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Shelby County

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

My name is Will Reed. I am 73 years of age and have lived in/around Columbiana all my life and have all along been well acquainted with the hereinafter described property:

A part of Lot 179 according to Horsley's Map of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, which said Lot No. 179 was awarded to Gussie Pope by decree of Circuit Court of Shelby County, Alabama on September 26, 1949 in Circuit Court Equity Case No. 3149, recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in Deed Record 181, page 483, more particularly described as follows: Commence at a point where the East boundary of said Lot No. 179 intersects the South right of way of a public road, which is an extension of Depot Street; thence run South and parallel 210 ft. to the NE corner of Luvert Reed lot as described in Deed Book 204, page 210 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; thence in a northwesterly direction and Parallel with said lot 105 ft.; thence North and parallel with the East line of said lot 210 ft. to the North line of said lot; thence along same in a Southeasterly direction 105 ft. to the point of beginning. There is excepted herefrom a lot owned by William Marcus and wife Essie Marcus, more particularly described in Deed Book 212, page 61 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Affiant says that Gussie Pope, being one and the same person as Gussie Porter, she having been the wife of George Porter at one time and later having been divorced from him, formerly owned Lot 179 according to Horsley's Map of the City of Columbiana but that she sold off several lots so that now she owns the land described being one and the same as George W. Porter and George W. Porter, Sr. above. I recall when George Porter purchased said land. He went into immediate possession of the same at the time he purchased it from the State for taxes in 1944 as shown by tax sale record 12, page 201 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. The said George Porter tore down an old house situated on the property described above and build a new block house on the property. He and his wife, Gussie Porter, both lived there for several years after they built it. They kept the grass cut in the yard and occupied all of the above described land each and every year until their divorce which I am informed was in 1949 when the Court awarded the above described property to Gussie Pope as her alimony and she continued in the possession of said house and lived in it each and every year until some 5 or 6 years ago to my best recollection when she moved to California and since that time has rented the house to tenants each and every year until this very day.

Affiant further says he has never heard of anyone contesting the title or disputing the possession of said Gussie Pope or her predecessors in title.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1970.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this the 28 day of July, 1970.

Will Reed

Notary Public

State of Alabama

Shelby County

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

My name is Bennie McMickel. I am 70 years of age and have lived in and around Columbiana all my life and have all along been well acquainted with the property described in affidavit made by Will Reed on this date. I have read said affidavit and know the same is true and correct as far back as I can remember. I also know that Fred Dollar and Caroline Dollar have been dead for many years.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1970.

Bennie McMickel  
Bennie McMickel

Sworn to and subscribed to before me

on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1970.

Martha S. Joiner

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