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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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

My name is A. A. Holman I am 72 years of age and live in Columbiana, Alabama. On July 2, 1923, I purchased the following described land at a Tax Sale for nonpayment of taxes for the year 1922, as shown by Certificate recorded in Deed Book 76 page 289 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. Said land is described as follows:

All that part of the hereinafter described 5 acres of land lying southeast of the right of way of Alabama Highway No. 25; 5 acres near the center of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, the west line of said 5 acres being the west line of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 34, and the north line of said 5 acres being the south line of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$. Said part of said 5 acres lying southeast of said highway right of way, being $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, more or less, and being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant further says that he went into immediate possession of said land and checked on it frequently to see that no persons interfered with it or encroached upon it. I did not improve it, but as I said, I kept close watch over it and was in possession of it continuously until my wife and I sold it to James E. Gibson and Lavell Gibson. The said Gibsons went into immediate possession of said land and built a filling station on it a short time after they bought it and they operated the station until they sold it to Bert Webster and Mattie Webster on October 9, 1956, and they operated the station for a short time and sold it to Jim Gibson on July 30, 1957. Jim Gibson let his son operate the filling station on said land until he sold the same to H. H. Bearden on December 19, 1958, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 198 page 83 in said Probate Office. The said H. H. Bearden went into immediate possession of the same and rented it out to tenants from that time until this very day.

Affiant says he has never heard of Etherine Anderson Hale owning said land and knows Etherine Anderson Hale has never been in the possession of it since he has known said land.

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

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this the 14th day of February, 1961.

Harold Harrison
Notary Public

A. A. Holman
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I, Conrad M. Fowler, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within Deed was filed for record in this office on the 24 day of March, 1961, at 11 M. o'clock and recorded in Deed Book 214 at page 532 on the 28 day of March, 1961. Mortgage Tax Deed Tax has been paid.

Conrad M. Fowler
Judge of Probate