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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 Albert Datcher, who is known to me and after first being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Albert Datcher. I am 60 years of age and reside in Shelby County, Alabama in the vicinity of the land described hereinbelow. I have been familiar with this land and have known its possessors for more than 30 years. This land is best described as:

All that part of the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section 12, Township 19 South, Range 2 East, that lies South of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad right of way and West of Coosa River; The East Half of Northeast Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 2 East; All that part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 19, Range 3 East, that lies Southwest of Coosa River, situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

I know that M. Burdette Bates acquired one portion of the above land from the heirs of R. E. Coper in about 1942. He bought the remaining portion of land from Winford P. Garner and his wife in about 1945. M. Burdette Bates moved into the actual possession of the above described land on the dates of his deeds and has continued as possessor and title claimant up until the present time.

I know M. Burdette Bates and his predecessors in title during the past 30 years have been in the actual, continuous and exclusive possession of the above described land. 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 M. Burdette Bates has constructed a dwelling house, tenant house, barn, machinery shed and other necessary outbuildings on this land during the past 20 years. He has fenced and cross-fenced portions of this land and has kept live-stock therein. He has dug a well and installed water systems, sewage systems on this land. He has improved a portion of this land for recreation by building steps into the water, piers, tables and other fixtures including the foregoing. The said M. Burdette Bates has exercised every other act necessary to the peaceful use and enjoyment of this land as was consistent with the nature of the land.

I know no person or persons claiming any right to any portion of the hereinabove described land nor disputing the possession of this land by M. Burdette Bates, his tenants and agents, during the past 20 years or more under the claim of title.

There is a graveyard situated on the hereinabove described land but is on high ground and will not be affected by the proposed raising of Lay Dam.

I know that all of the sole surviving heirs at law and next of kin of M. C. Riggins and his wife, C. C. Riggins joined in the sale for division of the estate lands in their conveyance of a portion of captioned lands to Mary F. Tipton in about 1942.

STATE OF ALA., SHELBY CO.,  
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT  
WAS FILED ON 9 am

6/14/1967

RECORDED & \$ MTG. TAX

\$ DEED TAX HAS BEEN  
PD. ON THIS INSTRUMENT

Conrad M. Souther

Albert Datcher

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 8th day of June, 1967.

L. E. Parker  
Notary Public - State at Large

Tract No. 373  
M. Burdette Bates