

ALFRED M. NEUMANN, COMPLAINANT,  
VS.  
PAUL STRAUBEL, ET AL, RESPONDENTS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
IN EQUITY.

Notice is hereby given that the Complainant will, on the  
10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1942, before Miss Frances Brantley, as  
special commissioner, take the testimony, orally, of the following  
witnesses on behalf of the Complainant: Alfred M. Neumann, Elberta,  
Alabama; L. Lindoerfer, Elberta, Alabama; Hubert M. Hall, Bay  
Minette, Alabama.

Dated this 30 day of October, 1942.

BEEBE & HALL

By: *Shuslan*  
Solicitors for Complainant.

ALFRED M. NEUMANN, COMPLAINANT,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

VS.

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

PAUL STRAUBEL, ET AL, RESPONDENTS.

IN EQUITY.

TO HONORABLE R. S. DUCK, REGISTER OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
ALABAMA, IN EQUITY:

The Complainant wishes to take, orally, the testimony on behalf of the Complainant, of the following witnesses: Alfred M. Neumann, Elberta, Alabama; L. Lindoerfer, Elberta, Alabama; and Hubert M. Hall, Bay Minette, Alabama.

It is hereby requested that you give proper and legal notice and that Miss Frances Brantley be duly appointed as special commissioner to take testimony of said witnesses, and that due and legal notice of said request and appointment be given as required by law.

BEEBE & HALL

By: 

Solicitors for Complainant.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

TO Frances Brantley

KNOW YE: That we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, at such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine Alfred M. Neumann, L. Lindoerfer, and Hubert M. Hall

as witnesses in behalf of Alfred M. Neumann in a cause pending in our Circuit Court of Baldwin County, of said State, wherein

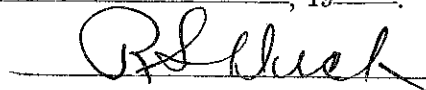
ALFRED M. NEUMANN Complainant

and

PAUL STRAUBEL, ET AL. Defendants

on oath to be by you administered, upon to take and certify the deposition~~s~~ of the witness~~es~~ and return the same to our Court, with all Convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 10th day of November, 19 42.



REGISTER

Commissioner's Fee \$

Witness' Fees, \$

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA - GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon PAUL STRAUBEL to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, exercising Chancery jurisdiction within thirty days after the service of summons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by ALFRED M. NEUMANN against PAUL STRAUBEL, and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the said Respondent shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ with your endorsement thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, R. S. DUCK, Register of said Circuit Court, this the 18  
day of Aug, 1942.

R. S. Duck  
Register.

ALFRED M. NEUMANN, COMPLAINANT,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

VS.

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

PAUL STRAUBEL, ET AL, RESPONDENTS.

IN EQUITY.

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

Comes your Complainant, ALFRED M. NEUMANN, and presents this his Bill of Complaint against the following described lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 5 East,

and against PAUL STRAUBEL, who is over twenty-one years of age, and a nonresident of the State of Alabama, his address being unknown, and if he be dead, then against his heirs, devisees and grantees, separately and severally, and against any and all persons, firms, and corporations claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance upon said land, or any part or parcel thereof, and respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1. That your Complainant is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Elberta, in Baldwin County, Alabama; that he is the owner in fee simple and in the actual possession of said lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, described as follows, to-wit:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 5 East.

2. That no suit is pending to test the Complainant's title to, interest in, or his rights to the possession of said lands.

3. That the Complainant obtained title to the said land by purchase from PAUL STRAUBEL, by the State Land Commissioner of Alabama, by deed dated April 6, 1938, and of record in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Deed Book 64 NS, page 491.

4. That the title to said lands acquired by the Complainant stands upon the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the names of ALFRED M. NEUMANN and PAUL STRAUBEL.

5. That no one has, at any time within ten years next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint, paid any taxes upon, or had any possession of said land or any part thereof, other than ALFRED M. NEUMANN.

6. That the only persons known by the Complainant to claim said lands or any part thereof, or any interest therein, are ALFRED M. NEUMANN and PAUL STRAUBEL; that a diligent search and inquiry has been made from the residents in the vicinity of said lands, at Elberta, in Baldwin County, Alabama, and from the records at Bay Minette, the County seat of Baldwin County, Alabama, to ascertain the present address of PAUL STRAUBEL, whose address is unknown, and whether or not he is dead, and if dead the names, ages, and addresses of his heirs, and they are unknown.

Wherefore your Complainant prays that this Honorable Court will take jurisdiction of the cause made by this Bill of Complaint and by appropriate process make the said PAUL STRAUBEL, the unknown heirs, devisees and grantees of PAUL STRAUBEL, and any other person, firm or corporation, claiming any right, title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance upon said lands, to-wit:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 5 East, in Baldwin County, Alabama,

and any part thereof, to be made parties respondent to this Bill of Complaint and by proper process require them and each of them to, separately and severally, plead, answer or demur to the same, within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Your Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this cause this Honorable Court will make and enter a decree ascertaining and decreeing that the fee simple title, free of encumbrances, to the said land and to each part or parcel thereof, is vested in your Complainant, ALFRED M. NEUMANN as against PAUL STRAUBEL if he be living, and if he be dead, his unknown heirs, devisees, and grantees, and any and all persons, firms or corporations claiming any interest in, title to, lien or encumbrance upon said land or any part thereof, and that any and all doubts and disputes concerning the same be cleared up. And your

Complainant prays for such other, further, different or general relief as in equity and good conscience shall seem mete and proper.

BEEBE & HALL

By: *Hubert M. Hall*  
Solicitors for Complainant.

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared HUBERT M. HALL, who is known to me, and who having been by me first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is a member of the firm of Beebe & Hall, Solicitors of record, and agents of the Complainant, ALFRED M. NEUMANN, in the above styled cause, and duly authorized by him to make this affidavit, and that the facts stated in the foregoing Bill of Complaint, from all information obtainable, are true, and from such information obtained, he verily believes and so states that the same are true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 18 day of Aug.

1942.

*Hubert M. Hall*  
*Hubert M. Hall*  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.

RECORDED  
NO. 121

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

ALFRED M. NEIMANN

Complainant

VS.

PAUL STRAUBEL, ET AL.

Defendants

Commission To Take Deposition

COMMISSIONER:

Witnesses:

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Examination and  
Appointments of  
Commissioners

Filed 10/30/42

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ALFRED H. NEWMANN, COMPLAINANT,

VS.

PAUL STRUBHEL, ET AL, RESPONDENTS.

*Notice of hearing &  
returning documents*

*Filed 10/30/14*

*R. Paulsen  
Register*

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ALFRED M. NEUMANN, COMPLAINANT,

VS.

PAUL STRAUBEL, ET AL, RESPONDENTS.

BILL OF COMPLAINT

Filed Aug 18 1942  
Replied.  
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BREWER & HALL

ALFRED M. NEUMANN, COMPLAINANT,  
VS.  
PAUL STRAUDEL, ET AL, RESPONDENTS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
IN EQUITY.

It having been made to appear in the above cause, by the affidavit of Hubert M. Hall, Solicitor of record, and agent of ALFRED M. NEUMANN, Complainant in the above cause, that PAUL STRAUDEL, if he be living, or if he be dead, his heirs, devisees and grantees, are nonresidents of the State of Alabama, their address being unknown; that the said Complainant owns in fee simple, the following described lands, in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 5 East, having acquired the same from PAUL STRAUDEL, by the State Land Commissioner of Alabama, by deed dated April 6, 1938, and of record in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Deed Book 64 NS, page 491; that title to said lands stands on the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, the County in which said lands lie, in the name of ALFRED M. NEUMANN; that no person is known to have paid taxes upon said lands, or to have been in possession of said land, or any part thereof, within ten years next prior to the filing of this Bill of Complaint, except ALFRED M. NEUMANN and those through whom he claims.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED and notice is hereby given that said Respondent PAUL STRAUDEL, if he be living, or if he be dead, his heirs, devisees, or grantees, and any other person, firm or corporation claiming any right, title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance upon said lands herein described in Baldwin County, Alabama, or any part or parcel thereof, appear in this Court and plead, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause filed, on or before the 21 day of September, 1942, and upon their having failed to do so at the expiration of thirty days from said date, a decree pro confesso be taken against them.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order and notice be published in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, R. S. DUCK, as Register, have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 18 day of May, 1942.

HUBERT & HALL,  
Solicitors for Complainant.

  
Register of the Circuit Court of  
Baldwin County, Alabama

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

I, R. S. DUCK, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, hereby certify that the above is a full, true, correct and complete copy of notice given by publication in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette, Alabama, in the cause of ALFRED M. NEUMANN, Complainant, Vs. PAUL STRAUHEL, ET AL, Respondents, and filed in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, the County in which said lands lie, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office on this the 18 day of November, 1942.

R. S. Duck  
Register of the Circuit Court of  
Baldwin County, Alabama.

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WITNESSES:  
I, \_\_\_\_\_  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERED  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ALFRED

NEUMANN

VS.

PAUL

AL,

NEW YORK

Register of the Office of the

*[Signature]*

*Geo. Purdie*

CERTIFIED COPY OF

STATE OF ALABAMA  
AUG 19 1942

BALDWIN COUNTY

Filed

Recorded *Geo. Purdie*

and I certify that the following

Deed has

Mortgage Tax

*[Signature]*

By

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BALDWIN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA

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No. 3596

ORIGINAL

# THE STATE OF ALABAMA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WHEREAS, on 8th day of June, A. D. 19 31, the Probate Court of Baldwin County rendered a decree for the sale of lands hereinafter described and conveyed, for the payment of State and County taxes then due from Paul Straubel the owner of said lands, and for the payment of the fees, costs, and expenses of and under said decree, and the sale had in execution thereof.

AND WHEREAS, thereafter, to-wit, on the 8th day of July, 1931, under and in pursuance of said decree, said lands were regularly offered for sale by the Tax Collector of Baldwin County for said taxes, fees, costs, and expenses, and no person having bid a sufficient sum for said lands to pay the same, said lands were bid in for the State for the sum of said taxes, fees, costs, and expenses.

AND WHEREAS, the time allowed by law for the redemption of said lands has elapsed since said sale, and the same not having been redeemed, the title thereto under said sale is still in the State.

AND WHEREAS, said lands having been entered upon the books of the State Land Commissioner, and the State Land Commissioner of the State of Alabama, with the approval of the Governor, has fixed the price of said land, and ascertained that the sum of Twenty-Six and No/100 (\$26.00) Dollars is sufficient to cover and satisfy all claims of the State and County against said lands for or on account of taxes, interest, fees, and costs, and officers' fees which were due upon or have accrued against said lands, as provided for by law.

AND WHEREAS, application has been made to the State Land Commissioner of the State of Alabama by Alfred M. Neumann to purchase said lands, and said sum of Twenty-Six and No/100 (\$26.00) Dollars therefor has been paid into the State Treasury.

NOW THEREFORE, The State Land Commissioner of the State of Alabama, by virtue of and in accordance with the authority in him vested by law, with the approval of the Governor of Alabama, and in consideration of the premises above set out, has this day granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Alfred M. Neumann, without warranty or covenant of any kind on the part of the State, express or implied, all right and title of the State of Alabama in and to said lands, described as follows:

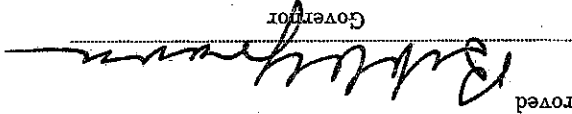
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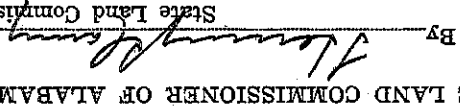
lying and being situate in said County and State, to have and to hold the same, the said right and title of the State in the lands aforesaid, unto Alfred M. Neumann

and his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 6th day of April, 1938

Approved

  
Governor

By   
State Land Commissioner.

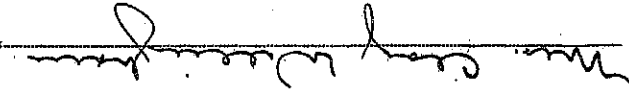
THE STATE OF ALABAMA, MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

I, Mrs. Clay Willingham

Henry S. Long

hereby certify that is signed to the foregoing conveyance as State Land Commissioner, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of this conveyance, he, in his capacity as such State Land Commissioner, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this the 6th day of April, 1938.

  
Notary Public.

Ex A 855 -

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

County.

Paul Straubel

TO

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Agnes M. Newman

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DEED

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

OFFICE OF JUDGE OF PROBATE

I hereby certify that the within Deed was filed in  
this office for record on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at  
\_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ and duly recorded in  
Book \_\_\_\_\_ of Deeds, page \_\_\_\_\_  
and examined.

Probate Clerk  
APR 26 1938

State of Alabama,  
County.

Filed in office of  
Judge of Probate

Deed No. 6074

and I certify that

tax and fee

have been paid

By

Judge of Probate

State By Clerk R85  
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TESTIMONY OF ALFRED M. NEUMANN

My name is Alfred M. Neumann. I live at Elberta, in Baldwin County, Alabama, and am over twenty-one years of age. I am the owner in fee simple and in the actual possession of the following described lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 7 South of Range 5 East.

There is no suit pending to test my title to, interest in or rights of possession to said lands.

I am the Complainant in the cause now pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, styled, Alfred M. Neumann, Complainant, Vs. Paul Straubel, Et Al, Respondents.

I obtained title to the said lands by purchase from Paul Straubel, by State Land Commissioner of Alabama, by deed dated April 6, 1938, and of record in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Deed Book 64 N.S., page 491. A copy of said original deed is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit A".

The title to the said land stands upon the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the names of Alfred M. Neumann and Paul Straubel.

No one has at any time within ten years next preceding the filing of the Bill of Complaint in this cause, paid any taxes upon, or had any possession of said land, or any part thereof, other than the Complainant.

The last taxes paid by the said Paul Straubel on said land was prior to the year 1930. The land was sold on July 8, 1931, for the taxes due from the said Paul Straubel. Since that time the said Paul Straubel nor any other person, other than the Complainant, has paid any taxes on said land.

I have made and caused to be made a search and inquiry as to any persons claiming any interest in or encumbrance against said land, and the only ones are the Complainant and Paul Straubel.

I have made and caused to be made a diligent search and inquiry as to the present address of Paul Straubel, at Elberta and also at Bay Minette, the county seat of Baldwin County, Alabama, and from all information obtainable, the said Paul Straubel is a nonresident of the State of Alabama. He is over twenty-one years of age. I have been unable to learn whether or not he is at present living or dead, but I do know that if dead his heirs are over twenty-one years of age and nonresidents of the State of Alabama.

I have been in the actual possession of the said lands for more than three years prior to the date of filing the Bill of Complaint in this cause.

  
L. LINDOERFER, A WITNESS FOR THE COMPLAINANT, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS:

My name is L. Lindoerfer. I live at Elberta, in Baldwin County, Alabama. I am Post Master at Elberta. I am personally acquainted with the following described land in Baldwin County, Alabama, described as:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 7 South of Range 5 East.

and have known the said lands for more than twenty years.

I, for a number of years, acted as agent for Baldwin County Colonization Company, a corporation, in Baldwin County, Alabama. These lands formerly belonged to Baldwin County Colonization Company and were by it conveyed to Paul Straubel, on February 1, 1921. Since that time no one has been in the possession of said lands other than Paul Straubel and Alfred M. Neumann, and no other person, firm or corporation has made any claim thereto.

Alfred M. Neumann has been in the actual possession of the said lands for more than three years next preceding the date when the suit was filed in this cause. I have heard nothing from Paul Straubel for several years, however, from my own personal knowledge and information acquired by inquiry, I know that he is a nonresident of the State of Alabama, if living, and if dead, that his heirs are nonresidents of the State of Alabama.

L. Lindoerfer

HUBERT M. HALL, A WITNESS FOR THE COMPLAINANT, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS:

My name is Hubert M. Hall. I live at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama. I am one of the Solicitors of record for the Complainant, Alfred M. Neumann, in the cause now pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in which Alfred M. Neumann is Complainant and Paul Straubel, Et Al, are Respondents.

I have, as such Solicitor, made an examination of the records at Bay Minette, the county seat of Baldwin County, Alabama, the county in which said lands lie, as to claimants to the land described in the Bill of Complaint, and find that the only claimants of record are Paul Straubel and Alfred M. Neumann. Alfred M. Neumann acquired title to said lands by deed dated April 6, 1938, a copy of which is attached to the testimony of Alfred M. Neumann.

I have not been able to find out the present address of Paul Straubel, however, from all information obtainable, he is a nonresident of the State of Alabama, if living, and if dead, his heirs are nonresidents of the State of Alabama, and their addresses are unknown.

Hubert M. Hall

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

**IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY**

**ALFRED M. NEUMANN**  
Complainant

Vs.

**PAUL STRAUBEL, ET AL**  
Respondent

**ORAL DEPOSITION**

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Register \_\_\_\_\_, Register

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Register \_\_\_\_\_, Register

ORAL DEPOSITION

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Baldwin County**

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,  
(In Equity)

ALFRED M. NEUMANN

COMPLAINANT

VS.

PAUL STRAUBEL, ET AL.

RESPONDENT

I, Frances Brantley

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me

Alfred M. Neumann, L. Lindoerfer, and Hubert M. Hall

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 10th day of November

1942, at the office of Beebe & Hall

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness ~~es~~ to speak the truth,

the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said

Alfred M. Neumann

doth depose and say as follows:

**ORAL EXAMINATION**

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I, Frances Brantley, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition ~~s~~ on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness ~~es~~ and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and Hubert M. Hall at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witnesses or had proof made before me of the identity of said witnesses; that I am not of counsel or of kin to any of the parties to said cause, or any manner interested in the result thereof.

I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register of said Court.

Given under my hand and seal, this 10th day of November, 1942.

Frances Brantley (L. S.)

ALFRED M. NEUMANN, COMPLAINANT,  
VS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST  
QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER  
OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH,  
RANGE 5 EAST, AND PAUL STRAUBEL  
AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES  
AND GRANTEEES OF PAUL STRAUBEL: AND  
ANY OTHER PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION  
CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE TO, INTEREST  
IN OR ENCUMBRANCE ON SAID NORTH HALF  
OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-  
WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP  
7 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST, IN BALDWIN  
COUNTY, ALABAMA, RESPONDENTS.

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY.

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted for final decree upon the pleadings, decree pro confesso and proof as noted by the Register, and it appearing to the Court that the Complainant is the owner of, and in the possession of the said property, and that the title of the Complainant has been duly proven by legal and competent evidence, the Court is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the Respondents, PAUL STRAUBEL and the unknown heirs and devisees of PAUL STRAUBEL, have no estate, right, claim, interest in, or encumbrance upon the following described lands or any part thereof, to-wit:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 7 South, of Range 5 East.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the full fee simple title to said lands, to-wit:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 5 East, in Baldwin County, Alabama,

is vested absolutely in the Complainant, ALFRED M. NEUMANN.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that a certified copy of this decree be recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the direct index in the name of PAUL STRAUBEL, the unknown heirs, devisees and Grantees of PAUL STRAUBEL, and in the indirect index in the name of ALFRED M. NEUMANN.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Register shall, within thirty days from the rendition of this decree, file a certified copy thereof in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, for record and that the costs thereof be taxed in the costs of this cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Complainant pay the costs of this cause for which execution may issue.

Done at Monroeville, Alabama, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1942.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of the 21st Judicial Circuit  
of Alabama.

**RECORDED**

ALFRED M. NEUMANN, COMPLAINANT,

VS.

PAUL STRAUBEL, ET AL, RESPONDENTS.

FINAL DECREE

*Filed from 281942  
P. S. Duchs  
Trey*

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA - GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon PAUL STRAUDEL to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, exercising Chancery jurisdiction within thirty days after the service of summons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by ALFRED M. NEUMANN against PAUL STRAUDEL, and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the said Respondent shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ with your endorsement thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, R. S. DUCK, Register of said Circuit Court, this the 18  
day of Aug, 1942.

R. S. Duck  
Register.

ALFRED M. NEUMANN, COMPLAINANT,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

VS.

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

PAUL STRAUDEL, ET AL, RESPONDENTS.

IN EQUITY.

TO HONORABLE F. W. HARR, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
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The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 5 East,

and against PAUL STRAUDEL, who is over twenty-one years of age, and a nonresident of the State of Alabama, his address being unknown, and if he be dead, then against his heirs, devisees and grantees, separately and severally, and against any and all persons, firms, and corporations claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance upon said land, or any part or parcel thereof, and respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1. That your Complainant is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Elberta, in Baldwin County, Alabama; that he is the owner in fee simple and in the actual possession of said lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, described as follows, to-wit:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 5 East.

2. That no suit is pending to test the Complainant's title to, interest in, or his rights to the possession of said lands.



3. That the Complainant obtained title to the said land by purchase from PAUL STRAUBEL, by the State Land Commissioner of Alabama, by deed dated April 6, 1958, and of record in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Deed Book 64 NS, page 481.

4. That the title to said lands acquired by the Complainant stands upon the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the names of ALFRED M. NEUMANN and PAUL STRAUBEL.

5. That no one has, at any time within ten years next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint, paid any taxes upon, or had any possession of said land or any part thereof, other than ALFRED M. NEUMANN.

6. That the only persons known by the Complainant to claim said lands or any part thereof, or any interest therein, are ALFRED M. NEUMANN and PAUL STRAUBEL; that a diligent search and inquiry has been made from the residents in the vicinity of said lands, at Elberta, in Baldwin County, Alabama, and from the records at Bay Minette, the County seat of Baldwin County, Alabama, to ascertain the present address of PAUL STRAUBEL, whose address is unknown, and whether or not he is dead, and if dead the names, ages, and addresses of his heirs, and they are unknown.

Wherefore your Complainant prays that this Honorable Court will take jurisdiction of the cause made by this Bill of Complaint and by appropriate process make the said PAUL STRAUBEL, the unknown heirs, devisees and grantees of PAUL STRAUBEL, and any other person, firm or corporation, claiming any right, title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance upon said lands, to-wit:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 5 East, in Baldwin County, Alabama,

and any part thereof, to be made parties respondent to this Bill of Complaint and by proper process require them and each of them to, separately and severally, plead, answer or demur to the same, within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Your Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this cause this Honorable Court will make and enter a decree ascertaining and decreeing that the fee simple title, free of encumbrances, to the said land and to each part or parcel thereof, is vested in your Complainant, ALFRED M. NEUMANN as against PAUL STRAUBEL if he be living, and if he be dead, his unknown heirs, devisees, and grantees, and any and all persons, firms or corporations claiming any interest in, title to, lien or encumbrance upon said land or any part thereof, and that any and all doubts and disputes concerning the same be cleared up. And your

Complainant prays for such other, further, different or general relief as in equity and good conscience shall seem mete and proper.

BEES & HALL

By: Hubert M. Hall  
Solicitors for Complainant.

STATE OF ALABAMA

DALE COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared HUBERT M. HALL, who is known to me, and who having been by me first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is a member of the firm of Bees & Hall, Solicitors of record, and agents of the Complainant, ALFRED W. NEUMANN, in the above styled cause, and duly authorized by him to make this affidavit, and that the facts stated in the foregoing Bill of Complaint, from all information obtainable, are true, and from such information obtained, he verily believes and so states that the same are true.

Hubert M. Hall

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 18 day of Aug

1942.

Hubert M. Hall

Notary Public, Dale County, Ala.

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ALFRED W. BISHOP, COMPLAINT,  
VS.  
FREDERICK W. BISHOP, ET AL., RESPONDENTS.

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ALABAMA'S BEST COUNTY'S- *The BALDWIN Times* BEST NEWSPAPER

BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

J. H. Falkner, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the PUBLISHER of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

Alfred M. Neumann

v s

Paul Straubel, et al

COST STATEMENT

428 WORDS @ 4 1/2 cents ..... \$ 19.24

I hereby certify this is correct, due and unpaid (paid).

J. H. Falkner

Publisher.

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Date of 4th publication	" <u>10</u>	, 19 <u>42</u>	Vol. <u>53</u>	No. <u>32</u>

Subscribed and sworn before the undersigned this 18 day of September 1942

J. M. Franklin  
Notary Public, Baldwin County.

J. H. Falkner  
Publisher.

LEGAL NOTICE  
ALFRED M. NEUMANN, Complainant,  
vs.  
PAUL STRAUBEL, Et Al, Respondents.  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
ALABAMA. IN EQUITY.

It having been made to appear in the above cause, by the affidavit of Hubert M. Hall, Solicitor of record, and agent of Alfred M. Neumann, Complainant in the above cause, that Paul Straubel, if he be living, or if he be dead, his heirs, devisees and grantees, are nonresidents of the State of Alabama, their address being unknown; that the said Complainant owns in fee simple, the following described lands, in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 5 East;

having acquired the same from Paul Straubel, by the State Land Commissioner of Alabama, by deed dated April 8, 1938, and on record in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Deed Book 64 NS, page 491; that title to said lands stands on the records of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, the County in which said lands lie, in the name of Alfred M. Neumann; that no person is known to have paid taxes upon said lands, or to have been in possession of said land, or any part thereof, within ten years next prior to the filing of this Bill of Complaint, except Alfred M. Neumann and those through whom he claims.

It is Therefore Ordered and notice is hereby given that said Respondent Paul Straubel, if he be living, or if he be dead, his heirs, devisees, or grantees, and any other person, firm or corporation claiming any right, title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance upon said lands herein described in Baldwin County, Alabama, or any part or parcel thereof, appear in this Court and plead, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this Cause filed, on or before the 21st day of September, 1942, and upon their having failed to do so at the expiration of thirty days from said date, a decree pro confesso be taken against them.

It is Further Ordered that this order and notice be published in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks.

In Witness Whereof, R. S. Duck, as Register, have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 18th day of August, 1942.

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

BEEBE & HALL,  
Solicitors for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Nov. \_\_\_\_\_, Term, 19 42

Alfred M Neuman. \_\_\_\_\_ Complainant

Vs.

Paul Straubel .et al. \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register \_\_\_\_\_ that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 20th day of ~~20th~~ Aug, \_\_\_\_\_, 19 42, in the Baldwin. \_\_\_\_\_ a newspaper published in Bay Minette. \_\_\_\_\_, Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in Baldwin. \_\_\_\_\_ County, on the 18th day of Aug. \_\_\_\_\_ 19 42 and \_\_\_\_\_

And it now further appearing to the Register R S Duck. \_\_\_\_\_, that the said

Paul Straubel.

having, to the date hereof, failed to demur, plead to, or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant \_\_\_\_\_, ordered and decreed by the Register R S Duck.

\_\_\_\_\_ that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said Paul Straubel.et al.

This 12th \_\_\_\_\_ day of Nov, \_\_\_\_\_ 19 42

R S Duck

Register.

Alfred M Neuman.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

VS.

IN EQUITY

Paul Straubel et al.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint,  
and testimony of Alfred M Neuman, and L Lindosfer.

and in behalf of Defendant upon

*Revised* Register.

RECORDED

No. 855.

The State of Alabama,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

~~Alfred M. Neuman.~~

VS.

~~Paul Straubel et al.~~

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 23  
day of Nov. 1942

*Paul Straubel*

Register.

*R5 Duck*

BAY MINETTE, ALA.,

**AUG 19 1942**

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IN ACCOUNT WITH  
**G. W. ROBERTSON**  
JUDGE OF PROBATE, BALDWIN COUNTY

Please Return Bill With Remittance

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JUDGE OF PROBATE, BALDWIN COUNTY

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