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State of Alabama

Shelby County

Before me, Martha B. Joiner, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Lester Crawford, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is Lester Crawford and have been familiar with the hereinafter mentioned lots for many years. When I first remember the lots, they were owned by Shelby Iron Company. Shelby Iron Company sold Lot 17 in Block 120 to John Jones in 1925 and in the same year/purchased Lot 18 from G. S. Busby. The said John Jones, being one and the same person as John W. Jones, Jr., went into possession of both of said lots and built a house on Lot 17 shortly after he purchased it and had a yard fence and garden on part of Lot 17 and on Lot 18. On December 26, 1927, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 83 page 23 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, John W. Jones Jr and wife sold both of said lots to Clide Higgins, who went into immediate possession of the same and lived in the house. He mortgaged the lots to Mrs. Fred Merrell and later conveyed the lots to her. During the time Mrs. Merrell owned the same, she rented the house out to Jim Pate and he lived there until Mrs. Merrell sold the lots to Talmage Albright in 1930, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 89 page 349 in said Probate Office. The said Talmage Albright lived in the house situated on said lots until his death and his family continued to live thereon for a short time. The said Talmage Albright willed the lots to his mother/during her lifetime and then to Walter M. Albright, Boyd G. Albright and Mrs. Magdaline Albright Solley and in 1945, the said Walter M. Albright, Boyd G. Albright and Mrs. Madaline Albright Solley and Fannie Carden conveyed the property to Pervie Porter and Nellie Ruth Porter, said deed being dated August 4, 1945.

The said Pervie Porter purchased Lots 19 and 20 in Block 120 according to Safford's Survey of the town of Shelby from Shelby Iron Company of Alabama in November, 1945. Pervie Porter later conveyed his interest in said lots 17, 18, 19 and 20 to his wife, Nellie Ruth Porter. In 1946, Nellie Ruth Porter purchased lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Block 120 according to said survey from Shelby Iron Company of Alabama and also lots 29 and 30, 31 and 32 in Block 119 from Shelby Iron Company of Alabama. She went into possession of all of said lots and she and her husband lived in the house situated on Lot 17 and used the remainder as a homeplace continuously until they sold all of the lots to J. S. Davis in 1947, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 128 page 278 in said Probate Office. J.S. Davis went into immediate possession of the lots and lived in the house and used

the remainder of the lots, as his homeplace until his death in 1951. Since that time, his widow has been in possession of the same to the present date.

Affiant further says he has never heard of anyone contesting the title or disputing the possession of J. S. Davis, his heirs, or his predecessors in title.

L. B. Crawford
Lester Crawford

State of Alabama

Shelby County

Sworn to and subscribed to before me
this the 19th day of February, 1962.

Walter L. Jones
Notary Public

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Before me, Martha B. Joiner, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared Willie Thornburg, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is Willie Thornburg. I am 58 years of age and have known the hereinabove described property for approximately 50 years and during the time I have known the same, I would say the matters and things stated in the foregoing affidavit of Lester Crawford are true and correct. I have never heard of anyone contesting the title or disputing the possession of J. S. Davis, his heirs or the persons through whom they claim.

Willie Thornburg
Willie Thornburg

Sworn to and subscribed to before me
this the 12th day of February, 1962.

Martha B. Joiner
Notary Public

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