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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, Martha S. Jinner, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared George Washington Whitfield, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is George Washington Whitfield. I am 43 years of age and have lived in and around the Vandiver community all of my life. It is common knowledge in my family that my father E. B. Whitfield purchased the $N\frac{1}{2}$ of the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10 Township 18, Range 1 East and 20 acres off the north end of the $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 10, Township 18, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama, from the Birmingham Trust and Savings Company on March 1, 1922, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 77 page 15 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. He went into immediate possession of it and it is also common knowledge that he lived on the land until he conveyed a portion of the land to me in September, 1957, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 190 page 304 in said Probate Office.

J. M. Whitfield was the father of E. B. Whitfield and A. D. Whitfield also known as Della Whitfield was the wife of J. M. Whitfield. The said J. M. Whitfield formerly owned the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 10, but he at no time owned or claimed or was in possession of the here/ ^{inafter} described land which I now own. It is my best recollection ~~that~~ he and his wife, A. D. Whitfield, have both been dead for more than 20 years.

Affiant further says his father E. B. Whitfield lived on land adjoining affiant's 25 acres and he used said 25 acres for farming purposes where he grew corn and cotton each and every year until he sold it to affiant on September 23, 1957, as mentioned above. It is called to affiant's attention that the deed to him showed one line of the described as follows: "thence 660 _____ north". It was the intention for this line to read: "thence 660 feet north". Affiant further says he actually went into possession of the property described as follows:

The $E\frac{1}{2}$ of the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of the $NE\frac{1}{4}$, Section 10, Township 18, Range 1 East. Also beginning at the northeast corner of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ and run thence south 660 feet; thence 330 feet west; thence 660 feet north; thence 330 feet east to the starting point, being a part of the $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10, Township 18, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant further says he built a house on the south 5 acres of the land and he is in the process of building a fence around the remainder of it. He has been farming portions of the land is preparing portions of it for pasture.

Affiant further says that throughout all the years he has known said land, he has never heard of anyone contesting his title or disputing his possession or that of his predecessors in title.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this the 20th day of December, 1960.

George Washington Whitfield
G. W. Whitfield
George Washington Whitfield

Martha S. Jinner
Notary Public

STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY

I, Conrad M. Fowler, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within Deed was filed for record in this office on the 1 day of Mar 1961 at 9 M. o'clock and recorded in Deed Book 214 at page 210 on the 1 day of Mar 1961. Mortgage Tax _____ Deed Tax _____ has been paid.

Conrad M. Fowler
Judge of Probate

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