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State of Alabama

Shelby County

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

My name is Mae Hitt. I was an adopted daughter of William J. Maxwell and Dora Maxwell and at the time of the probate of the Will of William J. Maxwell, I was his sole and surviving heir at law. I, along with my husband, Louis Hitt, are the present owners of Lot 1 "Maxwell's Addition to Elliottsville", according to map recorded in Map Book 3 on page 113 in the Probate Office of Shelby County Alabama.

I knew William Hamilton, who was a son of Bertie Maxwell's brother, and Bertie Lee Maxwell and her husband kept William Hamilton from the time he was six years of age or younger and he assumed the name William Maxwell. It is family knowledge that William Hamilton was never adopted by the Maxwells, but only lived with them and used the name "Maxwell". Through some mistake, he was listed as an heir in the Petition to Probate the Will of Dora Maxwell; however, he was not a legal heir.

Mrs. Martha Joiner called Freida Hethcox, who was a personal friend of Bertie Lee Maxwell today, and was informed that she and a Lawyer Cowart checked the records thoroughly after the death of Dora Maxwell to ascertain if William Maxwell (William Hamilton) had been adopted and found that he had never been legally adopted.

Mae Hitt
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me on
this the 9th day of September, 1963.

Martha S. Joiner
Notary Public

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