

AFFIDAVIT OF SARAH FORD
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF DALLAS §

Before me, the undersigned notary personally appeared Sarah Ford Hardin, who being duly sworn did depose as follows:

1. My name is Sarah Ford Hardin. I am over the age of twenty-one (21), of sound mind and body, and competent to make this affidavit. I live at 3548 Rankin Street, Dallas, Texas, 75205. I have owned this property 24 years. The statements set forth in this affidavit are true and correct based upon my personal knowledge.

2. I joined the Dallas County Medical Society Alliance in 1991. I served as the DCMSA's Foundation President in 2007-2008, its 90th birthday year.

3. During my presidency, we won the Texas Medical Association Alliance Outstanding Doctor's Day Award and started a new health project called "E.C.H.O."—Encouraging Children to Healthy Options.

4. I served as the Chairman of our DCMSA cookbook, A Thyme to Remember, the official cookbook for the Millennium Celebration of Dallas. Mayor Ron Kirk was the "Honorary" cookbook chair.

5. As a 24 year member of the DCMSA, I have held many leadership positions for our organization such as VP of Health Projects, VP of Philanthropy (2 times and Fundraising Event Chair several times), VP of Edith Cavell Nursing Scholarships, VP of Membership, VP of Programs (2 times), VP of Legislative Issues, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Nominating Chair, Philanthropic Review Chair,

Doctor's Day Chair, Evaluation Committee Chair, Installation Day Chair, Publicity Chair, Finance Committee, Benefactors Endowment Fund Committee, Budget Committee, Centennial Celebration Committee and Aldredge House Committee (many times). I am currently the Aldredge House Corresponding Secretary.

6. As evidenced above, the Aldredge House is very engaged in charitable events for the community.

7. The first time I visited Aldredge House was in 1979 when I was part of a wedding party at the wedding reception of my good friend Angie Freeman Worley. Angie's father was a physician, so she wanted to have her wedding reception there. I loved the house from the first time I saw it, never expecting I would one day be married to a physician and a member of the DCMSA.

8. From my first visit to Aldredge House, I was immediately impressed with the DCMSA's effort to maintain the beauty and design integrity of such a historical treasure.

9. Before I was married to my husband, I lived in the historic district in a lovely restored home on Junius Street. Living in an older house gave me insight as to what it takes to keep up with the maintenance of an aging property. It is an enormous responsibility and challenge to take proper care of a valuable relic. The DCMSA has done an outstanding job at owning, restoring and maintaining Aldredge House since being handed the reins in 1974.

10. Over the past 24 years, I have spent countless hours working with other DCMSA members to keep Aldredge House a viable and valuable resource not only to the Swiss Avenue Historic District, but the City of Dallas as well.

11. The Aldredge House is also the home of many very special memories for me; I have spent hundreds of hours in it for meetings, holiday celebrations, gardening, and laughing and crying with friends. Aldredge House is more than a house to me, it is my second home. Aldredge House is woven into the fabric of many physician families' lives and it is often the common anchor to bring us together. Aldredge House is the heart of the DCMSA.

12. Because he grew up going to many fun activities at Aldredge House, my son, Spencer Ford Hardin, decided to do his Boy Scout Eagle Project to help restore the historic greenhouse at Aldredge House. Spencer led his team of Boy Scouts in building a new gardening tool chest/bench and new gardening shelves for plants. Spencer also divided the sections of plants according to their ideal environment, researched and labelled the plants with metal markers, repotted the plants, and added over 30 cubic feet of potting soil to the beds. Spencer used Ipe Brazilian hardwood and expanded steel for the new structures for durability and compatibility with the humid environment inside the greenhouse. Spencer made sure all paint colors used were consistent with the historic color used when the house was built in 1915-17. Spencer and his team were careful working around the very large philodendron in the greenhouse, an original plant to the house! This was a great learning experience for Spencer and helped him develop his leadership and organizational skills. Spencer has always enjoyed gardening with his father, so he was especially interested to learn about the plants in the greenhouse and how best to care for them. Although it took months of planning and research, Spencer's Eagle project was completed over several weekends at Aldredge House in Late January and early February of 2014. Spencer had such a good time doing the Aldredge House greenhouse

project, he then volunteered with me during the Swiss Avenue 2014 Mother's Day Tour of Homes. He wore his Boy Scout uniform and stood with me in the greenhouse for hours as we greeted hundreds of guests during the tour of homes. So many of the "tourists" had questions for Spencer about the greenhouse. He was very proud he could answer the questions about the history of the greenhouse as well as the questions about the plants. The crowds loved seeing Aldredge House in all its glory!

13. Aldredge House is a precious jewel to be shared with the Dallas Community, not only today but for future generations.

