Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Mrs. Betty McGuire Crawley, who, being by me first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

That she presently resides at 82 Valleydale Road in Helena, Alabama, and has resided at said address continuously for the past 14 years; that the house in which she resides is situated on property owned by her in the NW¹/₄ of the SE¹/₄ of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 2 West in Shelby County, Alabama; that said property on which she resides adjoins the following described property situated in Shelby County, Alabama, to-wit:

Sof the SW and the south 29 acres of the Notice of the SW of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, in Shelby County, Alabama;

that she is well acquainted with the above described land which adjoins the land owned by her, for prior to moving to her present residence she lived in a house situated on the property last above described for 6 or 7 years; that for more than the past 20 years she has either lived on the last above described property or on property immediately adjoining it and, on account thereof, is well acquainted with the use and ownership of said property.

That said last above described property is presently owned by Cahaba Mines, Inc., which acquired the property sometime in 1943; that said property has from 1943 to the present time been known in the community as the property of Cahaba Mines, Inc.; that from 1943 to the present time Cahaba Mines, Inc., either through its duly authorized representatives or its tenants, has been in continuous, active, open, adverse, notorious and exclusive possession of said property; that the primary value of said property lies in its mineral deposits, although there is and has

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been merchantable timber on the property from time to time.

That Cahaba Mines, Inc. has mined coal from said last above described property, either through its own activities or by tenants who held under leases from Cahaba Mines, Inc., for over the past 20 years; that affiant was employed by Cahaba Mines. Inc. in 1943 to operate its weighing station, and that she worked continuously in that capacity until 1953; that during said period of time affiant was on said property daily and knew of the use thereof by the owner of said property; that her daughter, Mary Jo Martin, took affiant's job in operating the weighing station after affiant resigned; that her daughter remained on said job continuously from the time affiant resigned until 1960; that a portion of the property was leased in 1943 to W. N. Campbell, who operated a small coal mine on the property continuously from 1943 until 1962; that W. N. Campbell conducted his operation under a lease agreement with Cahaba Mines, Inc.; that another portion of said property was leased by Cahaba Mines, Inc. to H. A. Horn, who conducted a coal mining operation on a portion of said property from 1943 to 1953; and that another coal mining operator, Sam Sciara, leased a portion of said property from Cahaba Mines, Inc. for the purpose of working a coal mine and that he and his sons operated a mine on said property from 1943 until 1953; that all of the aforementioned tenants exercised their possession of the property under leases from Cahaba Mines, Inc.

That Cahaba Mines, Inc. had 3 houses on said last above described property in which its employees lived; that affiant lived in one of these houses and other employees lived in the other two houses; that affiant moved into one of the houses in 1943 and knows that said houses were on said property continuously from 1943 until 1959, at which time said houses were removed therefrom.

Affiant knows that Wood Lumber Company cut timber from the last above described property under timber leases with Cahaba Mines, Inc., once about 1950 and another time about 1957; that affiant, with the permission of Cahaba Mines, Inc., used a portion of said land to pasture cows which she owned. Affiant, of her own knowledge, knows that Cahaba Mines, Inc. has been in possession of and claimed title to the above described land continuously from 1943 to the present time, and that it has exercised acts of possession consistent with the nature and value of the land; that the boundaries of the land were marked and that no one during said period of time has claimed ownership or right to possession of all or any part of said land except Cahaba Mines, Inc.; and that any party exercising any possession of said land during said period of time, exercised it under a lease agreement with the owner, Cahaba Mines, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 42

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.