

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN PALMER

I lived at 1227 Brockley Avenue in Lakewood from 2008 to 2021, and during that time was able to use the grounds of the property for growing plants, flowers, etc.

Over a period of five years, beginning in 2016 and continuing until 2021, I collected about 300 acorns from the English Oak Tree in the courtyard at James Ford Rhodes High School, 5100 Biddulph Avenue, Cleveland.

I collected these acorns in an attempt to grow new oak trees from the existing Oak Tree. I had learned that this tree was planted by Jesse Owens, and that it is one of the oak trees which he received as a sapling from Germany's Black Forest.

There are pictures and also first-hand accounts from Owens that he received these saplings from Germany as a result of his winning four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

I planted and nurtured the acorns at my residence on Brockley Avenue from 2016 until 2021, both indoors and outdoors.



I continue to cultivate and nurture these saplings to this date. As of this date, there are approximately two dozen saplings that are in very good condition.

  
John Palmer, Affiant

8-25-2022  
Date

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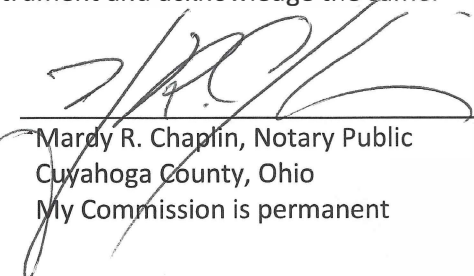
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Personally came before me this 25TH day of August, 2022, the above named JOHN PALMER, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge the same.

  
MARDIS R. CHAPLIN, Atty. at Law  
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF OHIO  
My Commission Has No Expiration Date  
SEC 147.03 R.C.

  
Mardy R. Chaplin, Notary Public  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio  
My Commission is permanent