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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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

My name is Reba Robertson Goodman. I am sixty-three years of age and reside at Route 2, Wilsonville, Shelby County, Alabama.

I grew up in the vicinity of the following described property, having lived in the community of said property almost all of my life and having been familiar with the ownership and possession of said property for the past fifty or more years:

The West thirty acres of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 20 South, Range 2 East.

My great-grandfather, William Henry Robertson, was the original owner of said property, having settled in the vicinity of said property in 1812.

My said great-grandfather, after the Civil War, gave various portions of his property to his slaves, and the above described property was given to John R. Robertson at that time.

I can't remember said John R. Robertson, but I do remember well his wife, Aunt Mariah Robertson. When I can first remember, Aunt Mariah was living on said property in a house situated thereon, and she did so live on said property, occupying the same as her homestead, until her death in 1939. The old house which Aunt Mariah lived in is still situated on said property, now being occupied by Flora Belle Parker, who rents from the present owners, Lorine Wallace and her children. In fact, Flora Belle Parker has been paying me the monthly rental payments, and I send them on to Lorine Wallace who lives in New York.

Aunt Mariah Robertson willed the above described property to her son, Belt Wallace. I, of course, knew Belt Wallace and his wife, Rachel Wallace. Belt and Rachel had only two children, Clifford Wallace and James M. Wallace, both of said children having been raised on the above described property. Belt Wallace died about 1940 and Rachel Wallace died about 1950. As stated, Belt Wallace and his family lived on said property (together with Aunt Mariah)

until the death of said Belt Wallace.

Said James M. Wallace, who never married, conveyed his half interest in the property to his brother, Clifford Wallace, or Clifford H. Wallace, Said Clifford H. Wallace died three or four years ago, leaving, as his heirs, his widow, Lorine Wallace, and his three children, Mattie Marie Wallace, Clifford H. Wallace, Jr., and Horace Leroy Wallace.

As stated above, Rachel Wallace, wife of Belt Wallace, was living on the above described property when Belt Wallace died, and it is my understanding that she gave a Quit Claim Deed to John Davis, who was also known as "Jip" and who was also known as John Davis, Jr., Davis, and/or his wife, Eula Davis, who was also known as "Eular" Davis, about 1945. The children of said Belt Wallace, James M. Wallace and Clifford H. Wallace, were not living on the property at that time, said Clifford H. Wallace and his family living in Talladega, and said James M. Wallace living at some other place, and said Jip Davis and Eula Davis did actually live on said property for five or six years. Eula Davis left and went up North before Jip died, and after the death of said Jip Davis, said property was taken into possession again by Clifford H. Wallace. Total period during which said property was occupied by Jip Davis and Eula Davis did not exceed six or seven years.

I am personally familiar with and acquainted with the family of said John (Jip) Davis, having lived in the same community with said people and having known them most of my life. Jip Davis did not have any children by Eula Davis, but he did have five children to reach maturity, by another marriage, namely, Herman Davis, Henry Davis, Hubert Davis, (also known as Herbert Davis), Mattie Davis Perry, and Johnnie Mae Davis. Said Jip Davis also had one other boy, Raymond Davis, who was never married who drowned when he was about eighteen years old.

I know of my own personal knowledge that said John R. Robertson, and his successors in title, as designated above, have been in the open, continuous, notorious, undisturbed, peaceable, exclusive, hostile, actual adverse possession of said property continuously for the past fifty or more years and until this present date. I have never heard anyone question the title, ownership, or possession of said John R. Robertson and his successors in title, as designated above, except that it is my understanding that Eula Davis, and

possibly some of the children of Jip Davis, do claim to own some interest in said property, or to have some lien or encumbrance thereon.

Reba Robertson Goodman
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Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 4th day of May, 1967.

Mary D. Thompson
Notary Public

CLERK OF W. A. SHELBY CO.,
CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT
WAS FILED ON

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PD. ON THIS INSTRUMENT.

Conrad M. Fowler
JUDGE OF PROBATE