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STATE OF ALABAMA  
SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, Martha B. James, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Lonnie W. Adams, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is Lonnie W. Adams. I am 75 years of age and have known the heroinafter described land and the persons in possession of it since 1902. Said land being described as follows:

The SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and the southwest diagonal half of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant says when he first remembers said land, it, along with other land, was owned by J. S. Nations and his wife, M. O. Nations, who was one and the same person as Mollie Ophelia Nations. Affiant says in the year 1902, affiant's father moved with his family on said land and they made a crop on it. Mr. Nations and his wife kept a small portion of the land and tended it themselves. The Nations continued to cultivate portion of the land each and every year and rented out other portions until 1918 when they sold the same to W. L. Spain, who was affiant's wife's Uncle. Affiant remembers it so well as being in 1918, as they were all down with the flu. Affiant says he definitely recalls Mr. & Mrs. Nations moved off said land and W.L. Spain and his family moved on it. Affiant says he did not see the deed but Mr. Nations told him during his lifetime he sold it to the said W. L. Spain. The said W. L. Spain lived on the land continuously and cultivated it each and every year until he sold it to J. P. Clements in December, 1922, as shown by Deed Book 76 page 54 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. The said J. P. Clements went into immediate possession of the land, but did not live on it, but rented it out to tenants while he owned it and until he sold it to L. H. and Cora Allen in August, 1924. The said L. H. and Cora Allen lived on the land a short time and did not finish paying for it and Mr. Clements had a mortgage on it and he foreclosed the mortgage and took the property and went back into possession of it. He later sold it to A. J. Burns who lived on it a short time but did not pay for it and quit claimed it back to J. P. Elements in November 1929. Mr. Clements again went back into possession of the land and rented it out to tenants until he sold it to R. H. and Alma McDuffie on January 8, 1938, as shown by Deed Book 100 page 605 in said Probate Office. The said Mr. & Mrs. McDuffie went into immediate possession of the land and lived on it and cultivated portion of it and rented out other portions each and every year until they sold it to Neal L. Smith on July 17, 1936, as shown by Deed Book 125 page 149 in said Probate Office. The said Neal L. Smith went into

immediate possession of the land and cultivated it each and every year until he sold it to William J. Bunch in 1952, as shown by Deed Book 155 page 578 in said Probate Office. The said William J. Bunch lived on the land a short time until he sold it to John W. Bailey and wife Bessie Leona Bailey dated August 21, 1954, as shown by Deed Book 167 page 508 in said Probate Office. The said Baileys went into immediate possession of it and lived on it until they sold it to Alfred Earl Bailey and Mrs. Elizabeth R. Kerr in March, 1956 and they went into immediate possession of it and sold portions of it and still own the remainder of it and they are in possession of the respective portions which each own of the above described land.

Affiant says that he know J. L. Isbell well; in fact, he was affiant's brother in law and affiant says that neither J. L. Isbell nor his wife Mary S. Isbell ever owned or claimed any interest in the above described land.

Affiant further says he knows of his own knowledge that Alfred Earl Bailey and Mrs. Elizabeth R. Kerr and the persons through whom they claim have been in possession and have claimed to own it and he has never heard of anyone contesting their title or disputing their possession.

Affiant further says he knew Mae S. Batton and James Nations on July 1, 1946, and knows that Mae S. Batton was a widow and James Nations was an unmarried man.

Affiant says there has been called to his attention a quit claim deed from May S. Patton and husband to Alabama Power Company dated November 17, 1925, and he says the deed must have been made out in error, as the person actually signing it was Mae S. Batton and he has never heard of a May S. Patton.

Lonnie W. Adams  
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me

this the 23 day of October, 1961.

Martha B. Jones  
PUBLIC Notary Public

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.  
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT  
WAS FILED ON 11-2-61  
RECORDED & \$ MTG. TAX  
& \$ DEED TAX HAS BEEN  
PD. ON THIS INSTRUMENT.

Conrad M. Fowler  
JUDGE OF PROBATE