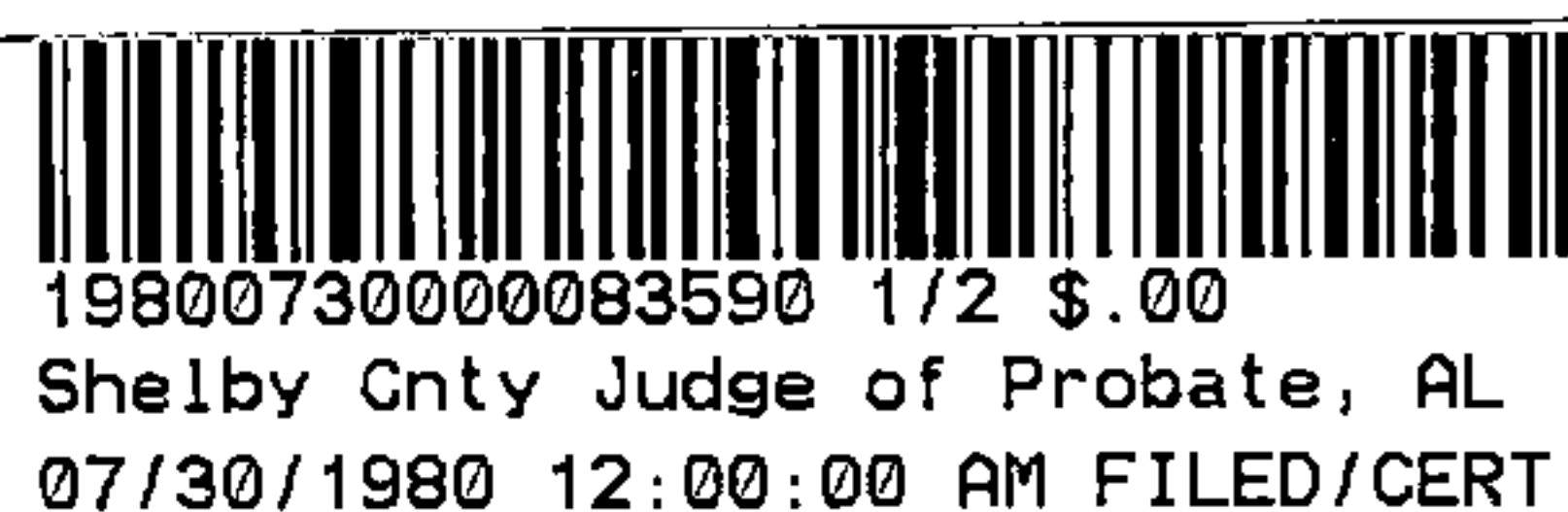


STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY



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Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Billy Ray Watson, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Billy Ray Watson. I am 46 years of age. I live in Vandiver, Alabama and have lived there all my life. I am familiar with the following described property and have lived within a mile of said property all my life. Said property being described as follows:

All of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 18 South, Range 1 East, lying North of Bear Creek.

The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 18 South, Range 1 East.
Situating in Shelby County, Alabama.

My father, J. W. Watson, and my uncle, W. A. Watson, bought the above described property in 1947 from E. H. Edwards, Jr. and wife, Sibley Edwards. My father and my uncle went into possession of the property at that time and cut some timber off of the property immediately upon purchasing the property. Said J. W. Watson and W. A. Watson assessed and paid the taxes on the property until my uncle died in May of 1952. My father filed a suit in 1953 in the Circuit Court of Shelby County, Alabama to have the property sold for division among himself and the heirs at law and next of kin of my uncle. Said property was sold and my father, J. W. Watson bought the property at that sale. The Register of the Circuit Court of Shelby County issued the deed to my father and it is recorded in Deed Book 200, at page 368 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama.

My father fenced all of the above described property along with other properties he owned adjoining the above described property more than twenty years ago. A barn and outbuildings were constructed on property adjacent to the subject property and was used by my father and myself to graze cattle on the subject property and the adjacent

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property owned by my father. A portion of the subject property was farmed by my father and he used a portion of the property to raise sorghum cane. Our family has grazed cattle on the property for the past twenty years and as late as the year 1979. The timber on the property has been cut three times since my father first bought the property in 1947. The last time the timber was cut was approximately five years ago and the timber was sold to Mr. Isbell of Leeds, Alabama.

After my father died in 1966, the family continued to use the subject property for cattle grazing and farming purposes.

A right-of-way to Shelby County was conveyed across said land by my mother for the construction of Shelby County Highway 45.

My father and his brother and my father's heirs after his death, have been in the continuous, actual, open, notorious, adverse and peaceful possession of said property from the year 1947 to the present date, and have assessed and paid taxes on said property during this time. I have never known or heard of anyone disputing the ownership of my father or his heirs at law or of anyone making any claim to any part thereof.

Billy Ray Watson
Billy Ray Watson

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 24th day of July, 1980.

[Signature]
Notary Public

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