

AFFIDAVIT OF HENRY L. NICHOLS, JR.

STATE OF FLORIDA
OKALOOSA COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Henry L. Nichols, Jr., who, after being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Henry L. Nichols, Jr., and I am 66 years of age. My brother is Frederick A. Nichols, and my sister is Joan N. Alexander, and we are all of the children of Henry L. Nichols, Sr. and wife, Virginia C. Nichols, both of whom are deceased.

My father, Henry L. Nichols, Sr., died in July, 1983, and his estate was administered by the Probate Court of Shelby County, Alabama, Case No. 23-71. My father was the owner of Columbiana Heading Company, a sole proprietorship, with principal place of business in Columbiana, Alabama, from the 1940's until 1963, when operations ceased. All Columbiana Heading Company property was owned by my father.

After my father's death, his property passed to my mother and my brother and sister and myself. My mother, Virginia C. Nichols, died on August 20, 1993, and her Last Will and Testament was admitted to probate by the Probate Court of Shelby County, Alabama, on October 1, 1993, Case No. 32-132. My mother left miscellaneous personal items to various individuals, and all remaining property, including all real property, was devised to my brother and sister and me.

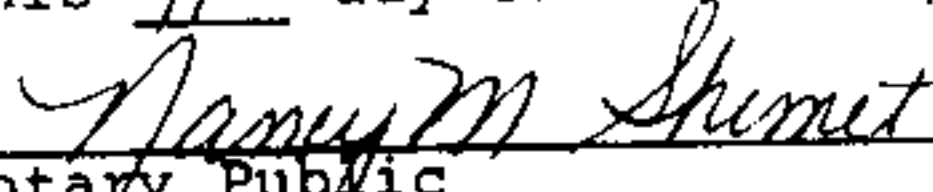
Frederick A. Nichols, Joan N. Alexander, and Henry L. Nichols, Jr., are the owners of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 21, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama, pursuant to that deed from E. E. Moore and wife, Minnie May Moore, to Columbiana Heading Company, dated August 31, 1956, and recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. All ad valorem taxes on said property have were paid by my parents until their death, and my brother and sister and I have paid said taxes subsequent thereto.

The above referenced property has been recently surveyed by R. Edward Gilliland, Alabama Reg. No. 15919, on December 4, 1995. The survey description is intended to cover one and the same property as the above referenced property, and my brother and sister and I are the owners thereof.

This the 11 day of December, 1995.


Henry L. Nichols, Jr.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 11th day of December, 1995.


Notary Public



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SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
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