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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared Baker Holcombe, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is Baker Holcombe. I am 70 years of age and reside at 1226 McMillen Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. I lived all of my life until about 25 years ago on land adjoining or near the following described land, viz:

All that part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, that lies west of the Southern Railroad right of way; situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

When I first remember said land it was owned and occupied by Julius L. Johnson, commonly known as Jule Johnson. Mr. Johnson had a sawmill on said land which he operated some 4 or 5 years. While I lived near the property I worked at the sawmill. Jule Johnson was in the actual possession of the land for more than 13 years prior to the time he mortgaged it to Holcombe Mercantile Company in 1924. In addition to operating a sawmill on the land, there was also an orchard between the dirt road and the railroad which had been planted before. Mr. Johnson grew timber on the land and operated his sawmill on it and cut the timber and was in the actual possession of the land during the years I have mentioned.

My father, Burl Holcombe's land joined the Jule Johnson land on the north and south and Southern Railway joined it on the east and I know there was no conflict in the land lines between my father and Mr. Julius Johnson, also known as J. L. Johnson, and I know they each recognized the other's lines. I understand there is still an old well on the land and that is the well from which Mr. Johnson used water to operate the sawmill. I also know Addie Johnson was the mother of Julius Johnson and after the father of Julius Johnson died, she married a DeShazo, who I understand was named Joseph DeShazo. I also know that Leila Lacey was a sister of Julius Johnson and she married Robert E. Lacey. I also understand Mr. Johnson traded with Holcombe Mercantile Company and he gave a mortgage to said Company and when he was unable to pay it, said Company foreclosed and it was later sold to R. L. Holcombe, also known as Robert L. Holcombe. I know R. L. Holcombe owned and was in the actual possession of the land until his death about the year 1965. Since that time I am not familiar with the ownership of the land.

Throughout all the years I knew the land, I never heard of anyone contesting the title or disputing the possession of R. L. Holcombe or his predecessors in title.

Baker Holcombe  
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STATE OF ALABAMA

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1968.

Francis Schewalter  
Notary Public

State of Alabama

Shelby County

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared Mrs. Whit Holcombe, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:.

My name is Mrs. Whit Holcombe. I am 66 years of age and I have read the affidavit made by Baker Holcombe. I have lived in the same community of said land for the past 45 years. Some of the details in the affidavit I do not know, but generally I would say the matters and things set out therein are true and correct. I have been familiar with said land on up to the present day and I have never heard of anyone contesting the title or disputing the possession of the R. L. Holcombe heirs or their predecessors in title.

Mrs. Whit Holcombe  
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1968.

Martha J. Janner  
Notary Public

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