



The State of Alabama, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT. (Equity)

*December* Term, 194 *2*

*Ex Parte, Helton, Willis, & minor*  
No. *678* vs.

BILL OF COSTS

REGISTER'S FEES	AMOUNT	SHERIFF'S FEES:	AMOUNT
Fees in Circuit Court—		Summoning on Bill, Each Defendant.....	1.50
Docketing Cause, One fee only of.....	1.00	Executing Writ of Injunction, or Ne Exeat, each..	1.50
Issuing Summons on Bill, each.....	.50*	Executing Subpoenas for Witnesses, each.....	.65
Issuing Copies Thereof, each.....	.40	Executing Writs of Possession, each.....	5.00
Entering Return of Same, each.....	.15	Executing Scire Facias or Notice, each.....	1.50
Orders of Publication to Non-Residents, each....	1.00*	Taking and Approving Bonds, each.....	1.00
Filing Bill or Other Paper, each.....	.10	Impaneling Jury.....	.75
Copies of Same, Per 100 Words.....	.15	Collecting Execution for Costs Only, each.....	1.50
Entering Appearances, each.....	.25*	Sheriff's Commissions.....	
Issuing Writs of Injunction, Ne Exeat, each....	1.50		
Issuing Copies Thereof, each.....	.50		
Entering Return of Same, each.....	.15		
Decrees Pro Confesso, each.....	1.00*		
Order Appointing Guardian Ad Litem, each.....	1.00*		
Issuing Commissions to Take Testimony, each....	.50		
Taking Testimony, Per Day.....	1.50		
Taking Testimony, Per 100 words.....	.20		
Receiving and Filing Depositions, each pkg., .....	.10		
Indorsing Depositions Published, each pkg.,.....	.10		
All Entries on Commission Docket, Each Cause....	.50		
Entering Order Submitting Cases for Decree, each..	.50		
Other Orders of Court, each.....	.25		
Noting Testimony on Hearing of Cause, each.....	.50		
Entering Decrees, of 500 Words of Less, each.....	.75		
Per 100 words over 500.....	.15		
Taking Accounts, etc., on Ref., per Day.....	3.00*		
Taking Testimony on Reference Relating to Trustee, etc., per 100 words.....	.15		
Reference and Reports, each.....	2.00*		
Reports of 500 Words or Less.....	2.50		
Per 100 Words over 500.....	.15		
Issuing Subpoenas for Witnesses, each.....	.25		
Issuing Witness Certificates, each.....	.25		
All Entries on Subpoena Docket, each Cause.....	.50		
Taking and Approving Bonds, each.....	1.00		
Making Complete Record, per 100 Words.....	.15		
Hearing, etc., Regarding Appointment of Re- ceiver or Trustee.....	8.00		
Settlements with Receiver or Trustee, each.....	3.00		
Examining Vouchers in Settlements, each.....	.10		
Examining Answers on Exceptions, each Answer ..	2.00		
Removal Disabilities on Non-Age.....			
Commissions on Sales.....			
Making Deeds to Property Sold, each.....	2.00		
Receiving and Paying Out Money Other Than That Arising from Sales.....			
Certificates or Affidavits, with Seal, each.....	.50		
Certificates or Affidavits, without Seal, each....	.25		
Issuing Scire Facias or other Notice, each.....	.50		
Other Orders of Register, except Cont., each....	.50		
Entering Certificates of Supreme Court, each.....	.50		
Transcript for Supreme Court, per 100 words, each.	.15		
Additional Copies, per 100 words.....	.05		
Appeal Bond, each.....	1.00		
Certificate of Appeal, each.....	.50		
Notice of Appeal, each.....	.50		
Report to State Board of Health, each case.....	.50		
Certificate of Judgment, each.....	.25		
Issuing Executions, each.....	.75		
Entering Returns Thereof, each.....	.15		
<i>Original Copy by Deed</i>			
<b>Total Register's Fees</b> .....	<b>5.75</b>		
		<b>SUMMARY OF FEES, COSTS, AND JUDGMENT</b>	
		<b>Fees in Circuit Court—</b>	
		Register's Fees.....	5.75
		Ex-Register's Fees.....	
		Sheriff's Fees.....	
		Ex-Sheriff's Fees.....	
		Witness Fees.....	
		Commissioner's Fees.....	
		Guardian Ad Litem.....	
		Publisher's Fees.....	
		Solicitor's Fees.....	
		Court Reporter's Fees, Per Day or fraction thereof	.50
		Trial Tax.....	3.00
		<i>Recording Deeds in Probate Court</i>	50
		<b>Fees and Costs in Inferior Court:</b>	
		Clerk of Inferior Court Fees.....	
		Sheriff's Fees.....	
		Witness Fees.....	
		<b>Total Fees and Costs in Inferior Court</b> .....	<b>9.25</b>
		<b>Total Fees and Costs</b> .....	
		Judgment.....	
		<b>Total Fees, Costs, and Judgment</b> .....	

In the matter of the removal of  
the disabilities of non-age

of

Velma Willis, a minor over the  
age of eighteen years.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTER

I, R. S. Duck, Register in Chancery, do hereby certify:

That on the 12th day of November, 1940 a copy of the  
petition in this matter was mailed to the minor, Velma Willis, at  
815 Flower Street, Bakersfield, California, marked "For delivery  
only to the person to whom addressed" and on the 20th day of Novem-  
ber, 1940 the receipt for such mail from the United States Post Of-  
fice, signed by the said Velma Willis, was by me received and  
filed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: I have hereunto set my hand this

11 day of December, 1940.

*R. S. Duck*

Register in Chancery.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REMOVAL OF  
THE DISABILITIES OF NON-AGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN CHANCERY

of

AFFIDAVIT

VELMA WILLIS, amminor over the  
age of eighteen years.

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

E. F. Sanders and J. J. Lewis, being first duly  
sworn on oath depose and say:

That they are well and personally acquainted with  
Velma Willis and have known her and her parents for a number of  
years; that the said Velma Willis is sufficiently well developed  
mentally and physically to attend to her business affairs, in their  
opinion, and that, to the best of their knowledge, information and  
belief, she is over the age of eighteen years.

*John J. Lewis*  
*E. F. Sanders*

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me  
this 29 day of November, 1940.

*Margaret Lewis*  
Notary Public.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REMOVAL OF  
THE DISABILITIES OF NON-AGE

OF

VELMA WILLIS, a minor over the  
age of eighteen years.

STATE OF ALABAMA )

BALDWIN COUNTY )

Lois Crosby, being first duly sworn on oath de-  
poses and says:

That she is the mother of the above named Velma  
Willis, who was born on the 7th day of November, 1922 and is  
now over the age of eighteen years.

Affiant further states that the said Velma Willis  
is a well developed young woman, both physically and mentally, and  
is thoroughly competent to attend to her business affairs.

Lois Crosby

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me  
this 30 day of November, 1940.

Lois Tompkins

Notary Public.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REMOVAL OF  
THE DISABILITIES OF NON-AGE

of

VELMA WILLIS, a minor over the  
age of eighteen years.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN CHANCERY

PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN  
COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN CHANCERY SITTING:

Comes now Lois Crosby and respectfully shows to the Court that she is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama and the mother of Velma Willis, a minor who is over the age of eighteen years. That she is not the guardian of such minor.

That said minor is possessed of an estate which consists of the undivided one-half interest in and to the following described real estate in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:-

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section Eight (8), Township Eight (8) South, Range Four (4) East and run thence West 210 feet; thence South 210 feet; thence East 210 feet and thence North 210 feet to the place of beginning, containing One (1) acre, more or less.....

Your petitioner was the owner of the other undivided one-half interest in and to the said real estate and on or about the 5th day of July, 1940 arranged to sell said real estate to one John M. Rogers for the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED & 00/100 (\$800.00) DOLLARS, which was the fair and reasonable market value thereof.

That it was arranged that one-half of the purchase price, which belonged to said minor, should be deposited in escrow in Farmers & Merchants Bank of Foley and to remain until such time as the said minor could execute a good conveyance to her said one-half interest, and that this arrangement was consummated and said Farmers & Merchants Bank of Foley is now holding said property for the said minor under said escrow agreement.

That the said Velma Willis, minor, is now residing at 815 Flower Street, Bakersfield, California, where she is attending school; that said minor has no other estate, property or income; your petitioner is unable to assist her in attaining an education and she needs the money, so held in escrow, for the purpose of com-

pleting her education, and it would be for the best interests of said minor that the disabilities of non-age be removed so that she might execute a proper deed to the said John M. Rogers and obtain the funds so held in escrow for her for the purpose of using the same to complete her education.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that Your Honor will take jurisdiction of this cause; and will cause a copy of this petition to be served on said minor, by registered mail, as provided by law; that Your Honor will fix a date for hearing this petition and, upon said hearing, will make and enter a decree relieving the said Velma Willis from the disabilities of non-age.

*Lois Crosby*

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 1940.

*Lois Tompkins*  
Notary Public

RECORDED  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REMOVAL OF  
THE DISABILITIES OF NON-AGE

OF

VELMA WILLIS, a minor over the  
age of eighteen years.

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*Filed December 11, 1940*  
*A.S. Duch, Register*



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
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OF

VELMA WILLIS, a minor over the age  
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*Filed December 11, 1940*  
*R. S. Duck, Register*

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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In the matter of the removal of  
the disabilities of non-age

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Velma Willis, a minor over the  
age of eighteen years.

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTER

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I certify that the within is a true and correct Bill of Costs in the within styled cause.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Register Circuit Court, Baldwin County, Ala.

Received payment this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 194 \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Register Circuit Court, Baldwin County, Ala.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

vs. \_\_\_\_\_ Plaintiff

Defendant

EQUITY COST BILL

Term, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

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Plaintiff's Attorney,

Defendant's Attorney.

I certify that the within is a true and correct Bill of Costs in the within styled cause.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Register Circuit Court, Baldwin County, Ala.

Received payment this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 194\_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Register Circuit Court, Baldwin County, Ala.

No. 698

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The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

*By Mrs. William C. Moore*

vs.

Plaintiff

Defendant

EQUITY COST BILL

Term, 19\_\_\_\_\_

Fee Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff's Attorney.

Defendant's Attorney.

# RETURN RECEIPT.

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Deliver to Addressee Only

Deliver to Addressee's Agent

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 11/16, 1940

Form 3841

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 Date of Delivery 11/16/40

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10 fee paid. 1 class postage paid. 11-17, 1940

Declared value, \$ Non-Negotiable (Date)

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Case, Merrill, Ill. (Sender)

Addressed to William Yellis (Post office and State)

811 Alameda St. - Berkeley, Calif. (Post office and State)



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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,

R. S. DUCK, Register of the Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,  
Baldwin County, Alabama.

I, R. S. DUCK, Register of the Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that I have on the 20th day of November, 1940, mailed a copy of the within petition to Velma Willis, a minor, at 815 Flower Street, Bakersfield, California, by registered mail, postage prepaid, with return receipt requested, and marked for delivery only to the person to whom addressed, and that the return receipt was filed November 20th, 1940.

Witness my hand this 20th day of November, 1940.

*R. S. Duck*

R. S. Duck, Register in Chancery.

RECORDED  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN CHANCERY

In the Matter of the Removal  
of the disabilities of Non-  
Age

of

Velma Willis, a minor over  
the age of eighteen years

PETITION

*Filed November 12, 1940  
R. S. Duck, Register*

LLOYD A. MAGNEY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
FOLEY, ALABAMA

LLOYD A. MAGNEY  
LAWYER  
FOLEY, ALABAMA  
December 10, 1940

Hon. R. S. Duck,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court,  
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: Ex Parte, Velma Willis, a  
Minor, #678.

I enclose herewith the consent of  
Velma Willis to a decree in the above en-  
titled matter and two affidavits which you  
will please file.

I wish you would then send the  
file to Judge Hare for decree.

I also enclose a copy of a de-  
cree I am asking Judge Hare to sign and  
when the decree is signed and filed, I  
wish you would certify this copy and re-  
cord it with the Judge of Probate and send  
me a bill for the costs in this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
LLOYD A. MAGNEY.

LAM:C

Encl.

*Sent judge  
12-11-40*



In the matter of the removal of  
the disabilities of non-age

of

Velma Willis, a minor over the  
age of eighteen years.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CONSENT TO DECREE

Comes now Velma Willis, the above mentioned minor, and respectfully shows to the court that she has need of the money now held in escrow by Farmers & Merchants Bank of Foley for the purpose of completing her education, and she hereby consents and requests that the court will make and enter a decree relieving her of the disabilities of non-age.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1940.

*Velma Willis*

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In the matter of the removal of  
the disabilities of non-age

of

Velma Willis, a minor over the  
age of eighteen years.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DECREE

This matter came on to be heard on the petition of Lois Crosby, the mother, but not the guardian of the above named minor Velma Willis, the certificate of the Register showing service of a copy of the petition upon said minor, the consent of said minor to the entry of a decree herein, the affidavits of E. F. Sanders, J.J. Lewis and Lois Crosby and was submitted to the Court and, being fully advised in the premises, the Court finds that it has jurisdiction of said cause, that the said minor, Velma Willis, is over the age of eighteen years and is of sufficient intelligence to be entrusted with the management of her estate and that it would be to her interest to grant the prayer of the petition;

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said Velma Willis, a minor over the age of eighteen years, be, and she hereby is, relieved from the disabilities of non-age and is now invested with the right to contract, sue and be sued, to buy, sell and convey real estate and to do and perform all acts which said minor could lawfully do on her becoming of the age of twenty-one years.

This decree shall not take effect until a copy shall be filed and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate, as required by law, in each county where the said minor may reside or do business.

It is further ordered and decreed that the petitioner pay the costs of these proceedings.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1940.

  
Judge.

**RECORDED**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF**  
**BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE REMOVAL OF  
THE DISABILITIES OF NON-AGE

OF

VELMA WILLIS, a minor over the  
age of eighteen years.

ORDER

*Filed December 13, 1940*  
*R. S. Dunch, Register*

... Court, do hereby order that the disabilities of non-age of the above named minor be removed and she be restored to her natural capacity to contract and to sue and be sued as a natural person.

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Clerk of the Court

RECORDED

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE REMOVAL OF  
THE DISABILITIES OF NON-AGE

OF

VELMA WILLIS, a minor over the  
age of eighteen years.

CONSENT TO DECREE

*Filed December 11, 1940*  
*R. S. Deuch, Register*