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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, *W. L. Harrison*, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared Raymond Woods, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is Raymond Woods. I am 66 years of age and have lived in Montevallo, Alabama, all my life and have all along been acquainted with the hereinafter mentioned property and the persons in possession of it.

Affiant says when he first remembers Lot 32 according to Allotment of Land at Montevallo, Shelby County, as shown by map recorded in Map Book 3 page 3 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, it was owned by and in the possession of Nannie Johnson. She lived in the house situated on the lot until she died about the year 1920. She was married to a man named Ed Johnson, but he died sometime prior to her death. They had four children, namely: (1) Zulma/Powell, who married a man by the name of Scalo; (2) Roy Johnson, who is one and the same as Roy J. Powell; (3) Nannie Johnson, who married a man by the name of Moore; and (4) Duff Johnson, who died without leaving a Will and left no wife or children in the early 1930's. Affiant further says that after the said Nannie Johnson died her children mentioned above were in the actual possession of said lot and rented it out to tenants until they sold it to Fannie Prentice Dubois in 1949, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 138 page 33 in said Probate Office. I did not know the details of this transaction until a copy of the deed was shown to me, but I did know the Johnson heirs sold to Dubois. The said Fannie Prentice Dubois went into immediate possession of said lot and rented it out to tenants until this very day. In fact, her Daddy lived there for several years and Tom Prentice is now living on the place and has lived there some 3 or 4 years.

Affiant says regarding Lot 31 according to Allotment of Land at Montevallo, Shelby County, Alabama, as shown by map recorded in Map Book 3 at page 3 in said Probate Office, he has looked at a map of Storrs and Troy Subdivision made by N. B. Dare and also a copy of map of Storrs property known as Perry's Survey. Affiant says Lot 24 according to Perry's Survey is roughly the same as Lot 31 of Dare's map. Regarding the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of said Lot 31 or Lot 24 of the Storrs Subdivision as surveyed by Perry, affiant is informed was conveyed to Abraham Cunningham in 1893 and affiant says when he first remembers said lot, which was probably in 1900 or before, it was owned by and in the possession of Abraham Cunningham. Abraham Cunningham lived in the house until 1925 when he died intestate and left a wife who lived a few years longer and she died and his next of kin was Jim Cunningham, a brother, who went into immediate possession of the house and lot. Jim Cunningham rented it out to tenants each and every year until the house burned about 10 years later; however, there

is still an old chimney place on the lot. Jim Cunningham continued in the possession of the lot until his death about 15 or 20 years ago and he left a wife who died some ten years ago and two children, one went by the name of Jim Gould and another son whose name I do not know, but who moved up North many years ago and I have not heard of him for over 30 years. It is my recollection the son I do not know was some 2 or 3 years older than I am. Affiant further says Jim Gould went into immediate possession of the lot and claimed to own it and occupied it as the owner until his death in 1947. He left a wife, Mazie Gould, who died approximately 6 years ago and one child: Lilly Mae Young who is 46 years of age and lives at Brierfield, Alabama.

Regarding the N¹/₂ of Lot 24 according to Perry's Survey or Lot 31 according to Dare's, affiant says when he first remembers the N¹/₂ of said lot, it was owned by Felix Dotson and there was a house on it and the house is still there. Felix Dotson lived in the house from 1901 until he moved North in the 1920's and he rented it out to tenants until he died prior to 1943. He left a wife and she has since died and the following children that I know about, viz: 1. Naomi Dotson, who married a Henson; Kathleen Dotson; Iola Dotson, who is now dead; and Robert Clinton Dotson. If he had other children, I did not know them. Affiant further says he remembers when John Harris and Anna Bell Harris purchased said lot from the heirs of Hattie Dotson in 1943, and he knows that John and Anna Bell Harris went into immediate possession of said lot and lived in the house until the death of each and they left surviving them the following children: Eddy Harris, Lula Bell Hale, John Harris, Samuel J. Harris, Willie Harris, Hattie Mae Allen, Annie Dale Woodard, Leon Harris and Arthur Harris, and Laura B. Jones, who died in 1950 and left surviving her a husband, Willie B. Jones, and the following children: Alonia B. Jones, Laura Ann Jones, Willie B. Jones, Jr.

Regarding Lot 30 according to Allotment of Land at Montevallo, as shown by map recorded in Map Book 3 at page 3 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, surveyed by N.B. Dare, being substantially the same as Lot 23 of Perry's Map, affiant says when he first remembers the lot it was owned by Emmett Shaw and that he sold it to Electa and Tom Thrift. Affiant recalls that Electa and Tom Thrift sold the same to Elonzo McKinzo and his wife Altha McKinzo, (he never had but one wife). The Mc Kinzos or McKinzie's built a house on the lot and lived there until they sold the same to J. C. Hudson in 1930. The said J. C. Hudson moved in the house and lived there each and every year until the place was taken over by F. W. Rogan. Mr. Rogan rented it out for several years until he sold it to Henry Thrift about the year 1959. At that time, Mr. Rogan was a widower. The said Henry Thrift went into immediate possession of said lot and lived in the house to this very day.

Affiant says he knows the Leon Harris mentioned above and knows he has never operated a business wherein a \$6,000 claim could have been filed against him.

Pompeii Joe Matthews
Rosa Daniel
witnesses

His mark
X
Raymond Woods
Raymond Woods

Sworn to and subscribed to before me

this the 12th day of March, 1963.

Harold Harrison
Notary Public for State of
Alabama

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT
WAS FILED ON 10 APR 1963
3/21 1963
RECORDED & \$.....MTG. TAX
& \$.....DEED TAX HAS BEEN
PD. ON THIS INSTRUMENT.

Coman M. Fowler
JUDGE OF PROBATE