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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for the State of Alabama at Large, personally appeared J. C. Roper, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is J. C. Roper. I am 71 years of age and have been familiar with the following described land since the year 1907. Said land being described as follows:

The east 10 acres of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 20 South, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

I recall when J. W. Roper, my brother, purchased said land from C. V. Hoover and wife in the year 1916. He went into immediate possession of the land and began cultivating the same and planted corn and cotton thereon each and every year until his death. After which, his widow continued in the actual possession of the land, and continued to assess and pay taxes on it and live in the house on adjoining property until her death recently. After J. W. Roper purchased said ten acres, he sold off two parcels of land as shown by deeds recorded in Deed Book 137 page 309 and Deed Book 162 page 51, both in Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama.

It is called to my attention that a 12' road was reserved in the deed made in 1916 to J. W. Roper. The only road across the land is along the northerly portion and is the road bordering the land now claimed by J. D. Muse.

There has been called to my attention that certain deeds beginning in 1917 from C. V. Hoover to W. G. Patterson, recorded in Deed Book 62 page 43, and others through June 7, 1933, recorded in Deed Book 98 page 61, described E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 28, less 10 acres out of the NE corner of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 28. I know of my own knowledge that none of the parties in this particular chain of title have ever owned, been in possession of or claimed any interest in and to the ten acres first described above.

Affiant further says that throughout all the years he has known said land, J. W. Roper and then his heirs have been in the actual peaceable possession and paying the taxes on said land and I have never heard of anyone contesting the title or disputing their possession.

Subscribed to before me on this 16 day of April, 1969.

J. C. Roper
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Walter A. Joiner
Notary Public

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