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STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY

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

My name is Florence Ruston. I am 72 years of age. I recall when E. D. w. Shirley owned the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 21, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama. There was not a house on the land, but part of it was in timber and part cleared and was used for cultivation. I recall when E. D. w. Shirley and wife sold the same to Henry Carlton, who was my husband. We had married in 1912 and my husband bought this property in April of 1914. There was not a house on it at that time and Mr. Shirley rented it that crop year from my husband. My husband died shortly after he purchased the land and in November 1914, I sold the land to T. J. and M. O. Womack. Henry Carlton and I had no children. The Womacks went into immediate possession of the land, built a house on it and moved into the house and lived there and cultivated portions of the same each and every year until they sold said property and moved away. I do not recall J. T. Johnson owning the property, but I do recall when Sam Blount purchased the land and it is my recollection he immediately moved on the land. I also recall when R. T. Kirkland purchased said forty acres. He owned some adjoining land at the time he purchased this property and he cultivated this and claimed it along with the remainder of his farm. He obtained firewood and building timber from it and continued in the actual, open, notorious and peaceable possession of it until his death and his widow continued to live on adjoining property and be in possession of this land until her death approximately 2 years ago. Since that time their heirs have claimed to own the same and been in the actual possession. I have never heard of anyone contesting their title or disputing their possession or that of their predecessors in title since I have known said property.

When I first remember the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 21, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama, it was owned by John Strain and I recall that John Strain lived in the house situated on said forty acres. I recall that he sold the same to R. T. Kirkland about the year 1913 and R. T. Kirkland remodeled the house situated thereon and then moved into the house and continued to live in it until his death. He was in the actual, open, notorious, uninterrupted and peaceable possession of said forty acres and cultivated portions of it and obtained firewood and building timber from it each and every year until his death. His widow continued to live in the dwelling house until her death approximately 2 years ago and since that time, his heirs have been in possession of the same. I have never heard of

anyone contesting their title or disputing their possession or that of their predecessors in title since I have known the same.

Florence Ruston
Florence Ruston

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on
this the 30th day of May, 1966.

W. H. S. Jones
Notary Public

State of Alabama

Shelby County

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

My name is Ben Ruston. I am 79 years of age and have all along been familiar with the land described above in the affidavit of my wife, Florence Ruston, and I know the matters and things therein are true and correct.

Ben Ruston
Ben Ruston

Sworn to and subscribed to before me
on this the 30th day of May, 1966.

W. H. S. Jones
Notary Public

STATE OF ALA., SHELBY CO.,
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT
WAS FILED ON

May 30 1966

RECORDED & \$ INFO. TAX

\$ DEED TAX HAS BEEN
PD. ON THIS INSTRUMENT.

Corwin H. Fowler
JUDGE OF PROBATE