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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 E. S. Pearson, who is known to me and after first being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is E. S. Pearson. I am 73 years of age and reside in Shelby County, Alabama. I have been familiar with the land described hereinbelow and have known its possessors during the next preceeding 40 years. This land is best described as:

The Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section 12, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

I know that for many years prior to 1939 the above described land was in the possession of Dr. Hart Williams and his heirs at law and next of kin who claimed title thereto. The heirs of the said Dr. Hart Williams were his widow, two brothers (all long now deceased) the heirs of a deceased sister. In about 1940 all of the sole surviving heirs at law and next of kin of the said Dr. Hart Williams joined in certain court proceedings for the sale of the Dr. Hart Williams estate lands. The above described land was sold to N. B. Barnett who cut the timber standing on this land and later in that same year deeded this land to V. A. Seal and W. W. Seal who moved into actual possession of this land under the claim of title, continuing until in about 1964 when they conveyed this land by deed and relinquished their possession to Georgette Milner Morgan and her husband William A. Morgan, both claiming an undivided one-half interest in the above described land as joint tenants with right of survivorship. On or about May 16, 1967, the said Georgette Milner Morgan died leaving the said William A. Morgan in possession of this land claiming sole title thereto.

I know that William A. Morgan and his predecessors in title have been in the actual, continuous and exclusive possession of the hereinabove described land for more than 40 years. 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 William A. Morgan and his predecessors in title during the past 40 years have constructed a dwelling house, barn and other necessary outbuildings on their adjacent lands. They have dug a well and installed a water system and have used the land described hereinabove with their other lands for cultivating and harvesting crops, pasture land and harvesting timber for market. They have exercised every other act necessary to the peaceful use and enjoyment of their lands as was consistent with the nature of the land.

I know of no person or persons claiming any right to the hereinabove described land or disputing the possession of this land by William A. Morgan and those through which he claims title during the past 40 years or more.

I more specifically know that Dr. Hart Williams, Minnie Williams Usrey, Dr. J. H. Williams, G. J. Williams, Laura Williams Reeves, Hugh M. Merrell, F. E. Merrell, Sarah Thomas, N. B. Barnett, their heirs at law and next of kin have not been in possession of any portion of the hereinabove described land during the next preceeding 20 years, nor have I known of any of the above named persons claiming any right to this land or exercising any act of authority over said land.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 30th day of November, 1967.

Notary Public - State at Large

Tract No. 427
William A. Morgan

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.
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