

The State of Texas, }
County of Henderson }

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Albert Brown, Sr.

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that "My name is Albert Brown, Sr. I was born June 12, 1905. My age now is 79 years. I was born and lived in Athens, Henderson County, Texas all of my life.

The described property that was used as a black cemetery in south town, located north of Fed Massey property and old Palestine Highway and joining Uncle Rube Richardson and the Carroll property on the north side.

The reason I was familiar with the area is I would visit relatives who lived in the vicinity of the graveyard and we would have to go through the graveyard to reach their house. There were many tombstones in the graveyard. I am not positive of persons who were buried in the cemetery.

Approximately between 1925 and the early thirties, the tombstones disappeared from the described property that had been used as a cemetery."

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...property that was used as a black cemetery in south town, located north of Fed Massey property and old Palestine Highway and joining Uncle Rube Richardson and the Carroll property on the north side.

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WITNESS:

Clifford Blanton

Albert Brown

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this *24th* day of *April* A. D. 19

(L.S.)

Carl V. Nestor

Notary Public in and for HENDERSON County, Texas

The State of Texas, }
County of Henderson

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. M. Barnes, Jr.

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that "There was a small colored cemetery here always as far as I remember."

Witness:

Sarah C. Brown

Mary Ann Lyman

John P. ...
Marian G. Westbrook

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January 27, 1986

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I remember that in approximately 1940 Lynn Larkin and Bob Bass were trying to buy property from my husband, John W. Carroll, whose family owned the property at that time, but could never get clear title because there was a negro cemetery there. I was never on the land, but I know there was one there.

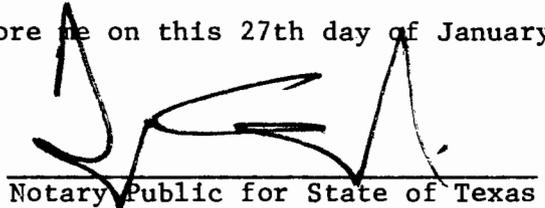

Lewis Carroll

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HENDERSON

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 27th day of January, 1986, by Lewis Carroll.

TEPPE E. REISIG
NOTARY PUBLIC
OF SMITH COUNTY
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
1/7/89


Notary Public for State of Texas

COPY

The State of Texas, }
 County of HENDERSON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Laura Shafer Robinson

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that

Her name is Laura Shafer Robinson, that she is presently 84 years of age and that she is now and has been all her life, familiar with the use and possession of the following described land located in Henderson County, Texas:

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That she lived near the Fisher Robinson cemetery during her life. That she was married to Robert Robinson, son of Fisher Robinson who set aside the above described property to be used as a colored cemetery.

Affiant states that some of the people buried in the above described cemetery are: Lizzie Winfield and husband, Aunt Susan Postel, old man Rube Richardson, all these people buried near each other in the above described cemetery. Also buried in the above described cemetery are Pearlie and Rube Richardson, son of Della Richardson, Della being the daughter of old man Rube Richardson. Also Henry Massey and his wife, daughter and son, also Jim Wimbley was buried in the above described cemetery.

Affiant states that to the best of her memory, the grave markers and headstones were trampled down by livestock when the fence was broken.

So ends affiants statement.

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Margaret L. Reese
WITNESS

X

(her mark)
Laura Shafer Robinson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 25th day of April A. D. 19 80

(L.S.)

Jay E. Smith

Notary Public in and for Smith County, Texas.

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Mary Ann LaRue Perryman

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed as a witness to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,

this the 25th day of April, A. D. 1980

grantor, Laura Shafer Robinson

TERRY E. REISIG
NOTARY PUBLIC
OF SMITH COUNTY
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

11-6-1980

Notary Public in and for Smith County, Texas

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Henderson

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared

Laura Shafer Robinson

known to me to be the person whose mark is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,

this the 25th day of April, A. D. 19 80

TERRY E. REISIG
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11-6-1980

Notary Public in and for Smith County, Texas

CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that the same was the act of the said

a corporation, and that he executed the same as the act of such corporation for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,

this the _____ day of _____ A. D. 19 _____

(L. S.)

Notary Public in and for _____ County, Texas

The State of Texas, }
County of Henderson

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day
personally appeared Sylvester Winfield

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that "My name is Sylvester Winfield. I was born August 5, 1905. My age now is 79 years. I was born on Chase St. in Athens, Henderson County, Texas. I have lived in Athens, Texas all of my life.

The described property that was used as a colored cemetery (Fisher Robinson cemetery) I am familiar with its location. The part of Athens called south town. Fisher Robinson Cemetery was on the north side of Old Palestine Highway and across from the Clifton property that was on the south side of the cemetery. A dirt road ran in front of the Clifton property across old Palestine Highway through Fisher Robinson Cemetery.

The Fisher Robinson Cemetery had many tombstones. Some were tall; they disappeared approximately 40 years or sooner - in the late thirties.

My daddy's sister Lizzie Winfield was buried approximately 1910 or 1911 in the Fisher Robinson Cemetery."

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WITNESS

E. J. Barker

Ruby Mack

S. V. Winfield

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 26th day of April A. D. 19

(L.S.)

Carl H. Westbrook

The State of Texas, }
 County of Henderson }

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Lizzie Dollie Bynum-Taylor

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that "My name is Lizzie Dollie Bynum Taylor, born October 26, 1910, Athens, Henderson County, Texas; the section of town called south town. I am now 73 years old. I have lived in Athens, Texas all of my life. I am familiar with the described land, that was used as a cemetery down south on the old Palestine Highway, across the highway north of Fed Massey and Ervin Clifton. The property had a triangle shape.

As a child me and my sister Winlois Bynum-Taylor, born October 25, 1912 and other children Mary Thorn, Mary and Oma Randle played in the cemetery and picked plums on the branch that ran behind the graveyard.

Tombstones were about about in the cemetery in 1915 and when we left from that area in 1927 the cemetery was still there with the tombstones. Winlois recalled the style and description of some of the tombstones that were in the graveyard."

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Witness

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Witness

Marian G. Westbrook

Lizzie Nellie Bynum
Winlois Bynum Taylor

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this *24th* day of *April* A. D. 19 *84*

(L.S.)

Carl Westbrook

Notary Public in and for *Henderson* County, Texas

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared

known to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,
this the day of A. D. 19

(L. S.)

Notary Public in and for County, Texas

CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

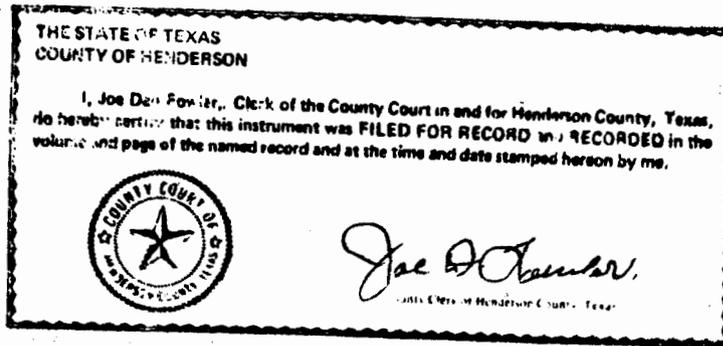
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that the same was the act of the said a corporation, and that he executed the same as the act of such corporation for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,
this the day of A. D. 19

(L. S.)

Notary Public in and for County, Texas



481

8719

No.

Affidavit to Any Fact

FROM

TO

This instrument was filed for record on the day of , 19 , at o'clock and duly recorded in Volume of the records of this office.

County Clerk.

By , Deputy.

When recorded return to

Handwritten number 7114 6

The State of Texas, }
County of Henderson

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Georgia Coit Fite.

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that "My name is Georgia Coit Fite born November 20, 1918. My age is 65 years. I was born in Athens, Henderson County, Texas south town on Carroll St. I have lived in Athens, Texas all of my life and am familiar with the use of the Block Cemetary on the Old Palestine Road.

We would pick berries and plums in that area and I remember that there were tombstones on the described land."

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x - *Marian G. Westbrood*

and am familiar with the use of the block cemetery on the Old Palestine Road.
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x - Marian G. Westbrook

Georgia Coit Tate

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 24th day of April A. D. 19 84

(L.S.)

Carl H. Westbrook

Notary Public in and for HENDERSON County, Texas

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared

known to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,
this the day of A. D. 19

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CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

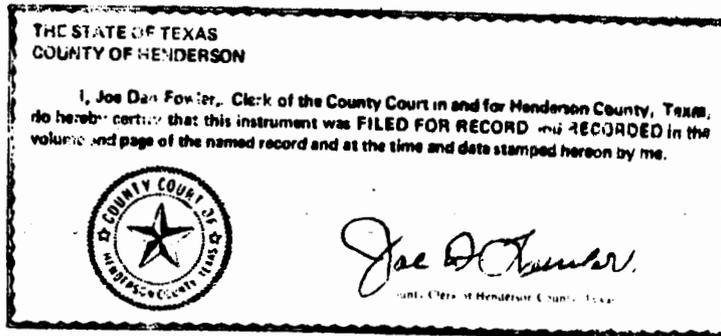
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that the same was the act of the said a corporation, and that he executed the same as the act of such corporation for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,
this the day of A. D. 19

(L. S.)

Notary Public in and for County, Texas



481

No. 8718

Affidavit to Any Fact

FROM

TO

This instrument was filed for record on the day of 19, at o'clock M. and duly recorded in Volume of the records of this office.

By County Clerk, Deputy. When recorded return to

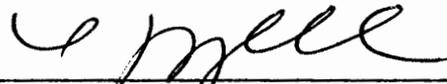
January 27, 1986

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I moved to Athens in 1953 and began working for E. B. LaRue. Mr. LaRue had several pieces of real estate in the city limits and I became familiar with them in my duties as accountant and office manager.

I remember Mr. LaRue driving out Robbins Road, then called the Old Palestine Highway, and showing me the land on the north side of the road that was an old colored cemetery. It joined land owned by M. L. (Goat) Davis who lived north of the road on Carroll Street. Mr. Davis owned several pieces of land that joined this old cemetery.

Mr. LaRue bought the land that joined the cemetery tract on the west from Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis sold this land and described it as joining the cemetery in his deed. That deed is recorded in Volume 369, Page 173 of the Deed Records of Henderson County, Texas.



W. D. Frizzell
Rt. 4, Box 4787
Athens, Tx. 75751

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HENDERSON

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 27th day of January, 1986, by W. D. Frizzell.

JACKIE PATTERSON
Notary Public, Henderson County
State of Texas
My Commission Expires 10-22-88



Notary Public for State of Texas

January 27, 1986

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I visited the Fisher Robinson Cemetery in the 30's and 40's with my father, E. B. LaRue, who knew the history of the cemetery and the area. Laura Robinson, a family friend of ours, spoke of her family who were buried there.


Mary Ann LaRue Perryman

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HENDERSON

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 27th day of January, 1986, by Mary Ann LaRue Perryman.


Notary Public for State of Texas
JACKIE PATTERSON
Notary Public, Henderson County
State of Texas
By Commission Expires 10-20-88

The State of Texas, }
 County of Henderson }

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day

personally appeared Mary Randle-Bell

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that "My name is Mary Randle-Bell born July 10, 1909 in Athens, Henderson County, Texas in Pine Grove Community - old Palestine Highway on Porter Hallum farm. When I was six or seven years old we moved to town (south town). We lived near the descibed land that was used as a graveyard. There were some tombstones in the graveyard - I do not know exactly the name of the peoples who were buried there. Our family moved from south town in another part of Athens, Texas in the early twenties. Tombstones were standing in the colored graveyard on the old Palestine Road."

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WITNESS:

Nellie Mae Turner

years old we moved to town (south town). We lived near the described land that was used as a graveyard. There were some tombstones in the graveyard - I do not know exactly the name of the peoples who were buried there. Our family moved from south town in another part of Athens, Texas in the early twenties. Tombstones were standing in the colored graveyard on the old Palestine Road."

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WITNESS:

X Nellie Mae Turner
X Martha Barrett (Mrs)

X Mary R. Beer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 23d day of May A. D. 19 84

(L.S.)

Carl H. Neuhoff

Notary Public in and for HENDERSON County, Texas

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The State of Texas, } 8720
 County of Henderson

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Albert Brown, Sr.

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that "My name is Albert Brown, Sr. I was born June 12, 1905. My age now is 79 years. I was born and lived in Athens, Henderson County, Texas all of my life.

The described property that was used as a black cemetery in south town, located north of Fed Massey property and old Palestine Highway and joining Uncle Rube Richardson and the Carroll property on the north side.

The reason I was familiar with the area is I would visit relatives who lived in the vicinity of the graveyard and we would have to go through the graveyard to reach their house. There were many tombstones in the graveyard. I am not positive of persons who were buried in the cemetery.

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WITNESS:

Clifford Blanton

Albert Brown

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Carl V. Nestor



Notary Public in and for HENDERSON County, Texas

FOR RECORD THIS 23 DAY OF May A.D. 1984 AT 11:08 O'CLOCK am
JOE DAN FOWLER CLERK COUNTY COURT HENDERSON CO. TEXAS BY at DEPUTY

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared

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(L. S.)

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF

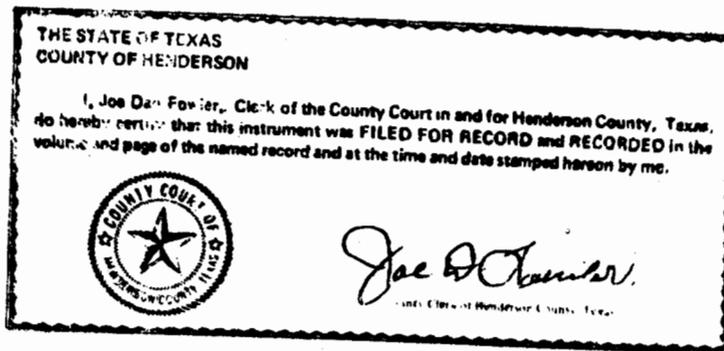
BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that the same was the act of the said a corporation, and that he executed the same as the act of such corporation for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,
this the _____ day of _____ A. D. 19____

(L. S.)

Notary Public in and for

County, Texas



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No. 8720

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FROM

TO

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COUNTY CLERK, TEXAS
HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

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County Clerk.

By _____, Deputy.

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The State of Texas, }
County of HENDERSON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Leanna R. Carter

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that Her name is Leanna R. Carter, that she was born December 12, 1887, and is presently 93 years of age and that she is now and has been all her life, familiar with the use and possession of the following described land located in Henderson County, Texas:

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- THENCE west 185 feet to place of BEGINNING.

That she remembers the Fisher Robinson cemetery. Affiant states that she remembers the Oshmans family being buried there under a tree and that folks were scared to pass there. Affiant states that some people buried there are: Jeff Criner and wife Tempy Criner, Fed Massey and wife Mattie, Emma White and Charlie White.

So ends affiants statement.

Leanna R. Carter

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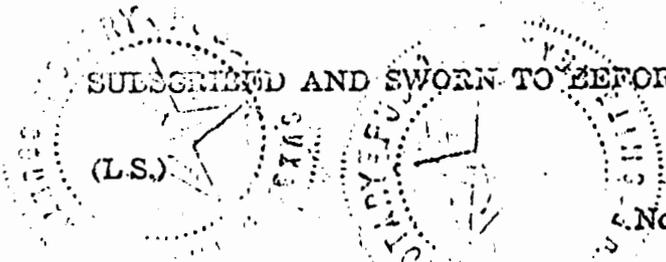
Leanna R. Carter

Mary Ann Lalue Neuzner
WITNESS

Leanna R. Carter (her mark)

Notary Public in and for Smith County, Texas.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 25th day of April A. D. 19 80



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The State of Texas, }
 County of Henderson }

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Mary Randle-Bell

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that "My name is Mary Randle-Bell born July 10, 1909 in Athens, Henderson County, Texas in Pine Grove Community - old Palestine Highway on Porter Hallum farm. When I was six or seven years old we moved to town (south town). We lived near the described land that was used as a graveyard. There were some tombstones in the graveyard - I do not know exactly the name of the peoples who were buried there. Our family moved from south town in another part of Athens, Texas in the early twenties. Tombstones were standing in the colored graveyard on the old Palestine Road."

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WITNESS:

Nellie Mae Turner

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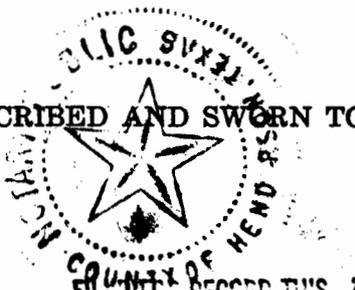
WITNESS :

x Nellie Mae Turner
x Martha Barrett (messr)

x Mary R. Beer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 23d day of May A. D. 19 84

(L.S.)



Carl H. Neuhoff

Notary Public in and for HENDERSON County, Texas

RECORDED THIS 23 DAY OF May A.D. 1984 AT 11:08 O'CLOCK AM
JOE DAN FOWLER CLERK COUNTY COURT HENDERSON CO. TEXAS BY _____ DEPUTY

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared

known to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,
this the _____ day of _____ A. D. 19____

(L. S.)

Notary Public in and for

County, Texas

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF

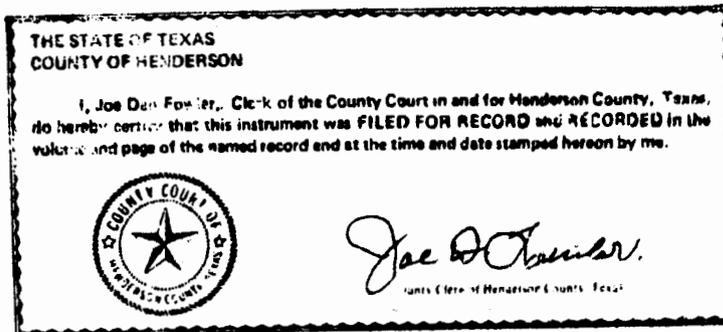
BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that the same was the act of the said a corporation, and that he executed the same as the act of such corporation for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,
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(L. S.)

Notary Public in and for

County, Texas



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Affidavit to Any Fact

FROM _____

TO _____

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By _____ County Clerk.

Deputy _____

When recorded return to _____

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CLERK
HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Henderson

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Billy Hudlin to me well known to be a credible person, and who, after being by me duly sworn, on his oath did state: My wife was Barbara Henderson (Hudlin). My wife's grandfather, Fed Massey, marked this oak tree with this "X" to mark the NE boundary at his property line about 1890-1900. This was part of the Dilcy Ruffin Estate. The Fisher Robinson Cemetery lay to the east of this property. There was a colored Methodist Church (known today as CME) also on this property of the cemetery. I remember the tombstones on the east side of the Church. I remember reading the tombstones about 1972 or 73. We kept my boy, Joe, out of the cemetery with ghost tales.

Witness:

Sarah C. Brown

Mary Ann Guyman

John D. Duke

Clarence J. Richardson

Marian G. Westbrook

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Billy Hudlin
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(L. S.)

Carl H. Westbrook

Notary Public in and for Henderson County, Texas

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Affidavit to Any Fact

FROM

TO

Dated _____, 19__

No. Acres _____

Term _____ County, Texas

This instrument was filed for record on the _____ day of _____, 19__ at _____ o'clock _____ M., and duly recorded in _____ Volume _____ Page _____ of the records of this office.

By _____, Deputy. County Clerk.

When recorded return to _____

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF HENDERSON

I, Joe Dan Fowler, Clerk of the County Court in and for Henderson County, Texas, do hereby certify that this instrument was FILED FOR RECORD and RECORDED in the _____ volume and page of the named record and at the time and date stamped hereon by me.

Joe Dan Fowler
 Clerk of the County Court
 Henderson County, Texas



The State of Texas,
County of HENDERSON

COPY

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Beulah Larkin Smith

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that Her name is Beulah Larkin Smith, that she is presently 92 years of age and that she is now and has been all her life, familiar with the use and possession of the following described land located in Henderson County, Texas:

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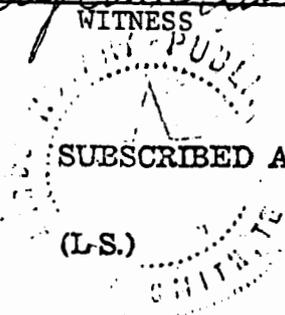
That she lived near the Fisher Robinson cemetery during her life.

Affiant state that some of the people buried in the above described cemetery are: Old man Rube Richardson and family, Fed Massey and family, Jim Wimbley and wife Rozelle and old man Will Graham.

So ends affiants statement.

Mary Ann Grace Leysman
WITNESS

Beulah Larkin Smith (her mark)
Beulah Larkin Smith



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 25th day of April A. D. 19 80

Jay E. R.
Notary Public in and for Smith County, Texas

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

COUNTY OF Henderson

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared

Beulah Larkin Smith

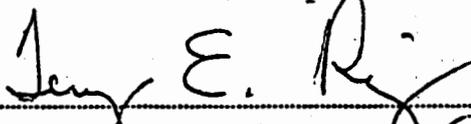
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,

this the 25th day of April A. D. 19 80

TERRY E. REISIG
NOTARY PUBLIC
OF HENDERSON COUNTY
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

11-6-19 80



Notary Public in and for OSMITH County, Texas

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared

known to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,

this the day of A. D. 19

(L. S.)

Notary Public in and for County, Texas

CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }

COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared

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a corporation, and that he executed the same as the act of such corporation for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,

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(L. S.)

Notary Public in and for County, Texas



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The State of Texas, }
 County of HENDERSON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Laura Shafer Robinson to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that

Her name is Laura Shafer Robinson, that she is presently 84 years of age and that she is now and has been all her life, familiar with the use and possession of the following described land located in Henderson County, Texas:

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That she lived near the Fisher Robinson cemetery during her life. That she was married to Robert Robinson, son of Fisher Robinson who set aside the above described property to be used as a colored cemetery.

Affiant states that some of the people buried in the above described cemetery are: Lizzie Winfield and husband, Aunt Susan Postel, old man Rube Richardson, all these people buried near each other in the above described cemetery. Also buried in the above described cemetery are Pearlie and Rube Richardson, son of Della Richardson, Della being the daughter of old man Rube Richardson. Also Henry Massey and his wife, daughter and son, also Jim Wimbley was buried in the above described cemetery.

Affiant states that to the best of her memory, the grave markers and headstones were trampled down by livestock when the fence was broken.

So ends affiants statement.

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Henderson

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared
Leanna R. Carter
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to
me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE,
this the 25th day of April A. D. 19 80

TERRY E. REISIG
NOTARY PUBLIC
OF SMITH COUNTY
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

11-8-18-80

Notary Public in and for Smith County, Texas

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF

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Notary Public in and for County, Texas

CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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(L. S.)

Notary Public in and for County, Texas

Lee O. Hill

Oliver Hill

The Children of Mrs. Frances Hill buried in the Fisher Robinson
Cemetery in the late 1800.

Stated by Frank Griffin 06-1984

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Fisher Robinson Cemetery

Born

Leona Hill 1896 Feb. 12

Oliver Hill 1898 May 3

Infants of Mrs. Frances Hill

Inf. given by Frank Griffin
Edmondson St.
Athens, Ga.