STATE OF ALABAMA SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Margaret Bates Stricklin, who, after being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Margaret Bates Stricklin. I am 67 years of age. I have been familiar with the William and Clara Bates residence property and the land surrounding said residence, located in Shelby, Alabama, all of my life. My mother and father were John E. Bates and wife, Mattie Bates. In prior years, I have deeded property to William Bates and wife, Clara Bates' children, namely, Bruce Bates and Jeanette Brasher.

My father, John E. Bates, died intestate in 1971, and my mother, Mattie Bates, died intestate in 1989.

My parents left surviving them two children, being myself (the undersigned) and my sister, Dorothy Bates Brasher. We were the only children born to our parents, except one other child, who died at birth.

Margaret Bales Stricklin
Affiant - Margaret Bates Stricklin

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

the 26 day of

Notary Public

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