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STATE OF ALABAMA  
SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, L. E. Parker, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, personally appeared Viola Etress, who is known to me and after first being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows.

My name is Viola Etress. I am 71 years of age and reside in Shelby County, Alabama. I have been familiar with the hereinabove described land and have known its possessors for more than the past 50 years. This land is best described as:

The East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) Section 20, Township 24 North, Range 15 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

Excepting rights and interests owned by Alabama Power Company to all of the hereinabove described lands that lie below the 420 foot contour line established in survey of Coosa River made the 2nd of August 1903 by the Corps of Engineers.

I know that in about 1913, the above described land was in the possession of William H. Shrader under the claim of title. The said William H. Shrader and his wife Lenora Shrader, continued as possessors and title claimants until their deaths, leaving Clara B. Shrader in possession of this land under the claim of title as sole devisee under the terms of the wills of the said William H. Shrader and Lenora Shrader. In about 1942, the said Clara B. Shrader conveyed this land to Louannie S. Bridges who moved into immediate possession of this land as title claimant and has remained in this position up until the present time.

I know that Louannie S. Bridges and her predecessors in title have been in the exclusive, actual and continuous possession of the hereinabove described land for more than 50 years and their possession has been visible, open, hostile and notorious. They have assessed this land for taxes and have paid the taxes due thereon.

I know that Louannie S. Bridges and her predecessors in title during the past 50 years have constructed a dwelling house, cabins, a barn and other necessary out-buildings on the hereinabove described land. They have dug wells, built fences and cross fences and have kept livestock on this land. They have planted crops of cotton and corn, harvested timber and have exercised every other act necessary to the peaceful use and enjoyment of this land as was consistent with the nature of the land.

During the past 50 years I have known of no person or persons claiming any right to this land or disputing the possession of this land by Louannie S. Bridges and her predecessors in title under the claim of ownership.

I more specifically know that W. P. Brown and Sons Lumber Company have not been in possession of the hereinabove described land nor has said Company claimed any right, title or interest in this land except for the cutting and removal of timber from said lands in about 1936 to 1939.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1965.

  
Notary Public - State at Large.

Tract No. 87  
Louannie S. Bridges

