

State of Alabama

Shelby County

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Before me, the undersigned authority in and for the county of Shelby and state of Alabama personally appeared John Herman Mills, III, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is John Herman Mills III. I am a great grandson of John Mills who owned certain land in Shelby County, Alabama, and I have kept up with the family and know the following facts to be true and correct: John Mills had 8 children, all of whom are deceased and left surviving them the persons hereinafter mentioned. The names of said children and their heirs at law and next of kin are as follows:

1. Henry Mills, my father, left surviving him, the following:
 - a. Naomi Leach, a widow
 - b. Margie Kemp, whose husband is William Kemp.
 - c. Daisy Falls, a widow
 - d. John Herman Mills, III (myself) and wife is Essie Mills.
 - e. Lucille Martin, whose husband is Henry Martin
 - f. Rosie Lawson, who is deceased and left surviving her the following:
 1. Douglas Lawson
 2. Latheria Lawson
 3. Eugene Lawson
 4. Phedore Lawson
 - g. Arthur Mills, who is deceased and left surviving him:
 1. Clarinda Mills
 2. Arthurito Mills
 3. Rafael Mills
 - h. Nannie Shields, who is deceased and left surviving her one child,
 1. Elvin Shields
 - i. George Mills, who is deceased and who died intestate without leaving any children or widow.
 - j. Bonnie Mills, who is deceased and who died intestate without leaving any children.
2. Sallie Butler, deceased, and left surviving her the following:
 - a. Ruth Hayes, a widow
 - b. Dave Butler, whose wife is Josephine Butler
 - c. Clara Butler, unmarried lady
 - d. Fred Butler, Jr. and wife Velma Butler (only child of Fred Butler, Sr.)
 - e. Dorothy Douglas, unmarried lady (only child of Annie Butler)
 - f. James Butler, who is deceased and who died intestate without leaving any children or a widow.
3. Jim Mills, who died intestate without leaving any children or widow.
4. Charlie Mills, deceased, and left surviving him the following:
 1. Juanita Killingsworth and husband, Wiley Killingsworth.
 2. Elsie Lane, whose husband is Willie Lane.
5. John H. Mills, Jr., who died intestate without leaving any children or a widow.
6. Willie Knight, deceased, who left surviving her the following:
 - a. Jesse Knight, whose wife is
 - b. Leorlis Porter Pickett whose husband is John Pickett
 - c. Rose McCain, whose husband is Leo McCain
 - d. Lottie Averytt, a widow
 - e. Ishmel Knight, whose wife is Carolyn Knight



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7. Nannie Hall, deceased, who left surviving her the following:
1. Leon Hall, who died intestate without leaving children or a widow.
 2. Marie Tatum, who died and left the following children:
 - a. Nancy Payne, whose husband is Phil Payne.
 - b. Johnnie Abbott, whose husband is Walter Abbott.
8. Etta Mills who died intestate without leaving any children or a husband.

The following described property has been in the possession of the John Mills, Sr.'s family since prior to 1900 and we have paid the taxes each and every year and sold the timber from the same on several occasions. Said land being described as follows:

$\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 22, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama, less 5 to 6 acres in the southwest corner.

The following described land is owned by the heirs of Henry Mills, my father

he having purchased the same from Sallie Bütler and husband Tom Butler in 1904, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 51 page 434 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. We have been in the actual possession, paying the taxes and cutting timber therefrom each and every year until this very day. Said land being:

$\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 22, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Ala.

I am 72 years of age and during all my life I have never heard of

anyone disputing our possession or contesting our title to the above land during all this time up to and including the present date and we have held the same adversely, continuously, openly, peacefully and been in the exclusive possession of the same throughout said years.

John Herman Mills, III
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me on
this the 15th day of October, 1976.

Wm. F. Farmer
Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC
SHELBY COUNTY, ALA.

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