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STATE OF ALABAMA SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, partonally appeared Dock Creer, who is known to me, and who being by 103 first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Dock Greer. I am seventy-nine years of age and reside at Helena, Shelby County, Alabama.

I formerly lived in a house situated on the following described property:

The SW of NW and East half of NW of Section 2, Township
20 South, Range 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama.

About 1940, just before World War II, I came to workfor Mr. Buster Abernathy, who was the owner or manager of Paramount Coal Company near Helena in Shelby County, Alabama. I worked for Mr. Abernathy mining coal, and I stayed working for him until about three years ago.

When I came to work for Mr. Abernathy about 1940, he was leasing the described above/property for mining purposes from Mr. M. F. Pawls. I was furnished a house to live in which was situated on the above described property when I first went to work for Mr. Abernathy, and I lived in said house until about three years ago. George Kirksey, a one leg man, had lived in the house which I moved in for about five years before I moved into said house. George Kirksey also had worked for Mr. Abernathy.

The house which I lived in was situated about 250 feet from the entrance of Mine No. 7 of Paramount Coal Company and about 50 feet from the entrance of Mine No. 6. I worked in both of these mines during the time I lived on said property.

There was another house situated on said property located about 150 feet from the house where I lived. Grady Lowe lived in said house about seven years while I was living on said property. The house which Grady Lowe lived in was torn down. Grady Lowe is now dead.

When I moved away from said property about three years ago, Mr. Abernathy asked me to tear down the house which I had been living in because his lease had run out and Mr. Pawls had told him to remove everything from the premises.

I don't know which portion of the above described property the house which I lived in was situated, nor do I know exactly how many acres Paramount Coal Company was leasing from Mr. Rawls, but it is my understanding that the total acreage was over one hundred acres. Neither Ralph I. Roy, Floyd R. Poy, Eurene B. Poy, P. E. Murphy, nor anyone except Paramount Coal Company has mined on said property since 1910.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 22th day of October 19637

Notary Public