

STATE OF ALABAMA )

COUNTY OF SHELBY )

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Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL  
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Before me the undersigned authority, in and for the said County and State personally appeared the undersigned Affiant who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says as follows:

My name is J. A. Tucker and I am 72 years of age and a resident of Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama. I am familiar with the use, occupation, possession and ownership of the following described property and have been for more than 20 years, said property being situated in Shelby County, Alabama and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama, LESS AND EXCEPT the part thereof described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and run North 501 feet; thence 364 feet Northeast along Highway Number 25; thence South 711 feet; thence West 364 feet to the point of beginning, this being 5 acres, more or less.

I purchased this property from Lillie Bell Dean, nee Lillie Bell Dupree, and husband, Otha A. Dean, on May 27, 1952, their warranty deed to me being recorded in Deed Book 153, at Page 271, in the Probate Office of Shelby County Alabama. I went into possession of all of the above described property immediately upon the execution of the aforesaid deed. Prior to the time I received the aforesaid deed and went into possession of this property I know of my own personal knowledge that it was in the exclusive, adverse, notorious and hostile possession of the said Lillie Bell Dupree and she and her father, Jess Dupree, lived thereon. Since the date of the aforesaid deed I have been in continuous, exclusive, adverse, notorious and hostile possession of all of the above described property up to the present time (with exception of the parts thereof deeded by me since said date, as hereinafter referred to) and no other person, firm or corporation has been in possession of any of the above described property since my purchase of the same and my title has never been questioned or disputed in any way. During all of said period, I have personally lived upon the above described property, operated a business thereon, and rented out tenant houses. Since the date of the aforesaid deed continuously to the date hereof, I have assessed the ad valorem taxes on said land in my name and have paid the same each year up until the present time and no other person has assessed or paid taxes on said land during said period.

On several occasions since my purchase of the above described property, I have sold parts thereof, being more particularly described in the following deeds recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama: deed to Alfred Horton, in Deed Book 208, at Page 539; deed to Grady L. Ayres and Lille Mae Ayres, in Deed Book 234, at Page 546; deed to Donald Horton and Joyce Horton, in Deed Book

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238, at Page 195; and deed to William L. Taylor and Sarah J. Taylor, in Deed Book 252, at Page 657.

Further deposing, affiant says that at the present time he is the owner of the above described property, less and except the aforesaid parts thereof sold by him since his purchase of the same, and that he and his immediate predecessor in title, Lillie Bell Dean, nee Lillie Bell Dupree, have been in actual, exclusive, open, notorious, hostile and continuous possession of the same for more than 20 years and I know of my own personal knowledge that my title and the title of my predecessors in title has/never been questioned in any way.

J. A. Tucker  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 3rd day of February, 1972.

Wade H. Morton, Jr.  
Notary Public

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