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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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

My name is Charles H. Thornburg. I am 46 years of age and have lived in Shelby, Alabama, all of my life and have all along been familiar with the property described in the affidavit of C. A. Bowles, Jr. attached hereto.

After the year 1952, C. A. Bowles, Jr., also known as Charles Alfred Bowles, Jr. of Montgomery, the owner of said property wrote affiant and designated him to look after said property for and on behalf of C. A. Bowles, Jr. This included the lots willed to him by Helen Alice Averyt and what he inherited from his father and mother. Affiant says that sometime after the death of Isla Bowles, he recalls that Helen Alice Averyt was looking after the above property for C. A. Bowles, Jr, he being the sole heir of C. A. Bowles, Sr. and Isla Bowles. The said Helen Alice Averyt assessed the property, looked after it and rented some of it for cultivation for several years and until her death in November, 1952.

Affiant then says he began looking after the land and went upon it on an average of once or twice every two weeks to see that there were no trespassers or persons cutting timber from it. Affiant says he passed that way regularly and that is one reason he was able to keep close check on it. Affiant also checked to see that the taxes were paid each year. He says he was in possession of said land as the agent of C. A. Bowles, Jr. for the purpose of caring for it and looking after it. Affiant says on several occasions, adjoining land owners cut their timber and affiant checked the cutting each time to see that no part of the timber was cut from the land of C. A. Bowles, Jr. and on several occasions he stopped persons from cutting timber from said lots.

Affiant further says throughout all the year he has known the property, it has been in the open, adverse and exclusive possession of C. A. Bowles, Jr. and and they have paid taxes each and every year thereon, his predecessors in title and he has never heard of anyone contesting their title or disputing their possession.

Charles H. Thornburg
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me this the 6th day of October, 1964.

Martha S. Joiner
Notary Public

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT
WAS FILED ON 8/10/64
REC. 2/10/65
& S. 10/10/64
PD. CH. T. 10/10/64

Charles H. Thornburg

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