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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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

My name is Della Norwood. I am 76 years of age and have been familiar with the hereinafter described land and the persons in possession of it for the 40 years. Said land being described as follows:

A part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20, Township 22, Range 2 West, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the southeast corner of said SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 20 and run north along the east line of said ten acres 237.5 feet; run thence west to the center of Buxahatchee Creek for the point of beginning of the lot herein described; thence run in a northerly direction with the meanderings of said creek to a point 162 feet north of the point of beginning; run thence west to the Calera Cemetery property's east boundary; thence south 11 deg. 10 min. east along the east boundary of said cemetery property to the northeast right-of-way line of the Spring Creek Road; run thence in a southeasterly direction along said road right-of-way to the north line of the T. S. Slaughter property; run thence east along the north line of said Slaughter property 500 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, being a part of Tract 427 according to Lloyd Realty Company's map of Calera. Said land being the same property as that described in deed from Barney M. Moon and Aurdrey Moon dated August 17, 1964, to V. C. and Autie Mae Ashmore, which was executed for the purpose of establishing the line between their properties; said land being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

I recall when my husband purchased this property from Alabama Lime & Stone Corporation on July 16, 1929. He went into immediate possession of the land and used it for pasture and timber growing purposes during the time he owned it. It was near our homeplace and he went upon the land and used it continuously during this time. I recall that we sold the same to Violet W. Luther on August 8, 1932, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 94 page 155 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. Violet W. Luther immediately on August 27, 1932, sold the land to Martha Ella Jones who built a house on it and was in the actual possession of the same until she sold it back to Violet W. Luther. The said Violet W. Luther then sold the land to Lucy Norwood in 1935, and she deeded it to David W. Norwood; however, I understand they failed to record the deed, but David W. Norwood mortgaged the same to Martha Ella Jones and was unable to pay for it and the same was foreclosed and bought in by Martha Ella Jones. She lived on the land for a while and then Jack Jones, one of her sons lived in the house situated on said land. After her death, her heirs conveyed the land to J. O. Jones in 1945 and he went into the actual possession of the land, paid the taxes on it and used it for timber growing purposes until he sold the same to E. L. Samons. I am not too familiar with the ownership while E. L. Samons had it, but I know that after V. C. Ashmore



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purchased the land, he built the present house that is situated thereon and has lived in it continuously. Part of the land has been fenced throughout the years, part is bordered on Spring Creek road and the east line is bordered by Buxahatchee Creek.

Throughout the years I have known said land, I have never heard of anyone contesting the title or disputing the possession of V. C. Ashmore and the heirs of Autie Mae Ashmore or their predecessors in title

Della Norwood  
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this  
the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1968.

Martha S. Jones  
Notary Public



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