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STATE OF ALABAMA:

SHELBY COUNTY :

Before me the undersigned authority in and for County, in said State, personally appeared Hattie Isbell Champion, Daisy Isbell Lynn and Bessie Isbell Stewart, who being by me first duly sworn, depose and on oath, say:

That they are all daughters of Godfrey Daniel Beauregard Isbell and his wife Nancy Elizabeth Brasher Isbell; that their father, the said Godfrey Daniel Beauregard Isbell, was born January 16, 1861, and died July 19, 1939, and was buried in the Freewill Baptist Cemetery at Vandiver, Shelby County, Alabama; that their mother, Nancy Elizabeth Brasher Isbell was born February 23, 1866 and died April 15, 1948, and was also buried in the Freewill Baptist Cemetery along side her husband; that their parents were married June 20, 1883, and that neither of them was ever married to any other person or persons; and that they were the parents of twelve children, whose dates of birth are shown in the family Bible. Neither of them left a will, nor was there any administration of the estate of either. That they were or are, with their respective families and descendants, as follows:

I. Ella Isbell who was born September 15, 1884, and died September 5, 1927, pre-deceasing both her father and mother. She was buried in the ~~Freewill~~ Baptist Cemetery at Vandiver, Alabama. Her only husband was Luther Whitfield, by whom she was the mother of eight children, namely:

1. Ivy Whitfield, a single man
2. Emmett O. Whitfield, whose wife is Eva M. Whitfield
3. Doyle Whitfield, whose husband is Carl Meadows
4. Benson H. Whitfield, whose wife is Gertrude Whitfield
5. W. L. (or Wm Luther Moses) Whitfield, whose wife is Brooks Ellove Whitfield
6. Clelland Whitfield, whose husband is James (or James S.) Liddell
7. Willadean Whitfield, who married Clarence Melvin Belcher, and
8. Marvin Whitfield, whose wife is Violet M. Whitfield

II. Fanny Isbell was born September 9, 1886 and died August 2, 1951, and married A. J. (or A. Jack) Cox, who was born November 6, 1884 and died February 28, 1950; they were the parents of five children, named below, and there was no other child or children of a deceased child. She left no will and there was no administration of her estate.

Their children were:

1. Lollian E. Cox, whose wife is Ailene Cox
2. Rena Cox, whose husband is Lonnie W. Martin
3. Brilliant Cox, who was born January 10, 1913, and died November 5, 1962, leaving no will; there was no administration of his estate, and if he left any debts or other obligations, they have long since been paid. His wife is Elizabeth Cox, who resides in Vandiver, Shelby County, Alabama. They had only one child, Joyce Cox Brasher, whose husband is Lawrence Brasher, and she resides in Florida. Brilliant C. Cox left no other child or children of a deceased child.
4. Lavada Cox, whose husband is Ferman B. Salser
5. Chester Cox, whose wife is Annie Ruth Cox.



III. Dora Isbell born January 19, 1886, and died July 15, 1926, thus predeceasing both her father and mother. She left no will and last testament, nor was there any administration of her estate. She was the second wife of Henry Falkner, who was born February 10, 1875, and died March 5, 1937. By a previous marriage, Mr. Falkner was the father of several children, among them, Vera, Vida, Zora, Zada and Rev. Homer Falkner. The children of Dora Isbell and Henry Falkner were:

1. Una Falkner, a widow, whose husband, Richard Isbell, was very recently deceased.
2. Gracie Falkner, whose husband is Marshall Parker.
3. Audie O'dell Falkner born March 14, 1918, whose husband was Alvin V. Grimes, and by whom she was the mother of five children. The husband is living. She died July 21, 1951. She left no last will and testament, nor was there any administration on her estate. She left no other child nor children of a deceased child, other than those named below.

Her children were:

a. Frances Grimes, who died November 14, 1960. She married Amos Ragsdale and they had only one child named Rickie Ragsdale, now aged about four years. She left no other child or children of a deceased child. She left no last will and testament, nor was there any administration of her estate. Mr. Ragsdale lives on Butts' Hill in Leeds, Alabama, with Florence and Henry McLaughlin.

b. Jimmie Grimes, whose wife is Adrain Grimes. They live at 6422 South Rockwall, Chicago, Illinois.

c. John Earl Grimes, who is a single man

d. Terry Grimes, who is a single man, and presently in the service. His address: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Barry Grimes, who is a single man

4. Lottie Falkner. She married A. C. Isbell. They are divorced.

IV. Bettie Isbell was <sup>born</sup> April 5, 1889. She first married Onnie Oscar Fowler, Sr. and had five children. Mr. Fowler died and she then married John W. Houston, and had four more children. Other than the children listed below there was no other child, nor children of a deceased child. Her children were:

1. Onnie Oscar Fowler, Jr. who married Evelyn Thompson
2. Cliff Fowler, deceased, who married Alice Hower
3. Norma Fowler, who married Albert Perry
4. Lena Fowler, who married Madison Isbell
5. Ruth Fowler, who has been married three times. She lives in California and present husband is a Mr. Wallace.
6. Thomas J. Houston, who married Ezell Isbell
7. Margaret Houston, who married Howard Pfau
8. Mary Ann Houston, who married Charles McClung
9. Sadie Mae Houston, who married Lee Agee

V. Hattie Isbell, born August 29, 1891, who married C. C. (or Chelse) Champion. Both are living and reside at Vandiver, Shelby County, Alabama.

VI. J. W. (or John W or Johnny) Isbell, was born March 27, 1893, and died June 27, 1960. He was married first to Ida Lynn, who was born March 30, 1892, and died March 25, 1940 and was married secondly to Inez Weldon. He left no last will and Testament, nor was there any administration of his estate. He left as his sole legal heirs his wife Inez Weldon Isbell, whose residence is Vandiver, Alabama, and the children named below, there being no other child or children of a deceased child.

His children are:

1. Edward Stanley Isbell, born November 30, 1914, whose wife is Hazel Turk Isbell.
2. James Lilburn Isbell, born October 30, 1916, whose wife is Morell Brasher Isbell.



3. William Lloyd Isbell, born August 7, 1918, whose wife is Ophelia Turk Isbell.
4. John W. Isbell, Jr. born April 3, 1920 whose wife is Susie M. Isbell.
5. Edna Jewell Isbell, born October 11, 1923, whose husband is C. C. McGough
6. Vertis Isbell Screws born May 10, 1925 whose husband is Herman Screws.
7. Jim Frank Isbell, born January 1, 1927 whose wife is Jeanette Turk.
8. Sybil Isbell Screws, born May 28, 1929, whose husband is Wilton Screws.
9. Clarice Isbell Smith, born June 8, 1931, whose husband is Edsel Smith.
10. Jerry Isbell, born March 3, 1942, whose wife is Louise Harris Isbell.
11. Doris Ellen Isbell Howard, born April 17, 1943, whose husband is Jonny Howard.
12. Ronnie Carol Isbell, born February 24, 1947, age 16, an unmarried woman.
13. Danny Cole Isbell, born October 3, 1951, age 12.
14. Billie Kay Isbell, born February 28, 1955, age 8.

VII. Julie Isbell, born February 3, 1895; died young, in infancy and unmarried.

VIII. Bessie Isbell Stewart, born November 22, 1898. Married August 22, 1920. Richard Stewart. Both living.

IX. Daisy Isbell Lynn, born December 8, 1900, married August 22, 1920 A. Auvil Lynn. Both living.

X. Buster Jenkins Isbell, born December 15, 1902, whose wife is Gladys Weldon Isbell.

XI. Gracie Isbell born February 17, 1905, who married February 13, 1921. Melvin Stewart, who is now deceased.

XII. W. D. (or Willie Daniel) Isbell, born August 7, 1907, and died March 13, 1961, leaving no last Will and Testament, nor was there any administration of his estate, and that if he owed any debts or other obligations, they have long since been liquidated. He was first married to Gertrude Stewart, but was divorced from her after they had six children. After his divorcement he then married Mrs. Emma Jane Hicks, nee Thomas, and by her was the father of one child. The children named below, there being no other child or children by a deceased child, together with the wife constitute his sole legal heirs. His wife and children are as follows:

Emma Jane Isbell, (wife)

Children:

1. Robert Lee Isbell, a single man
2. Louise Isbell Lowery whose husband is Claud Lowery
3. Margaret Isbell Osbourn, whose husband is Price C. Osbourn.
4. Frances Jean Isbell Henson, whose husband is Charles L. Henson.
5. Hilda Faye Isbell Parker, whose husband is Bill Parker.

6. Linda Mae Isbell Tanner, whose husband is George Lawrence Tanner.

7. Helen Isbell, a single woman, age 17.

Affiants further aver that in 1884, their father, Godfrey Daniel Beauregard, purchased from his father and mother William Isbell and Mary Bragg Isbell, for a consideration of \$300.00, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, Township 18, South, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama, and went into immediate possession of same; and that he later acquired from the Alabama State Land Company, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Township 18, South, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama; that on these lands they erected a house and made a home for themselves, and as they farmed, timbered and pastured these lands, lived out their days; and that it was the place where all their children and many of their grandchildren were reared.

Affiants further aver that their father died seized of the above described lands; that he left no will and that there was no administration of his estate, and that no dowry rights were ever set aside for his widow, Nancy Elizabeth Isbell; that perhaps at that time the entire value of the property was not worth more than what would have been the value of her dowry if it had been set up.

Affiants further aver that their mother and most, if not all of the children joined in the deeds conveying the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, Township 18 South, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama, to C. C. Champion, one of her sons-in-law, on October 19, 1940, which he later conveyed to Buster Jenkins Isbell, affiant's brother; that all the interest ~~of all the interest~~ of all of the children of G. D. B. Isbell and Nancy E. Isbell, in the above described 160 acres, except that of Mattie Isbell Champion, and the children of two pre-deceased daughters, Ella Isbell Whitfield, and Dora Isbell Falkner; that Mattie Isbell Champion was deeded the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Township 18, South Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama as her share of the estate which she and her husband C. C. Champion sold to Buster Jenkins Isbell; that the children of Dora Isbell Falkner, Euna Falkner Isbell, Gracie Falkner Parker, Audie O'dell Falkner Grimes, and Lottie Falkner Isbell were deeded the SE of said NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, which they sold to Ollie Brasher and he in turn sold to J. E. Falkner, and Falkner sold to Buster Jenkins Isbell; that the children of Ella Isbell Whitfield, deceased, were overlooked, but that Buster Jenkins (or B. J.) Isbell has recently purchased their entire undivided interest in the entire estate of G. D. B. Isbell and his wife, Nancy E. Isbell.

Affiants further aver that to the best of their knowledge all the heirs of G. D. B. Isbell and his wife, Nancy Elizabeth Isbell, totally agree that the entire undivided estate of G. D. B. Isbell rests in B. J. (Buster Jenkins) Isbell and his wife Gladys Weldon Isbell and that they are the sole owners of the above described 200 acres, and that of all the various heirs of G. D. B. Isbell and wife, Nancy Elizabeth Isbell, none make any claim to any part of said lands, and that of all the various heirs of G. D. B. Isbell and wife, Nancy Elizabeth Isbell, to the best of their knowledge have freely and willingly quit claimed said land to the said B. J. Isbell in order to erase all errors of description, imperfections of notarization, or misunderstanding of conveyance, or otherwise; that we have never heard of any one making any claim to any part of said land, and that B. J. Isbell has for years been in adverse hostile, notorious, continuous and sovereign possession of the above said 160 acres and the other forty since his purchase of same.

STATE OF ALABAMA  
SHELBY COUNTY

Subscribed to by the  
undersigned authority in and for  
said county in said state this  
20th day of September 1963.

Will F. Franke  
Will F. Franke, Notary Public  
State of Alabama at Large

Affiant Mattie Isbell Champion

Affiant Daisy Isbell Lynn

Affiant Bessie Isbell Stewart

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STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.  
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT  
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