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AFFIDAVIT OF HEIRSHIP

MICHAEL A. BROWN
RECORDER

James O. Mason, being first duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says;

1. That he is the son of Hazel Mason a/k/a Hazel M. Mason, who died intestate a resident of Lake County on March 18, 1980.

2. That no petition for appointment of a personal representative is pending for Hazel Mason, and more than forty-five (45) days have elapsed since her death.

3. That Hazel Mason was the owner of a parcel of real estate which is legally described as follows:

Lot 4 except the North 164.66 feet thereof, in Block 3 in Charles M. Barney's Gary Park Addition to the City of Hobart, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 10 page 6, in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.

Common Address: 4094 Howard Street, Hobart, IN 46342

This parcel was acquired by Quit-Claim Deed dated November 10, 1971, as document No. 126089. Key No. 17-6-44-117-0064-0004

4. That Hazel Mason was survived by her husband, George L. Mason and three children, James O. Mason, Linda Ritenour and William George Mason, as her sole and only heirs at law.

5. That the estate of Hazel Mason was not subject to Indiana Inheritance Tax or Federal Estate Taxes. All of her debts were fully paid.

6. That the individuals entitled to the real estate herein described as a result of the death of Hazel Mason are her husband, George L. Mason, a 1/2 interest and her children, James O. Mason, William George Mason and Linda Ritenour, each owning an undivided 1/6 interest.

7. That by Quit-Claim Deed dated April 19, 1994 and recorded on April 25, 1994 as document no. 94030867, George L. Mason conveyed his 1/2 interest in the property herein described to Muriel Koonsman.

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8. That by Quit-Claim Deed dated November 14, 1994 and recorded on December 13, 1994 as document no. 94084057 William George Mason a/k/a William George Mason, Sr., conveyed ~~an undivided~~ 1/6 interest in the real estate herein described to Muriel Koonsman.

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LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

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9. That by Quit-Claim Deed dated September 16, 2002 and recorded on September 20, 2002 as document 2002085061, Muriel Koonsman conveyed her undivided 4/6 interest in the real estate herein described to James O. Mason, reserving until her self a life estate in the real estate. Muriel Koonsman died on the 16th day of October, 2003.

10. That this affidavit is made for purpose of establishing the heirship of decedent, Hazel Mason, and the subsequent chain of title to the real estate herein described and to induce the Auditor of Lake County, Indiana, to show that James O. Mason is the owner of a 5/6 interest in the real estate herein described and Linda Ritenour is the owner of a 1/6 interest in said real estate.

11. Affiant requests that all tax statements be sent to him at 101 North 600 West, Valparaiso, Indiana 46385.

Further affiant sayeth not.

JAMES O. MASON
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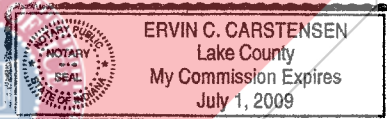
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Subscribed and sworn before me by the affiant this 27 day of May, 2005.

Ervin C. Carstensen
Notary Public

Printed Name: Ervin C. Carstensen

My commission expires: 07/01/09
Resident of Lake County



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