

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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

My name is John A. Griffin. I am 62 years of age and have lived in Shelby County, Alabama, all of my life and have all along been well acquainted with the following described land:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 16, Township 21, Range 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama.

I am a son of John A. Griffin, Sr., who was a brother to R. J. Griffin. I have been informed the records show R. J. Griffin was the sole owner of said land described above, but the truth is my father owned a one-half interest in it with him and it is common knowledge that my father and R. J. Griffin entered said land and took it into possession and several years later had it assessed to "Owner Unknown", which I am now informed was for the year 1894 as shown by Tax Sale Record 2 page 11 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. R. J. Griffin purchased the same in for its taxes on July 9, 1897, but it was for the benefit of himself and my father. I recall when the said R. J. Griffin sold said land to J. E. Walker and his wife, that he brought one-half the purchase price and paid it to my father. Not any of the heirs of John A. Griffin claim any right, title or interest to said property. It is my recollection my father and his brother, R. J. Griffin cut the timber from the land on several occasions and I know they were in the actual possession of it each and every year until they sold the same to J. E. Walker and his wife.

John A. Griffin  
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me on  
this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1969.

Michael D. Smith  
Notary Public

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