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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 Loda Lawley, who, being known to me and being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Loda Lawley and I am one of the grantees in that certain deed executed by Esau Linholm and wife, Mae Linholm, dated June 12, 1956, and recorded in Deed Book 180, page 466, in the Probate Records of Shelby County, Alabama. My husband at the time of the execution of said deed was O. T. Lawley but he has since deceased on April 21, 1968. O. T. Lawley was a resident of Shelby County at the time of his death and did not leave a Last Will and Testament. O. T. Lawley was survived by the undersigned, Loda Lawley, who is presently his still unmarried widow and 3 children as follows: Lila Wayne Lawley Seale, whose husband is Owen Seale, Eleanor Ruth Lawley Boothe, whose husband is Owen Boothe, Gerald Oscar Lawley, whose wife is Jean Lawley. All of my said children and their spouses are over the age of 21 years and are of sound mind. There have never been any children born to the said O. T. Lawley other than the three children named above.

I have been familiar with the occupation, use and possession of the hereinafter described property for a period in excess of fifty (50) years. I was born in the year 1900 and first moved into the community where the hereinafter described property is located in 1917 and have known the occupation, use and possession of the same since that time. Said property is situated in Shelby County, Alabama, and is described as the SW¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄ of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 4 West, Shelby County, Alabama. Said above described property is presently owned by affiant and the aforesaid heirs of O. T. Lawley, deceased.

I remember that in the year 1920 the above described property was owned by Esau Linholm, who had purchased the property some time before. I do not know much about the title or possession of the property prior to 1920 but know that in 1920 there was a house situated on the above described property and it was occupied by Esau Linholm and his family. They resided in the house located on said property and farmed and cultivated other portions of the same for each and every year up until the property was sold to affiant and affiant's aforesaid deceased husband, O. T. Lawley, in 1956. From the time I remember said property in 1920 and for each and every year in between, exclusive of all others, Esau Linholm and his family lived in the house continuously and exclusively which was located on said property and farmed and cultivated said property. No other

person, firm or corporation was in possession of any part of said property during the period of time from 1920 up until my husband and I purchased the property in 1956. Actually Mr. and Mrs. Linholm and their family lived in the house located on said property up until about a year, or perhaps 2 years, before June 12, 1956, when we purchased the same. My husband and I moved into the house located on said property before we actually got a deed to the property and began improving the same. After we got the deed to the property in June of 1956 we continued to live in the house located on said property for a period of several years. We then moved out of the house and rented it out to various tenants for about 3 or 4 years and then moved back into the house and affiant, in fact, is residing in the house up to and including the day of this affidavit. During the time from June 12, 1956, up to and including the present time the house located on said property has been continuously and exclusively occupied and possessed by affiant and her husband prior to his death, and their tenants. No other person, firm or corporation has been in possession of this property, or any part thereof during said period. Within less than a year's time from the time we purchased the property in 1956 we constructed a barb wire fence around all four boundaries of the above 40 acre tract and turned cattle or livestock on the property. Although I do not own cattle at this time, some of my relatives do have cattle on the property with my permission. We have maintained this fence around the outer boundaries of said property for each and every year from the time the fence was built up to and including the date of this affidavit.

During the time I have known the property since 1920, neither M.D. Latham, M. Della Latham, Rans Lolley, Davies and Jeter Mercantile Company, Acquilla Lawley, Eliza Pickett, nor Mrs. Luther E. Eddings, nor any other person, firm or corporation has been in possession of the above described property, nor any part thereof, nor have any of them asserted any right, title or interest in and to said property. In fact, there has never been any dispute whatsoever concerning the occupation, ownership, use or possession of said property by affiant and her husband prior to his death.

Lata Lawley

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Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 8th day of April, 1972.

Charles R. Hadaway
Notary Public