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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Came before me, W. W. Rabren, a Notary Public for the State of Alabama at Large, Roy Champion, who being first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Roy Champion and I am 69 years of age. I have been a resident of Shelby County since I was about 8 years of age and have been living within a three mile radius of Vandiver, Shelby County, Alabama, since I was 8 years of age. In the early part of the 1920's I was a Justice of the Peace in Shelby County, Alabama, and as a Justice of the Peace I took acknowledgments from grantors in deeds and mortgages.

I was acquainted with William I. Whitfield and his wife Martha J. Whitfield during their lifetime, as I married their youngest daughter, Myrtle Whitfield, in the year 1913.

I know of my own personal knowledge that William I. Whitfield was also known as W. I. Whitfield, and was one and the same person as Vester I. Whitfield, and also that Martha J. Whitfield was also one and the same person as M. J. Whitfield.

I also know of my own personal knowledge that the William I. Whitfield shown as grantee in the patent to the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 1 East, recorded in Deed Book 47, page 549, in the Office of Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama, and the William I. Whitfield shown as grantee in warranty deed recorded in Deed Book 28, page 422, in said Probate Office, which conveyed the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 2, Township 18, Range 1 East, is one and the same person as the Vester I. Whitfield shown as one of the grantors in deed to Leola Brasher, recorded in Deed Book 100, page 574, in said Probate Office, and which described the property referred to above, was one and the same person as William I. Whitfield, the grantee referred to above. I further know that the Martha J. Whitfield; signing as one of the grantors in said deed to Leola Brasher, was the wife of Whitfield, was known as M. J. Whitfield.

I am well acquainted with the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 2, Township 18, Range 1 East, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 11, Township 18, Range 1 East, and have been acquainted with said property for the past 50 years. I married

W. I. Whitfield's daughter in the year 1913, and at that time, my wife's brother, Luther Whitfield, was living in a house situated in the Northwest corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, and after he moved from the house, about the year 1914, my wife and I moved from the house of her mother and father where we had been living since our marriage, to said house, where we continued to live until about 9 years later, at which time we moved from the house to another house located about one mile from this property.

About a year after my wife and I moved off said property, William I. Whitfield and his wife, Martha J. Whitfield, sold the property to L. Brasher, who was known as Lampkin Brasher, and his wife Rilla Brasher. It is my information that the deed was <sup>not</sup> filed for record in the Probate Office, but a purchase money mortgage to W. I. Whitfield from said purchasers was filed for record.

After Lampkin Brasher and his wife Rilla Brasher bought said property, they moved into the house in which my wife and I had previously lived for approximately 9 years, and after they had cut the timber on said property, but had failed to pay the balance due on said property secured by the mortgage, they let the property go back to W. I. Whitfield, and that, to my knowledge, Lampkin Brasher and his wife Rilla Brasher, have made no claim to any interest in or title to said property for the past 30 years, and have not been in possession of said property for the past 30 years.

I know of my own personal knowledge that Leola Brasher, shown as grantee in the deed recorded in Deed Book 100, page 574, referred to above, is one and the same as the Leola Brasher Weldon shown as one of the grantors in deed recorded in Deed Book 130, page 442, and is also one and the same person as Leola Weldon shown as one of the grantees in deed recorded in Deed Book 200, page 89, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, and is one and the same person as Leola Brasher Weldon shown as one of the grantors in deed recorded in Deed Book 201, page 146, in the Office of Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama, as she was Leola Brasher, and first married Leonard Brasher, and after his death, married James E. Weldon.

I also know of my own personal knowledge that the James Weldon shown as one of the grantors in deed recorded in Deed Book 130, page 442, and the James Weldon shown as one of the grantees in deed recorded in Deed Book 200,



page 89, and the James E. Weldon shown as one of the grantors in deed recorded in Deed Book 201, page 146, in the Office of Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama, is one and the same person.

I also know of my own personal knowledge that the Walter Watson shown as grantee in deed recorded in Deed Book 199, page 102, and the J. W. Watson shown as the grantee in deed recorded in Deed Book 159, page 47, and the J. W. Watson shown as one of the grantees in deed recorded in Deed Book 201, page 146, and the Walter Watson shown as one of the grantees in deed recorded in Deed Book 207, page 590, and the J. W. Watson shown as grantor in deed recorded in Deed Book 208, page 12, in the Office of Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama, are all one and the same person.

I also know of my own personal knowledge that the Beulah W. Watson shown as grantee in deed recorded in Deed Book 208, page 11, and the Beulah Walker Watson shown as one of the grantees in deed recorded in Deed Book 201, page 146, and the Beulah D. Watson shown as one of the grantees in deed recorded in Deed Book 207, page 590, in the Office of Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama, all are one and the same person.

I have also been acquainted with the ownership and possession of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2, Township 18, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama, for the past 50 years, and this property is situated directly ~~East~~ of the property owned by William I. Whitfield, on which I lived for about 9 years.


The G. E. Brasher shown as grantee in deed recorded in Deed Book 24, page 319, which described the said property, was known as Gus Brasher, and after his death, he was survived by a widow, S. J. Brasher, who was known as Sallie Brasher, and two sons and one daughter. His daughter was M. F. Howard, known as Frankie, and was married to J. A. Howard. His sons were N. G. Brasher, known as Johnny Brasher, and L. Brasher, known as Lampkin Brasher. The grantors shown in deed dated July 30, 1915, wherein the said property was described, was signed by all of the heirs at law of G. E. (Gus) Brasher, and the grantees in said deed were W. B. Brasher, known as Burl Brasher, and his wife, L. M. Brasher, known as Lethie Brasher.

After the death of W. B. (Burl) Brasher, and his wife, L. M. (Lethie) Brasher, they were survived by 3 children who were the only children born of

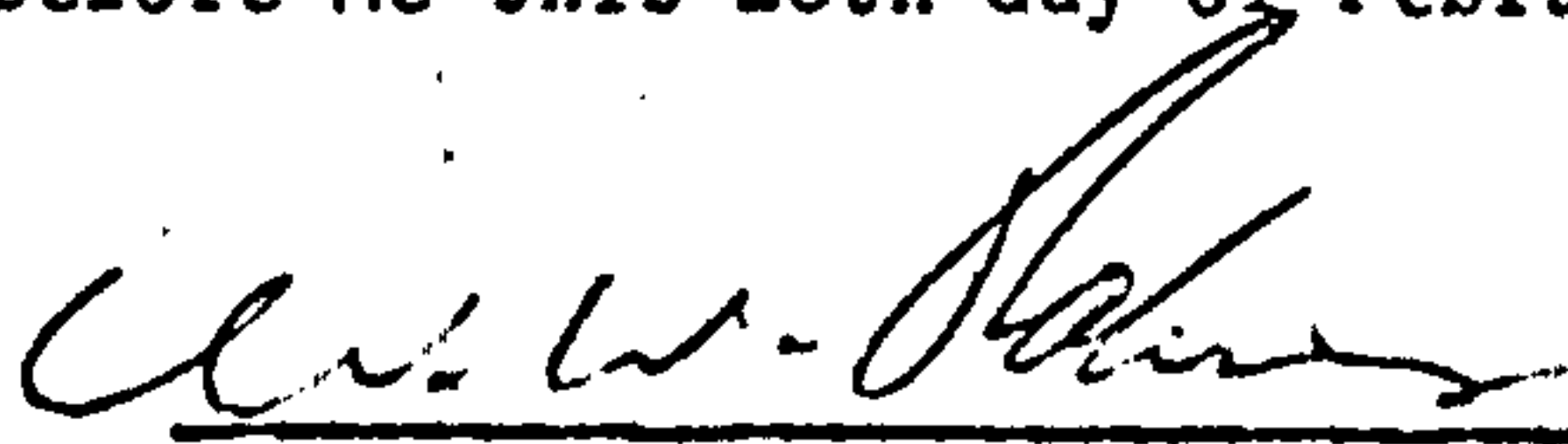
said parties, and these three children were E. B. Brasher, Emily Dawson and Evelyn Brasher. The parties shown as grantors and grantee in the deed recorded in Deed Book 177, page 416, were all the heirs at law of the said W. B. Brasher and L. M. Brasher.

I know of my own personal knowledge that the E. B. Brasher, a single man, shown as grantor in deed recorded in Deed Book 189, page 362, was a single man on January 29, 1957, as his wife had died and he had not re-married.

I further know of my own personal knowledge that the possession of the property described herein by J. W. Watson and Beulah Walker Watson, and those parties through whom they hold title, has been continuous, exclusive, peaceful, quiet, notorious, direct, adverse and hostile and under color of title and claim of ownership for more than 20 years, and that for more than 20 years no one has been in possession of any part of said property claiming adverse to said record owners, nor have I known of anyone claiming any right, title, or interest in or to said property, adverse to said record owners, nor have I ever heard anyone dispute or question the title of said record owners to said property.

  
Roy Champion

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 28th day of February, 1962.

  
W. W. Rabren, Notary Public

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Came before me, W. W. Rabren, a Notary Public for the State of Alabama at Large, H. V. Miller, who being first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says as follows:

My name is H. V. Miller, and I am 72 years of age. I have been a resident of Vandiver, Shelby County, Alabama, since the year 1916.

I have read the affidavit made this date by Roy Champion, and as to the facts stated therein in regards to the heirs at law of G. E. (Gus) Brasher,

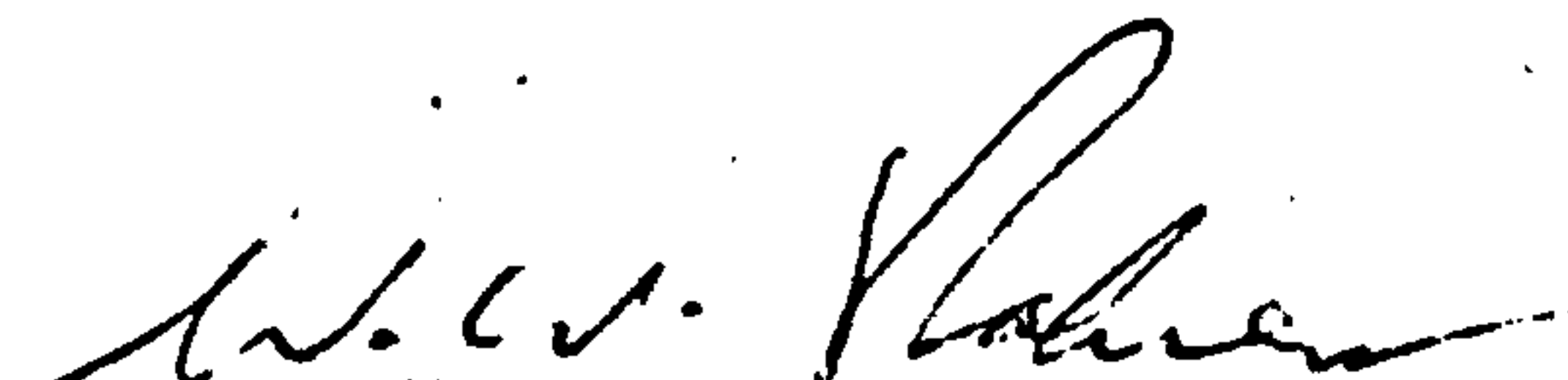
W. B. (Burl) Brasher, and L. M. (Lethie) Brasher, and adopt said statements as my own, as I know them to be true.

Also, as to the facts in said affidavit regarding the names: William I. Whitfield, J. W. Watson, Beulah Walker Watson, Leola Brasher Weldon and James E. Weldon, and adopt said statements as my own, as I know from my own personal knowledge that those facts are true.

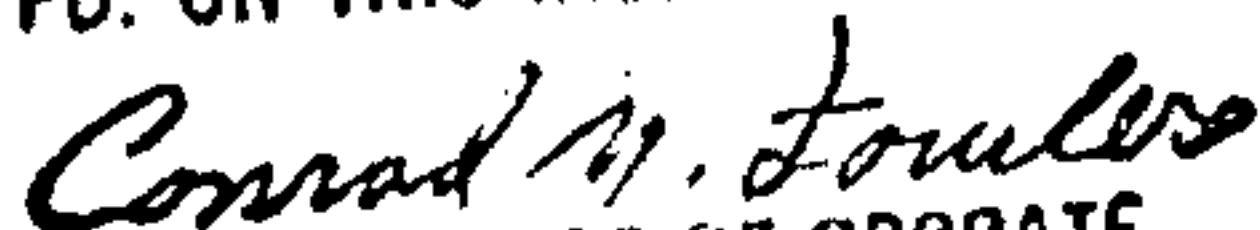
As to the facts in said affidavit regarding the ownership and possession of the property described therein, I do not have any personal knowledge thereof, as I am not familiar with the location of the property. However, I do know that Roy Champion did live for several years in a house which I believe was situated on the Whitfield property, as stated in his affidavit, for the reason that I visited him and stayed overnight on several occasions with Roy Champion in said house, although I had no personal knowledge of the property lines.

  
  
H. V. Miller

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of February, 1962.

  
W. W. Rabren, Notary Public

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.  
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT  
WAS FILED ON 3-5 1962  
RECORDED & \$ 2 MTG. TAX  
& \$ 2 DEED TAX HAS BEEN  
PD. ON THIS INSTRUMENT.

  
CONRAD H. FOULERS  
JUDGE OF PROBATE