

STATE OF ALABAMA)

SHELBY COUNTY)

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, personally appeared DOTTIE HAMILTON CARBIN, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth deposes and says as follows:

My name is Dottie Hamilton Carbin and I reside at Columbiana, Alabama. I am 44 years of age and have resided in and around Columbiana for all of my life. I have been familiar with the occupation, use and possession of the hereinafter described real estate situated in the City of Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama, for all of my life, said property being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Begin at a point where the east boundary of the old foundry lot intersects Sterrett Street, thence run East along said Sterrett Street seventy (70) yards; thence south 70 yards; thence west 70 yards; thence north 70 yards to point of beginning. Being a part of the SW¹/₄ of SE¹/₄ of Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 1 West.

Also Lot 135 according to Horsley's Map of the Town of Columbiana, Alabama.

I am a daughter of John Hamilton and Rosa Hamilton, who are both deceased. Said John Hamilton was killed in the storm which came through Columbiana in 1932 and died without leaving a last will and testament. The said Rosa Hamilton died in or about 1938, and also left no last will and testament. The said John Hamilton and Rosa Hamilton were survived by only three children who constituted their sole heirs. These three children are affiant, Minnie Hamilton, a single woman, and Irene Hamilton Buie, who was a widow on May 6, 1971, and is a widow at the time of this affidavit. The said John Hamilton, prior to his death, had two girls by another woman and also had two sons by another woman. The two girls were killed as infants in the same storm which took the life of John Hamilton in 1932, and the two boys also died as infants. None of the other children of John Hamilton ever had any children themselves. There were never any children born to John Hamilton other than affiant, Irene Hamilton Buie, Minnie Hamilton, and the four infants who died during infancy as above stated.

There is at present a residence situated on the above described property in which affiant and her family makes their home. In fact, I was born in the house situated on the above described property and from very early years I remember living in the house located on said property. I was born in 1926, and remember living in the house prior to the storm which came through Columbiana in 1932. In 1932, as aforesaid, a toronado came through Columbiana and tore down the house which was situated on the above described property. At that time affiant, her mother and father, John and Rosa Hamilton, and her sisters were living in said house on said property. As aforesaid, affiant's father and two step-sisters were killed in the



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storm in 1932. The house was not fit for occupancy immediately after the storm and affiant, her mother and two surviving sisters Ireme Hamilton and Minnie Hamilton moved into a temporary tent or shelter in the yard of Dottie Lefkovits. In a short time the house was rebuilt on the first above described property and in a very few months after the storm affiant, her two sisters, and mother, moved back into the house situated on the above described property where they resided for each and every year up to and including the time of the death of affiant's mother, Rosa Hamilton, which occurred in about 1938. After the death of affiant's mother affiant and her two sisters lived at various places. When affiant obtained the age of 18 which was in 1944, affiant was married to Curtis Washington and affiant in 1944 moved back into the house situated on the above described property where she has lived for each and every year from 1944 up to and including the date of this affidavit. During the period from 1944 up to and including the date of this affidavit, affiant has assessed said property for taxes in the Tax Assessor of Shelby County, Alabama, and has paid taxes on said property in the office of the Tax Collector of Shelby County, Alabama, for each and every year from 1944 up to and including the date of this affidavit. Since I first remember the occupation, use and possession of the above described property, which was some time prior to 1932, the same has been in the actual, open, exclusive, notorious, hostile, continuous possession of affiant, her mother and father, John and Rosa Hamilton, and various tenants who rented the house from the John and Rosa Hamilton estate during the period following the death of Rosa Hamilton up until affiant returned to said property in 1944, as stated aforesaid, and no other person, firm, or corporation has been in possession of the same or any part thereof during said period. I have never heard my title or the title of John and Rosa Hamilton questioned or disputed in any way. Said property is now owned by affiant by way of deed from Minnie Hamilton, a single woman, and Ireme Hamilton Buie, a widow, which deeds are dated May 6, 1971.

Dottie Hamilton Carbin
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Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 25 day of MAY, 1971.

Frank E. Ellis
Notary Public

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