

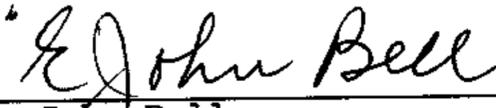
AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared John Bell, who after being duly sworn, states as follows:

I, E. John Bell, am over the age of 21 years, am of sound mind, and reside at 1741 Shades View Lane, Birmingham, Alabama 35216. My father was Joe Bell, who died August 6, 1998, in Shelby County, Alabama. Joe Bell had no will and was survived only by me and my sister Jo Ann B. Bailey. Our mother predeceased our father and there were no other children or children of deceased children. All bills or claims against my father's estate have been paid.

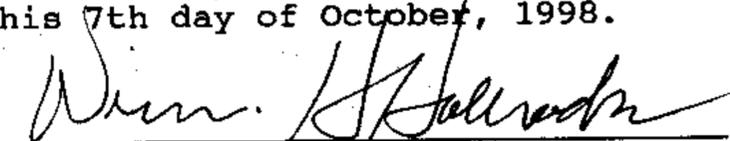
This Affidavit given to clear title to the property described on Exhibit "A" and to induce Magnolia Title Services, Inc. to insure title under binder #TP-4152-98.

Further Affiant sayeth not.



E. John Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 7th day of October, 1998.



William H. Halbrooks, Notary
Public

My commission expires: 4/21/2000

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EXHIBIT "A"

A parcel of land situated in the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 24 North, Range 12 East, Shelby County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northwest side of the Montevallo and Wilton Road (which is now designated as Alabama Highway No. 25) 920 feet Southwest of the intersection or said Northwest side of said road with the North line of Section 9, Township 24, Range 12 East (said point being the Southeast corner of the F. C. and M. F. Edwards lot); thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the Northwest margin of said Montevallo and Wilton Public Road 430 feet, more or less, to the South line of a public road leading towards the Southern Railway; thence in a Westerly direction along South line of said Public Road a distance of 568 feet, more or less, to the East right of way line of the Southern Railway; thence Northeasterly along said East right of way line of said Railway to the intersection thereof with said F. C. and M. F. Edwards lot (as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 221 at page 598, Office of Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama); thence run Southeasterly along the South line of said Edwards lot 463 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Being the same property conveyed by Beatrice Tatum Chappelle, a widow and J.W. Tatum, Jr. an unmarried man by deed dated 23rd July, 1966, and filed 30th July, 1966, and recorded in Deed Book 243, page 796 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama to Gray M. Strother and wife Nell S. Strother.

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