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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Roy Partridge, who is known to me, and who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Roy Partridge. I am forty-nine years of age and reside at Route 1, Sterrett, Shelby County, Alabama.

I have been familiar with the ownership and possession of the following described property since I was a child, and for more than forty-five years, said property being situated partly in Shelby County and partly in St. Clair County, Alabama, and described as follows, viz.:

That part of the West Half of the Southwest quarter of Section 33, Township 17, Range 2 East, that lies North west and South of Kelly's Creek; all that part of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of said Section 33, Township 17, Range 2 East, lying South and West of Kelley's Creek. The Southeast quarter of Section 32, Township 17, Range 2 East, less the North 10 acres of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter and one acre in the Southeast corner of Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter known as the Methodist Church lot; also a part of lot owned by J. C. Spruiell described as follows: Beginning on the East line of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, 140 yards North of the Southeast corner of said forty, go North 40 yards; thence West 115 yards; thence South 70 yards and thence East 115 yards to point of beginning. The Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 17, Range 2 East. The North half of Section 5, Township 18, Range 2 East, with the exception of six acres in the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter and South and East of Buckhorn Branch. All of the North half of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 18, Range 2 East, lying West of Kelley's Creek. Also all that part of the South half of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 18, Range 2 East lying North of Buckhorn Branch. All of that portion of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 18, Range 2 East lying between Kelley's Creek and Buckhorn Branch, situated in St. Clair County and Shelby County, Alabama. Part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, and part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 17, Range 2 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 17, Range 2 East, 14 yards East of the West boundary line of said Section 33, being 14 yards due East from the NE corner of Trinity Baptist Church lot, which is located on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32; thence North 70 yards; thence West 140 yards; thence South 70 yards; thence East 140 yards to point of beginning, containing two acres, more or less, situated in St. Clair County, Alabama.

Said property is a part of the original "Dyke Place" or "Dyke Farm" or "Dyke's Mill Property", as said property is commonly known or designated. The original "Dyke Place" years ago consisted of the above described property,

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plus other property. Parts of said "Dyke Place" have been sold off through the years, the above described property being presently owned by Emily E. White except that My wife and I purchased in 1963 a portion of the original "Dyke Place" from said Emily White and the other owners at that time, our said property being included in the above description.

I moved on the above described property when I was five years old. My father, R. F. Partridge, rented the "Dyke Place", and including all of the above described property, from the owners at that time, Melvin Dyke, or L. M. Dyke, and his wife, Kate D. Dyke, and when I was five years old. Said Melvin Dyke had previously acquired said property from his brother.

My father and I, and my father's family, rented all of said property for about fourteen or sixteen years, until my said father bought a portion of said "Dyke Place" lying East of Kelley Creek.

During the time when my father rented said property for said term of fourteen or sixteen years, we farmed a portion of said property and actually lived on said property. There was a grist-mill on said place at that time and some seven houses, which my father sub-leased to various tenants on share crop and other rental provisions.

Said property was subsequently conveyed by said Melvin Dyke to, according to the record title, Queen-Alton Investment Company, a corporation, and was occupied by Dr. Carmichael during the time when said Queen-Alton Investment Company was the owner of said property. I am informed that the later deed from said Queen-Alton Investment Company, a corporation, to C. C. Goodwin in 1945 shows that Dr. Carmichael was an officer of said corporation. Dr. Carmichael did continue to farm and rent said property, and various portions thereof, until 1945 when it was conveyed to C. C. Goodwin, as stated above. Belcher Lumber Company bought the timber from said property at the time when it was bought by said C. C. Goodwin, or thereabouts.

The property was later conveyed about 1947 to Creel Investment Company, a corporation, of which Mr. E. C. Creek was President. Said Creel Investment Company held title to said property about five or six years and then conveyed the same to John M. Hightower. Said John M. Hightower subsequently conveyed said property to Nancy Gaubautz, Norma Haynes, and Emily E. White in 1959, and said Emily E. White has subsequently acquired the interests of said Nancy Gaubautz and Norma Haynes in and to said property, and also said Emily E. White has acquired title to a portion of said property from T. F. Davis which had previously been conveyed to said T. F. Davis and wife by said Nancy Gaubautz, Norma Haynes, and Emily E. White while they owned said property jointly.

The above described property has been operated as a farm each and every year since I have been familiar with the ownership and possession of the same and since I was five years old up until the present date, various parts thereof having been in cultivation and other parts in pasture. The above designated owners or their tenants have actually lived on said property during all of this time. The property has been fenced and cross-fenced, I believe since I was a little boy, and I know that all of it has been fenced, except possibly an acre or two, for the past thirty years. Said property has been used as a dairy farm for many years, and contains now several barns, out-buildings, and lakes which have built from time to time.

I knew Riley Howard before he died, thirty or forty years ago. I was a child when Mr. Howard died, and I know that he never claimed, owned, or possessed said property, or any part thereof during the past forty-five years, and I also know that since his death, none of his heirs or devisees have claimed, owned, or possessed said property or any part thereof.

I know of my own personal knowledge that said Emily E. White, and her predecessors in title as designated above, have been in the open, continuous, notorious, undisturbed, peaceable, exclusive, hostile, actual, adverse possession of all of said property for the past forty-five years and up to the present date/ ^(except of course, that part of said property which my wife and I own) During all of this period of time, I have never heard of anyone claiming any interest in said property adverse to that of said Emily E. White and her predecessors in title, as designated above.

I have lived in the close vicinity of said property all of my life. After my father and I and my father's family moved off of said property, I have continued to live within a mile or so of the above described property all of my life and until the present date.

Roy Partridge
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this
18th day of January, 1967.

Notary Public
Notary Public

STATE OF ALA., SHELBY CO.,
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT
WAS FILED ON 29th
1-23 1967

RECORDED & \$ 1 MTO. TAX

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

Conrad M. Fowler
JUDGE OF PROBATE