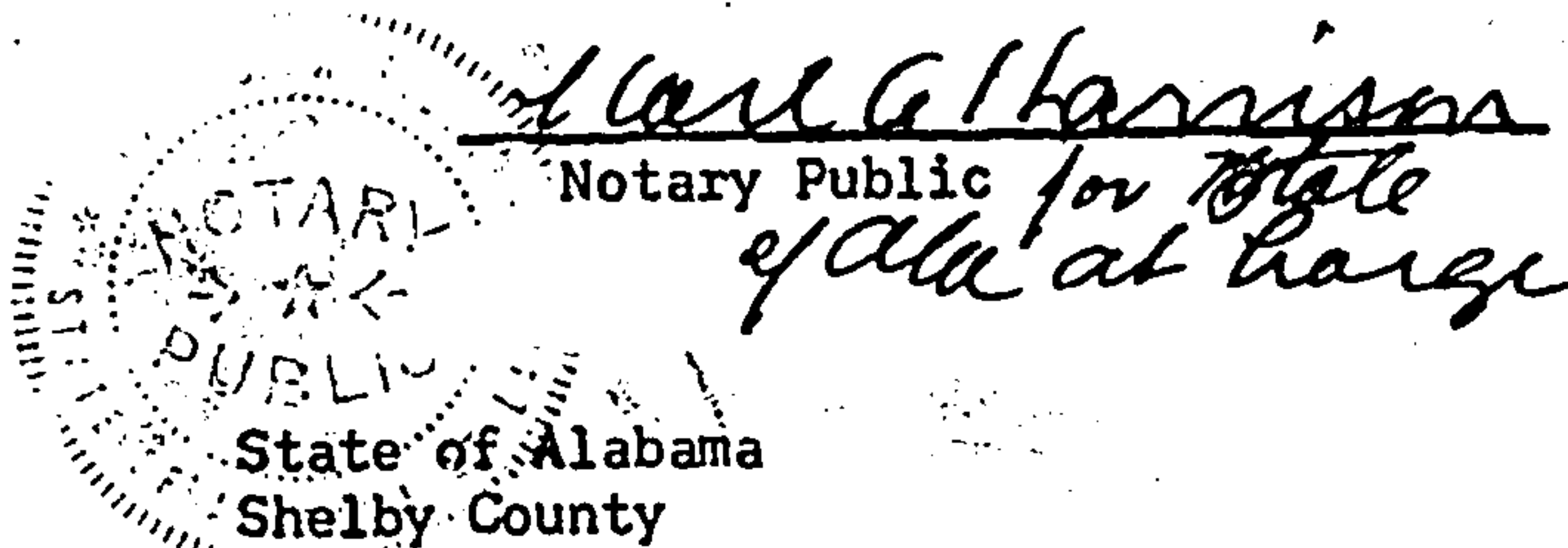
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Prior to his death, the said Clifford Stephens repaired the dwelling house situated on said land, put up some pasture fences, cultivated portions of the land each and every year and he obtained firewood and building timber from the land and sold some of the timber for sawmill purposes. The said Clifford Stephens died about the year 1956 and left his widow, Isabelle Stephens, who later married a Scott, and the following children: Imogene Stephens Burdeaux, Kathleen Stephens Gothard, James Arthur Stephens and Margie Nell Stephens, and said persons were joined as respondents in a Bill to sell said land for division in 1957 and at which sale, the said Lewis Walker became the purchaser as mentioned above.

M. L. Martin

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Sworn to and subscribed to before me this
the 27 day of January, 1961.

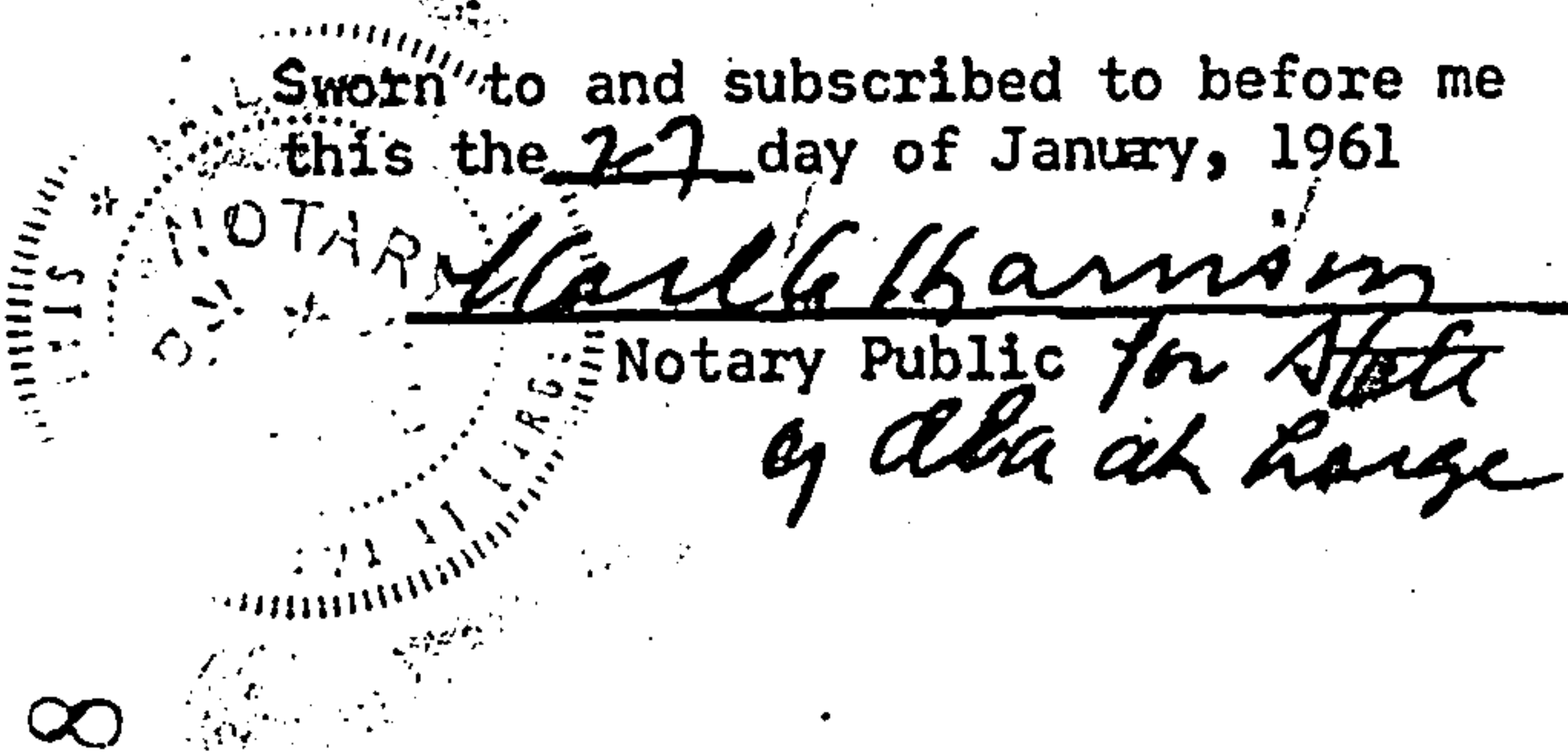


Before me, Karl C. Harrison, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared JW Ellison, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is JW Ellison. I am 27 years of age and have known the above described land since the year 1895 and know that the matters and things mentioned in the affidavit of M. L. Martin since said time are true and correct and I adopt the same as my affidavit.

J. W. Ellison
His mark

Sworn to and subscribed to before me
this the 27 day of January, 1961



STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY

I, Conrad M. Fowler, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within affidavit was filed for record in this office on the 27 day of Jan 1961 at 2 M. o'clock and recorded in Book 213 at page 668 on the 27 day of Jan 1961.
Mortgage Tax _____ Deed Tax _____ has been paid.

Conrad M. Fowler
Judge of Probate

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