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SHELBY COUNTY)

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Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL
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Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said County and State, personally appeared CLAUDE J. SCHRADER, who, being known to me and being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Claude J. Schrader. I am 77 years of age, and have been acquainted with the ownership, use and possession of the following described property for the last past 70 years:

From the NW corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 24 North, Range 15 East, run East along North line of said $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ a distance of 261.38 feet; thence turn right 79°-25' and go 225.53 feet to point of beginning; thence, continue 210.00 feet; thence turn right 89° and go 210.45 feet; thence, turn right 91° and go 210.00 feet; thence, turn right 89° and go 210.45 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

I know of my own knowledge that this property and other property was purchased by my father, W. H. Schrader before the turn of the century. I am aware of the fact that the deed appearing on record in Deed Book 20, page 530 misdescribes the property in that it described part of the property purchased by my father as the "NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 21, Township 24, Range 15 East, Shelby County, Alabama" wherein the same should have been the "W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 21, Township 24, Range 15 East," and this misdescription was followed in the mortgage back to the seller. However, my father went into the actual possession of the above described land, along with the other land purchased upon the execution and delivery of said deed.

I further know that my father assessed this land and paid taxes on the same up to and including the time of his death and sold the timber from the land and occupied the same continuously up to and including the date of his death. My father died on the 3rd day of March, 1938 and left a Will leaving the above described property and other property to his wife, Lenora Schrader who died on August 1, 1940, willing said property to her daughter, Clara B. Schrader. On November 3, 1942, Clara Schrader, an unmarried woman, deeded said above property and other property to Claude J. Schrader by deed recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County in Deed Book 119, page 125. Upon the execution and delivery of this deed, I went into possession of the land, built a house on the 40 acres in which said land is situated and occupied the same exclusively as a homestead.

I know that none of the above described property lies below the 397' contour referred to in deed from me and my wife to Alabama Power Company recorded in said Probate Office in Deed Book 242, page 816.

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At the present time, my daughter, Dorothy Lorene Sparta and her husband, Paul J. Sparta, own said land in fee simple, and since the time that I first knew the land it has been owned by the present owners, and their predecessors in title and has been occupied by them actually, exclusively, openly, notoriously, hostilely, and continuously, and I have never heard the title of the present owners or their predecessors in title questioned in any way.

Charles J. Schneider

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 9th day of March, 1972.

Lance Beasler
Notary Public

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