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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF SHELBY

My name is James Williams, Sr., and I do solemnly swear or affirm that the following facts are true and correct in every particular:

1. I am a resident of 720 Lawson, Birmingham, Alabama 35217, and over the age of 19.
2. I, James Williams, Sr., started attending the **Church of Christ of Calera on Ninth Avenue** meeting at and located on Lots 17 and 18, Block 113, Shelby County, Calera, Alabama, in about 1990. This same property was deeded to the **Church of Christ of Calera**, as Grantee, on July 17, 1961 by W. G. Nichols and wife Maude Allison Nichols, as Grantors. The **trustees of this (black) church** were **C. D. Finley, S. T. Summerlin, Erbest Webb, Albert Turner, Sam Ikner, and Clyde Finley**, filed for record in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, in **Book 219, at page 41**.
3. I, along with my family members began to meet with the **Church of Christ of Calera on Ninth Avenue** shortly after Evangelist James Webb left this church. There were some church problems that had to be resolved. My son **James Williams, Jr. and I** were the only men who were able to serve as trustees of the church. We solved the church problems and then built rest rooms onto the existing church building.
4. The **Church of Christ of Calera on Ninth Avenue** believed that said church should look to the future for growth and acquire the adjacent lots next to the church building. On August 24, 1998, **James Williams Sr. and James Williams, Jr.**, Grantees acting for the church, purchased from **Andrew Stanberry**, Grantor, additional property namely: Lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, according to J. H. Dunstan's Map of the Town of Calera, Alabama, recorded in Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, at **Inst. #1998-35683**.
5. **The Church of Christ of Calera on Ninth Avenue** was advised that it should have the real property purchased in 1998 in the name of the church. Upon discussion by the church, the decision was made to change the name of the church to **Ninth Street Church of Christ**. On June 27, 2001, a deed transferred ownership from **James Williams, Sr. and James Williams Jr.**, Grantees, of Lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, according to J. H. Dunstan's Map of the Town of Calera, Alabama, recorded in Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, at **Inst. # 2001-26871**, to the **9th Street Church of Christ**.
6. On August 24th, 1998 upon the purchase of Lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, in Block 113, according to Dunstan's Survey of the Town of Calera, Alabama in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, at **Inst. #1998-35683**, two mortgages were given on subject property. The first mortgage for \$40,281.00, dated August 24, 1998, is recorded at **Inst. #1998-35684**. The second mortgage for \$9,600.00, dated August 24, 1998, is recorded at **Inst. #1998-35685**.
7. **The Church of Christ of Calera on Ninth Avenue** changed its name to **Ninth Street Church of Christ** on or about June 27, 2001. The **Ninth Street Church of Christ** continued to meet until late in the fall of 2004. In October 2005, the **Ninth Street Church of Christ** leased its church building to the **Iglesia de Cristo** church. This (Spanish speaking) church has now incorporated in the name of **9th Street Iglesia de Cristo, Calera, Alabama**.

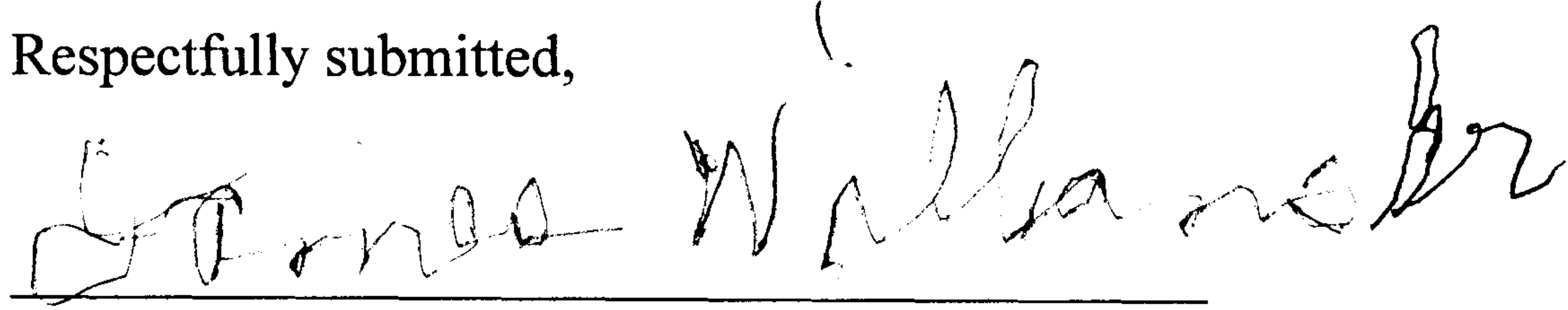
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8. After the **Ninth Street Church of Christ** quit meeting, some problems developed with its church bank account being tied up by the bank. As a result, the payments on the mortgage to **Central State Bank**, on the Lots mentioned in paragraph 6 above, purchased in 1998, became delinquent. Before this problem could be corrected, the **Central State Bank** foreclosed on its mortgage which was still in the names of **James Williams, Sr., and James Williams, Jr.**, described as Lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, according to J. H. Dunstan's Map of the Town of Calera, Alabama, recorded in Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. Said real property was bought at the foreclosure sale on February 3, 2006, by **Contracting Specialists, Inc.**, recorded at **20060206000060570 1/3, 02/06/2006**.

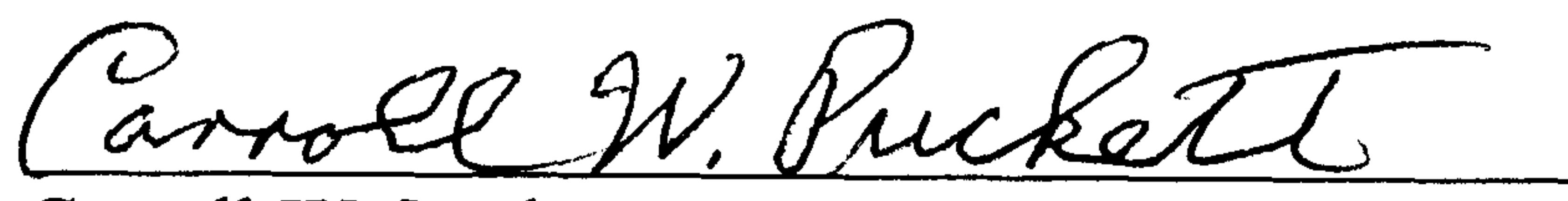
9. On August 22, 2006, **9th Iglesia de Cristo, Calera, Alabama**, redeemed Lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Block 113, according to Dunstan's Survey of the Town of Calera, Alabama, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, subject to statutory rights of redemption, as recorded. **Cora Lee Williams, spouse of James Williams, Sr.**, assigned her redemption rights to **9th Street Iglesia de Cristo, Calera, Alabama**.

10. It was discovered on October 23, 2006, that there has been confusion in the Property Tax Commissioner-Shelby's office between the **Church of Christ of Calera, (black church) who met on Ninth Avenue, Calera, Alabama**, and **Calera Church of Christ (white church) meeting on Highway 31, Calera, Alabama**. For example, the 2006 tax records show Lots 17 and 18, in Block 113, Parcel I.D.: 285211002006000, as being owned by **Church of Christ, (white church) Box 102, Calera, AL. 35040**; whereas this parcel belongs to **Church of Christ of Calera, (black church) (name changed to Ninth Street Church of Christ) on July 27, 2001, located on Ninth Avenue, Calera, Alabama**.

Respectfully submitted,


James Williams, Sr.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, appeared **James Williams, Sr.**, known to me, and after being duly sworn, did state that the foregoing facts are true and correct in every particular, on this 31ST day of OCTOBER, 2006.


Carroll W. Puckett, Notary Public

My commission expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF ALABAMA AT LARGE
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: Mar 16, 2010
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