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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 John W. Watson, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is John W. Watson. I have lived within the same small community of Vandiver in which the hereinafter described land is located all of my life, being 37 years. Said land being described as follows:

The  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16; the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21; all in Township 18, Range 1 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

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I know Elzilah Pearson Finley and Joe Price Pearson and know they claim to own the above described land and I know they have been in possession of the same for many years. I have been informed that Laura Pearson and J. J. Pearson conveyed said land to The Birmingham Institute and Sanitarium, Incorporated, along with other property, in the year 1927, as shown by Deed Book 79 page 447 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, and that a condition was put in said deed to the effect that if the property conveyed thereby was not used for a school and sanitarium for colored boys and girls, then the land would go back to the Pearsons. I know of my own knowledge that the school operated on said land was abandoned for more than 16 years and closed and has not been reopened at any time since. It is generally and commonly known in the Elzilah Pearson Finley and Joe Price Pearson community that the property reverted to the Pearsons/and I know they have been in the actual possession of and claiming to own the same since the school closed.

It is my information that Elzilah Pearson Finley and Joe Price Pearson are the sole and surviving heirs at law and next of kin of Laura Pearson and J. J. Pearson, both deceased.

John W. Watson  
John W. Watson

Sworn to and subscribed to before me

on this the 13 day of November, 1976.

Michael Moore Amick  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 5, 1978

Conrad P. B. Amick  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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