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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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

My name is Dowell Shirley. I am 63 years of age and reside at Route 1, Chelsea, Shelby County, Alabama. Clarence Shirley is my cousin.

I have been familiar with the ownership and possession of the following described property for the past 50 years:

The NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and 1/2 of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , described as follows: Begin at the SW corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and run in a straight line in a northeastern direction, diagonally across said forty to the northeast corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; thence south along the east boundary line of said forty to the SE corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; thence west along the south boundary line of said forty to point of beginning. All in Section 7, Township 20, Range 1 West and containing in all 60 acres, more or less, and situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

The community in which said property is situated has been my home all of my life, and I know that Mr. A. J. Davis owned said property back years ago when I was a boy. I observed said A. J. Davis and his family living on and occupying said property as their homestead for many years, until about 1920, when said property was conveyed to the son of Mr. A. J. Davis, namely, L. L. Davis. Said L. L. Davis and his family resided on said property until about 1952, when said L. L. Davis moved away. Said property was conveyed to Jerry Maxwell Davis and wife, the son of said L. L. Davis, about 1952, who has rented said property to various tenants from time to time since 1952. It is my understanding that <sup>a part of</sup> said property has been recently conveyed by said Jerry Maxwell Davis and wife, to Richard Arlen Conkle and wife.

The original W. B. Shirley place joins the above described property, said property being presently owned or occupied by Mary Shirley, who is the widow of Norman Shirley. I have lived on said property myself for the past twelve years.

Referring again to the original A. J. Davis place more particularly described above, I know of my own personal knowledge that said A. J. Davis

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 50 years. I have never heard anyone question the title, ownership, or possession of said A. J. Davis and his successors in title to said property.

X *Dowell Shirley*  
Dowell Shirley

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 1st day of February, 1968.

X *Verna K. Stone*  
Notary Public

Verna K. Stone, Notary Public  
State of Alabama at Large  
My Commission Expires August 21, 1971

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