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STATE OF ALABAMA)

SHELBY COUNTY)

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said County and State, personally appeared INEZ B. STARNES, who, being known to me, and being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Inez B. Starnes. I live at Route 2, Columbiana, Alabama, and am 50 years of age. I am a granddaughter of Felix E. Coston and wife, S. E. Coston; and I am the daughter of Edward Francis Bierley and wife, Elsie Coston Bierley.

I have been familiar with the occupation, use and possession, of the following described property for all of my life, having been born near the following described property:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and all that part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying south of Shelby County Road #28 (Columbiana-Coosa River Road), all in Section 33, Tp 21, Range 1 East, except a parcel of land in the NW corner described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the West boundary line of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ with the south right of way of Shelby County Road #28; thence run East along the South right of way line of said road a distance of 350 feet; thence run South parallel to the West boundary line of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 33, Township 21, Range 1 East a distance of 250 feet; thence run West parallel to the South right of way line of said road a distance of 350 feet to the West boundary line of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; thence run North along the West boundary line of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ a distance of 250 feet to point of beginning; Shelby County, Alabama.

I know that S. E. Coston, my grandmother, died approximately 40 years ago; and left surviving her, as her next of kin and sole surviving heirs at law, her husband, Felix E. Coston, and the following named children; Ethel Coston, Annie Coston Merrell, Elsie Coston Bierley, Mildred Coston Bierley, and Jim Coston. The said Felix E. Coston died at least 33 years ago, and Ethel Coston died at least 20 years ago; and Elsie Coston Bierley died in the year 1942.

The above described property was willed to the said Mildred Coston Bierley and Elsie Coston Bierley, being children of S. E. Coston, by Will of said S. E. Coston as shown of record in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama in Will Record 4, page 115. In about the year 1935, my father, Edward F. Bierley, bought the interest in the above described land which was owned by Mildred Coston Bierley, as his wife (and my mother), Elsie Bierley, already owned an interest in said property. This transaction occurred so that the said Elsie Bierley and husband, Edward F. Bierley would own all of the above described property.

As stated, my mother, Elsie Bierley, died in 1942, and my father later married Mildred C. Bierley .

In 1946 I purchased the West half of the above described property from my father and stepmother, E. F. Bierley and wife, Mildred C. Bierley. As shown in Will Book 15, page 815, my father willed to me all his interest in the said NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 33, Township 21 South, Range 1 East, together with 3 acres in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 33. In February of 1965,

my father, E. F. Bierley and wife Mildred C. Bierley; my brother, Edmond F. Bierley and wife, Louise Bierley (being the sole heirs at law of Elsie Coston Bierley, deceased), conveyed the following described land to me:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 33, Tp 21, Range 1 East; Also all that part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 33, Township 21, Range 1 East lying SE of Columbi. -Coosa River Road, being 3 acres, more or less.

The last mentioned deed was made to me to clear up any doubt as to the ownership of the above described property and to vest in me, said last above described property.

In August of 1966, my husband and I conveyed the first above described property to our son, Paul H. Sarnes and his wife, Linda J. Sarnes, who are the present owners of said property. Since I first knew the subject land up to and including the present date, said property has been occupied by the present owners and their predecessors in title, continuously, adversely, hostilely, openly, notoriously, and exclusively, and I have never heard the title to said land questioned in any way.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 17th day of March, 1967.

Lance Brasher
(Notary Public)

Inez B. Starnes
Being duly sworn, Mildred Coley, deposes and says as follows:
My name is Mildred Coley. I have read the above affidavit and know

that the facts stated therein are true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 17th day of March, 1967.

Lance Brasher
(Notary Public)

Mildred Coley

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.
I CERTIFY THIS
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