

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said County, in said State, this day personally appeared HOSEY JAMES, known to me, and who, after being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is HOSEY JAMES and I am Sixty-two (62) years old and I reside at 436 Oak Mont Street, Brighton, Alabama. I was personally acquainted with Lon Forte, also known as Lonnie Forte during his lifetime and had known him for at least 50 years.

I know that for a period of at least 26 years before he died, Lon Forte owned property located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 1, Township 21 South, Range 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama and was recognized as the owner of it by me and others who owned land in the immediate area. On many occasions, I visited with Lon Forte and he has shown me the land he owned. He did have cattle and horses grazing in a fence on some of his property. The house in which Lon Forte lived in was build for him by his son, Edward Forte. This land and improvements thereon have been in the open and notorious possession of Lonnie Forte and Warnelis Forte for more than twenty-six (26) years.

During all of this time, I have heard of no one questioning the title of Lon Forte also known as Lonnie Forte to the property located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 1, Township 21 South, Range 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama, and so far as I am aware, he claimed to be the owner of it until he died.

Lon Forte also known as Lonnie Forte was survived by his wife, Warnelia Forte and one child, Edward Forte. Warnelia Forte is now eightyseven (87) years of age and resides at 3000 Eleventh Avenue North, Bessemer, Alabama. Edward Forte and his wife, Evelyn Forte, reside in Cleveland, Ohio. There was not an administration of the estate of Lon Forte also known as Lonnie Forte nor was there a necessity for the same, inasmuch as his wife, Warnelia Forte, paid any and all outstanding indebtednesses owed by him at the time of his death.

This affidavit is made for the purpose of establishing as a matter of record the heirs at law of Lon Forte, also known as Lonnie Forte.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1980.

Judith Gwalt  
Notary Public

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