

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

TO THE HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JR., JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, SITTING IN EQUITY:

1. She was heretofore appointed, qualified and is now acting as Administratrix of this said estate, the administration of which has been removed from the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, where it is now pending.

2. The Decedent at the time of his death owned an undivided one-half interest in and to the East Half of Lot 31 in Block 3, Unit 2, Gulf Shores, according to the official map or plat thereof, which is recorded in Map Book 1, at page 166, Baldwin County, Alabama Records. The other one-half interest in and to the said property is owned by Dr. A. A. Amendola. The said Dr. A. A. Amendola has agreed to purchase the one-half interest in the said property, which belongs to this estate, at private sale, for division, for the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) cash. The said price is a fair price for the said Lot and it is to the best interest of this estate and all persons interested therein, that the said Lot be sold for the said price, at private sale.

3. The only persons interested in the administration of this estate are, your Petitioner, the widow of the said Decedent, Sidney Nan Howell, a daughter, seven years of age, and Creig Wilson Howell, a son, four years of age, each of whom now reside with the Petitioner, at Mobile, Alabama.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Court will take jurisdiction of this petition, appoint and set a date for hearing

same, give notice thereof to all necessary and proper parties in the form and manner prescribed by law, and on the hearing of the said petition will make and enter a proper order or decree, authorizing Petitioner, as Administratrix of the said estate, to sell the said property at private sale, for cash, as outlined above, and to make, execute and deliver proper conveyance thereof.

Petitioner further prays that there be a Guardian Ad Litem appointed to represent the said minor children, and that other orders be made and decrees rendered as may be requisite and proper in the premises.

Marjorie Rankin

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on this the 31st day of May, 1950.

J. B. Blackburn,
Notary Public

I, Marjorie Rankin, in my individual capacity, waive notice of the filing of the above and foregoing petition and consent and agree that the property be sold according to the prayer of the petition.

Marjorie Rankin

SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and
 CRAIG WILSON HOWELL, minors,
 suing herein by William D.
 Bolling, as their guardian,
 Complainants,
 vs.
 MARJORIE RANKIN, et als.,
 Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
 BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
 IN EQUITY - NO. 2619

DECREE AUTHORIZING GUARDIAN TO JOIN IN CONVEYANCE

This matter coming on to be heard before the Court
 on the petition filed herein by Sidney Nan Howell and
 Craig Wilson Howell, minors, acting herein by William
 D. Bolling, as their guardian, and as guardian of
 their respective estates, said guardian being duly
 appointed, qualified and acting as such, said petition
 praying for the sale of the interests of each of
 said minors in certain real estate described therein;
 and it appearing that this Court heretofore appointed
 Norborne Stone, Esquire, Attorney at Law, as the
 guardian ad litem for each of said minors, and said
 guardian ad litem has appeared and accepted the
 appointment in writing, and has denied all of the
 allegations of said petition; and the said petition
 now coming on to be heard, is submitted for the
 decision of the Court upon the petition, the accept-
 ance and service of process, the appointment and
 answer of the guardian ad litem, the answer of all
 the adult parties thereto, and upon the testimony
 which has been taken orally before the Court; and
 upon consideration of the same, the Court finds that
 all of the allegations of the said petition with

respect to the property in this decree described are true, and that each of said wards owns an undivided interest in and to the property described in said petition, subject to the dower interest therein of the said Marjorie Rankin, and the Court finds that there is no valid authority vested in any person by the provisions of any instrument under which either of said wards holds title to the said property, to sell the said property, and that the sale thereof is not prohibited nor restricted by such instrument; that it is to the interest of each of said wards that the said sale be made; that the price named in said petition is a fair and reasonable market value of the interests in said property owned by the said minors and by their said mother, the said Marjorie Rankin; that the property can better be sold to the interests of each of said wards at the private sale rather than at public sale; and it is, therefore,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT:

1. That the said sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000), the price offered by the said A. A. Amendola for the undivided one-half interest in and to said parcel of real estate described in said petition in this cause, which interest belongs to the heirs at law of the said Sidney Howell, deceased, said heirs at law being the said Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell, and the said Marjorie Rankin, is the fair and reasonable market value of the said interest in said property, and that a fair and equitable division of the proceeds of said sale among the said two minors and their said mother is one-third of said proceeds to each of said individuals.

The said property is situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, and is more particularly described as follows:

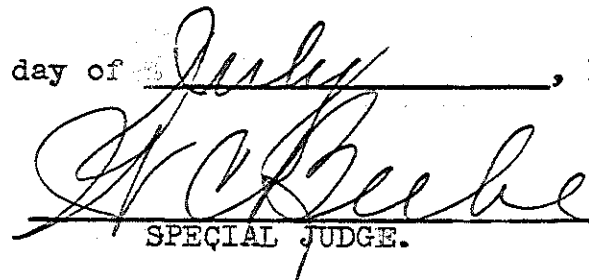
The East Half of Lot 31 of Block 3
of Unit 2 of Gulf Shores Subdivision
according to a map thereof recorded
in the Probate Court of Baldwin County,
Alabama in Map Book 1, page 166.

2. That it is to the best interest of each of said wards that all of their right, title and interest in and to the said parcel of real estate be sold.

3. The said A. A. Amendola having paid one-third of said purchase price to the said guardian for each of said minors, and one-third thereof to their said mother, the duly appointed, qualified and acting guardian of each of said wards, the said William D. Bolling, be and he is hereby ordered and directed to make a conveyance of all of the right, title and interest of each of the said wards in said property to the said purchaser thereof by joining in the execution and delivery to the said A. A. Amendola of the deed to said property, which deed has been shown and exhibited to the Court and has been approved by the Court, as indicated on the face of said instrument.

4. This Court reserves jurisdiction of this proceeding for such further orders and proceedings, not inconsistent herewith, as may be proper.

ENTERED, this 26 day of July, 1951.


SPECIAL JUDGE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE / IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
OF SIDNEY HOWELL, Deceased. / BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY - NO. NO. 2469

MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION

Comes now Marjorie Rankin, and shows unto the court that she is the widow and the duly appointed qualified, and acting administratrix of this estate, which proceeding is pending in this court, and further shows unto the court that heretofore a proceeding was filed in this court entitled "Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell, minors, suing herein by William D. Bolling as their guardian, Complainants, vs. Marjorie Rankin, individually and as administratrix of the Estate of Sidney L. Howell, Deceased, and Earnest M. Howell, Respondents", which proceeding bears number 2619 on the docket of this court; Petitioner further shows that the said last mentioned proceeding involves, among other things, all matters pertaining to the administration of the estate of said decedent and all issues which are or might be raised in this proceeding, could more conveniently be heard and disposed of therein; Now, Therefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays that this cause be consolidated with said cause number 2619 and that an order be entered herein accordingly.

Marjorie Rankin
As Administratrix of the Estate
of Sidney L. Howell, deceased,
Petitioner.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
OF SIDNEY HOWELL, DECEASED. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY - NO. 2469

ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION

This cause coming on to be heard on the motion of Marjorie Rankin, as administratrix of said estate to consolidate this cause with cause number 2619 pending in this court, the court having considered the same and being of the opinion that said petition should be granted and that this cause should be consolidated therewith; Now, Therefore, it is considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that this cause be and the same is hereby consolidated with cause number 2619 on the docket of this court, and all further matters and proceedings in this cause shall be heard, determined and disposed of therein.

ENTERED this the 3rd day of May, 1951.

Jelmer G. Mosley, Jr.
Judge.

SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and
CRAIG WILSON HOWELL, minors,
suing herein by William D.
Bolling, as their Guardian,

Complainants,

vs.

MARJORIE RANKIN, individually
and as Administratrix of the
Estate of Sidney L. Howell,
deceased, and ERNEST M. HOWELL,

Respondents.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY NO. 2619

FINAL DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard on the final and supplemental report of the Administratrix and of the Guardian of said minors heretofore filed in this cause, and it being made to appear therefrom that all of the authorizations and directions prescribed by the Decree of this Court in this proceeding dated December 8, 1951, have been fully complied with and completely carried out; now, therefore, it is Considered, Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed by the Court as follows:

ONE

The respondent Marjorie Rankin, as Administratrix of the Estate of Sidney L. Howell, deceased, and the Surety on her official bond as such Administratrix, are hereby jointly and severally forever and completely discharged and relieved of any further liability or responsibility in and about the administration of said Estate, and in and about the premises.

TWO

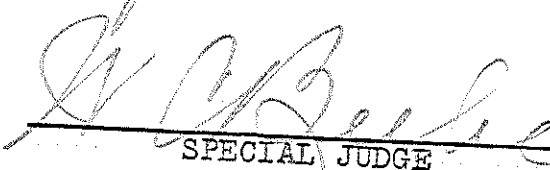
The respondent Marjorie Rankin, individually and as said Administratrix, and the respondent Ernest M. Howell,

respectively, are hereby relieved of any further liability or responsibility to the Estate of the said Sidney L. Howell, deceased, and to the heirs at law and the next of kin of said decedent and to each other in connection with any matter or thing done or suffered to be done or omitted to be done by them or by either of them in connection with the operation of the said Howell Publishing Company, and are hereby discharged and fully acquitted of any and all liability in the premises, with the exception of such liability as shall have arisen at any time in the future out of the lease contemplated by said Decree of December 8, 1951, and excepting also such liability as shall have arisen at any time in the future on the note executed by the said Ernest M. Howell and wife, and the mortgage executed by him and his wife, in favor of the said Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell, minors, which note and mortgage were executed and delivered pursuant to the authorizations and directions of the said Decree.

THREE

The costs in this proceeding having been fully paid, the parties hereto shall go hence without day.

CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court this, the 11 day of August, 1952.


SPECIAL JUDGE

Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY - NO. 2619

DECREE AUTHORIZING FINAL SETTLEMENT

This cause coming on to be heard on the evidence as noted by the Register and the Court having heard arguments of Counsel for the respective parties and the Guardian Ad Litem representing the minors interested in this proceeding and the Court having given due consideration to the evidence and arguments, now therefore it is Considered, Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed by the Court as follows:

ONE

The offer of the respondent, Marjorie Rankin, heretofore made and filed in this cause pertaining to the liquidation of the interest of Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell, the said minors interested in this proceeding in the Howell Publishing Company the co-partnership involved in this proceeding, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed and in behalf of said minors and each of them is hereby accepted, and said Marjorie Rankin is hereby authorized and directed to convey all of her right, title and interest in and to that certain real property situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, more particularly described as: Lots numbered 15, 16 and 17, in Block No. 9 in the Town of Foley, Alabama, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Misc. Bk. 1, at pages 48-49, Baldwin County records, together with all buildings and improvements, and fixtures, machinery and equipment situated thereon, to the said Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell as tenants in common in equal shares such conveyance to be by

warranty deed to be executed by the said Marjorie Rankin and husband to the said minors.

TWO

All of the right, title and interest of the said Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell, said minors, and each of them, in and to the intangible assets of said partnership or former partnership of Howell Publishing Company, being all of the assets thereof other than the property described in Paragraph One of this decree, are hereby vested in the said Marjorie Rankin, respondent herein; this paragraph of this decree to become effective without further formality simultaneously with delivery of the deed referred to in Paragraph One of this decree.

THREE

The said administratrix of said Estate is hereby authorized and directed to pay to C.A. Thompson, the unpaid principal and accumulated interest on the indebtedness secured by the mortgage on the real property hereinabove described, and which mortgage is recorded in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Book /No. 107, page 457, one-half of which payment shall be for the account of the respondent, Ernest M. Howell, which payment of said mortgage indebtedness shall be made upon the said Ernest M. Howell and his wife, having executed a mortgage to and in favor of the said Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell, of all of their right, title and interest in and to said property, together with the buildings and improvements and machinery, fixtures and equipment situated thereon (being an undivided 1/2 interest therein), to secure his indebtedness to said minors in said sum, which indebtedness shall be evidenced by a promissory note executed by the said Ernest M. Howell, payable to the order of said minors or to William L. Bolling as their Guardian, and which note and mortgage shall be in such form as may be acceptable to said Guardian or to the attorney for said minors in this proceeding, said indebtedness including interest thereon at 6% per annum to be payable in equal monthly installments over a period of six years with the privilege of prepayment of all or any part of said indebtedness.

FOUR

The complainant William D. Bolling, as Guardian of said minors, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a lease of the undivided one-half interest in and to the property described in Paragraph One of this decree to Howell Publishing Company, a partnership composed of Marjorie Rankin and Ernest M. Howell, said lease to begin as of May 31, 1951, and to provide for rentals at the rate of \$50.00 per month to each one of said minors, and said lease to run for an indefinite period subject to cancellation by the said Lessor or the said Lessees on 90 days written notice, and said lease to provide that the Lessees shall pay the taxes and insurance on said property and maintain and repair the same at their own expense; said lease to be in such form not inconsistent herewith as may be acceptable to the said Guardian.

FIVE

The final account of Marjorie Rankin as administratrix of the Estate of Sidney Howell, deceased, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed and at such time as the said Marjorie Rankin as said administratrix shall have fully complied with the directions prescribed in this decree, she as such administratrix, and the surety on her official bond as such administratrix shall jointly and severally be forever and completely discharged and relieved of any further liability or responsibility in or about the administration of said Estate and in or about the premises.

SIX

The co-partnership heretofore existing between the said decedent, Sidney L. Howell and the respondent, Ernest M. Howell, having been dissolved by the death of the said Sidney L. Howell and the business thereof having been conducted since his said death by the respondent, Marjorie Rankin and the respondent, Ernest M. Howell, the conduct of the affairs of said partnership by each of said partners is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed, and at such time as each of said respondents respectively shall have complied with the directions prescribed in this decree, said respondents respectively shall be relieved of any further liability or responsibility to the Estate of the said Sidney L. Howell, deceased, and

to each other in connection with any matter or thing done or suffered to be done in connection therewith, and shall be thereby discharged and fully acquitted of any and all such liability, excepting such as may arise out of the lease and note and mortgage contemplated by this decree.

SEVEN

Norborne C. Stone, Esq. as Guardian Ad Litem of said minors, is hereby allowed the sum of \$100.00 for his services in said capacity in this proceeding and the said administratrix is hereby authorized and directed to pay said sum to him forthwith out of the funds belonging to said Estate of Sidney M. Howell, deceased.

EIGHT

The administratrix of said Estate is hereby directed to pay the Court costs of this proceeding out of funds belonging to said Estate and to divide the residue of said funds (remaining after paying such costs and after paying the fee of said Guardian as above provided) into three parts, one part of which shall be paid to William D. Bolling as Guardian of Sidney Nan Howell and one part to said William D. Bolling as Guardian of Craig Wilson Howell and the third part to said Marjorie Rankin, the widow of said decedent; funds invested by said administratrix for the benefit of said minors under the provisions of paragraph Three of this decree shall be considered as having been paid to said minors in said distribution.

NINE

The Court reserves jurisdiction of this proceeding for such further orders not inconsistent with this decree as may be necessary or proper, and the respective parties hereto are hereby directed to report to the Court concerning their acts in complying with this decree.

It is Considered, Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed by the Court this the 8th day of December, 1951.


SPECIAL JUDGE

SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and
CRAIG WILSON HOWELL, minors,
suing herein by William D.
Bolling, as their guardian,

COMPLAINANTS,

VS.

MARJORIE RANKIN, individ-
ually and as administratrix
of the Estate of Sidney L.
Howell, deceased, and
EARNEST M. HOWELL,

RESPONDENTS

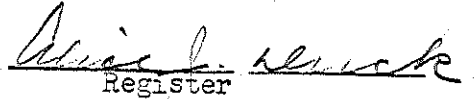
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY -- NO. 2619

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM

TO HON. NORBORNE STONE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that under and by virtue of an order of the Court made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 28th day of June, 1951, you were appointed to represent and act as Guardian ad Litem for Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell minors, and residents of the State of Alabama.

This cause shall be and is hereby set for hearing at ten o'clock A.M. on July 12, 1951.


Register

I, Norborne Stone, heretofore appointed Guardian Ad Litem to represent Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell minors in the above entitled cause do hereby acknowledge receipt of my appointment as Guardian Ad Litem issued by the Register and I agree to act as such Attorney and Guardian Ad Litem in this cause.

This 3rd day of July, 1951.


Guardian Ad Litem

PROPOSAL AS TO DISPOSITION OF
HOWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY

Now comes MARJORIE RANKIN and makes and files this her offer to liquidate the interest of Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell in the Howell Publishing Company in the following manner: The undersigned MARJORIE RANKIN has an undivided one-sixth (being an undivided $\frac{1}{3}$ of a $\frac{1}{2}$) interest in the assets of said business, subject to its liabilities. The said minors together have a $\frac{1}{3}$ interest therein (being $\frac{2}{3}$ of an undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interest therein). The undersigned MARJORIE RANKIN offers to exchange all of her right, title and interest in the land and fixed assets thereof for the interest of said minors in the accounts receivable and in such interest, if any, which the minors may have in the good will of said business.

Referring to Exhibit III, it will appear that this offer involves the exchange of a $\frac{1}{6}$ interest in fixed assets having an aggregate value of \$29,461.19, for a $\frac{1}{3}$ interest in accounts receivable in the aggregate amount of \$10,223.77. Thus, the said minors would receive an undivided interest in real estate, machinery and equipment having a good value of \$4,910.19 in

exchange for an undivided interest in accounts receivable having a book value of \$3,407.92.

Referring further to Exhibit III, according to the agreement made between the undersigned and Ernest Howell as of October 31, 1949, the cash on deposit in the State Bank of Elberta amounting, according to said statement, to \$4,392.03, belongs to the estate of Sidney Howell. The undersigned proposes that to the extent necessary, those funds be used to pay off the mortgage of G. A. Thompson shown on said statement in the principal amount of \$2,950, upon which accrued interest is due and unpaid since January 1, 1950 at 6% per annum. One-half of said indebtedness is owed by Ernest M. Howell and one-half by the Estate of Sidney Howell. Therefore, it is proposed that one-half of said indebtedness be paid out of said funds on deposit in the State Bank of Elberta, being property of said estate, and that the said minors lend to said Ernest Howell sufficient funds to pay his one-half of said mortgage, and that Ernest Howell execute a promissory note payable to the General Guardian of said minors to evidence his said indebtedness in a sum equal to one-half of the amount required to satisfy the Thompson

mortgage, said indebtedness to be payable monthly over a period of six years with interest at 6% per annum payable monthly and said indebtedness and note to be secured by a first mortgage on the undivided one-half interest of Ernest Howell in said land and the buildings thereon .

As a part of this offer, the said minors are to lease their one-half undivided interest in the said fixed assets, being the said land, building, machinery and equipment, to a new partnership formed as of May 31, 1951, by and between the undersigned Marjorie Rankin and the said Ernest Howell, said partnership to pay a rental of \$50 per month to each one of said minors therefor, and said lease to run for an indefinite period, or for a term to be fixed by the court, subject to cancellation by either party on 90 days written notice, said lease to provide that the Lessee shall pay the taxes and insurance on said property and maintain and repair the same at their own expense.

This agreement of settlement and winding up of the affairs of Howell Publishing Company shall become

effective upon being approved by this court in this proceeding and upon the final settlement of said Estate of Sidney Howell and the discharge of the undersigned as Administratrix thereof and of the surety on her official bond, said order of court to relieve the undersigned and her surety and the said Ernest Howell from any further responsibility or liability in the premises.

The approval of Ernest Howell has been obtained to the above proposal of settlement, as well as the approval of the General Guardian, William D. Bolling, through his attorney of record in this proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted, this the 29th day of October, 1951.

Marguerite Rankin

SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and
CRAIG WILSON HOWELL, minors
suing herein by William D.
Bolling, as their guardian,

Complainants,

versus

MARJORIE RANKIN, individually
and as Administratrix of the
Estate of Sidney L. Howell,
deceased, and EARNEST M.
HOWELL,

Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY - NO. _____

TO THE HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JR., Judge of the
Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama Sitting in Equity:

Come now the complainants and represent unto the
Court as follows:

ONE

Complainants Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson
Howell are minors under fourteen (14) years of age, and
reside in Mobile County, Alabama, and file this suit by
and through William D. Bolling, who is the general
guardian of Mobile County, Alabama, and who is the
guardian of the estate of each of said minors, having
been heretofore duly appointed as such by the Probate
Court of Mobile County, Alabama. All of the complainants
reside in Mobile County, Alabama. Respondent Marjorie
Rankin is over the age of twenty-one (21) years and
resides in Mobile County, Alabama, and is the mother
of said minors and the widow of Sidney L. Howell,
deceased, and is the duly appointed, qualified and
acting Administratrix of his Estate, having been
appointed as such by the Probate Court of Baldwin County,
Alabama, and which Estate is being administered in this
the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

The respondent, Earnest M. Howell is over the age of twenty-one (21) years and resides in Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama.

TWO

The said Sidney L. Howell died intestate on to-wit, the 23rd day of November, 1947, leaving the complainants, Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell, and the respondent, Marjorie Rankin as his sole heirs at law and next of kin. At the time of the death of the said Sidney L. Howell, and for several years prior thereto, he and the respondent, Earnest M. Howell, were members of a general co-partnership which was then engaged in the ownership and operation of a printing and publishing business in Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama, which was conducted under the trade name and style of Howell Publishing Company and which business, among other things, published a newspaper known as "The Foley Onlooker", each of said co-partners owning an undivided one-half interest in said business and in the assets and properties thereof. That at the time of the death of said decedent, the assets of said co-partnership consisted of certain cash, accounts receivable, machinery and equipment and certain real property being Lots 15, 16 and 17 of Block 9 of the Town of Foley, together with the improvements thereon being one brick building, all of which assets were subject to the liabilities of said co-partnership consisting of accounts payable and notes payable.

THREE

Complainants further aver that at the time of the death of said decedent, he and his said family resided in the Town

of Foley, Alabama, and after his death, the complainant Marjorie Rankin undertook to continue the operation and management of the said business, which had previously been operated by said decedent for the benefit of said co-partnership, and complainant Marjorie Rankin did continue the operation of said business until she remarried and moved to Mobile, Alabama, at which time it became necessary that someone else take over the management of said business, at which time arrangements were made for the respondent, Earnest M. Howell, to assume the management thereof, and the respondent did assume such management and has continuously operated and managed said business and is still doing so at the time of the filing of this Bill, all with the consent and approval of the respondent Marjorie Rankin. Complainants are informed and believe and on information and belief aver that the operation of said business, since the death of said Sidney L. Howell, has been successful and profitable, and that the assets of said business have increased in value since his death, and that there has been no loss to any of the interested parties by reason of the continued operation thereof.

FOUR

Complainants aver that in addition to the interest of said decedent in said co-partnership, he left an Estate consisting of a homestead which is legally described Lots 5 and 6 of Block 23 of the Town of Foley, according to a map thereof recorded in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, together with a 5-room concrete and frame house situated thereon, also an undivided one-half interest in a vacant lot at Gulf Shores, Alabama, described as the

East Half of Lot 31 of Block 3 of Unit 2 of Gulf Shores Subdivision according to a map thereof recorded in said Court; also personal property, an inventory of which can be furnished to the court by the said Administratrix of said estate. Complainants aver that although the time for filing claims against the said Estate has expired, complainants are informed and believe that no claims have been filed in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama against said Estate, and that said Estate is solvent and that all debts and charges against the same, other than court costs, have been paid.

FIVE

Complainants aver that the other undivided one-half interest in said Gulf Shores lot, at the time of the death of said decedent, belonged to the respondent, Earnest M. Howell, but that since said time, the said respondent has sold his interest in said lot to Dr. A. A. Amendola of Mobile, Alabama, for the sum of \$1,000.00 cash, and the said purchaser has offered to buy the other undivided one-half interest in said lot, belonging to the Estate of said decedent, for the sum of \$1,000.00 cash, which price is a fair price therefor and represents the fair and reasonable market value of said interest in said lot, and complainants aver that it is to the best interest of all parties interested in said Estate, including said minors, that the said offer be accepted and that said interest in said lot be sold at private sale for the said sum.

SIX

Complainants further aver that although the operation of said business has been profitable since the death of said decedent, the continued operation thereof is subject

to the usual business hazards to which an establishment of that type is exposed, and doubt has arisen among the parties to this proceeding as to whether or not it would be to the best interest of said minors to continue to hold their interest in said business, in view of such hazards and in view of the legal complications which have arisen and will necessarily continue to exist as long as said minors are interested therein, and the complainants, therefore, seek the advice and counsel and instructions of the Court as to what disposition should be made of the interest of said minors in said Estate, and particularly their interest in said business. Complainants do not know what would be the fair and reasonable market value of the interest of said minors in said business, or in said homestead, and do not know of any one who would be interested in acquiring the interest of said minors in either one of said properties.

SEVEN

Complainants are informed and believe, and on information and belief, allege that the respondent, Earnest M. Howell, as the surviving partner of said co-partnership cannot/^{safely}continue to operate the said business in that capacity and that in the management and conduct of the affairs of said Estate, and of said business, all of the parties should seek and obtain the full advice, protection and instructions of this Court. Complainants are further informed and believe and on information and belief allege that if the interests of the complainants in said business are not disposed of, it may be necessary that a receiver be appointed to conduct the operation thereof, and that a bond be posted sufficient to protect all of the parties interested in said business, and complainants further aver

that the furnishing of such bond and the operation of said business under a receivership will be expensive and will probably injure the good will of said business, and the said complainants are doubtful as to whether or it it would be to the best interest of the parties to do so.

EIGHT

Complainants aver that none of the properties herein described can be equitably divided between complainants and the respondents, who are tenants in common therein and it is necessary that each of said parcels be sold for division of the proceeds of sale among the parties hereto who are interested therein and for distribution among them as heirs at law and next of kin of said decedent, and for reinvestment of the proceeds thereof and for the support and maintenance of said minors.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

Complainants pray that due process of subpoena issue out of this Honorable Court and be served upon the respondent, Marjorie Rankin, individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of Sidney L. Howell, deceased, and upon respondent, Earnest M. Howell, commanding each of them to appear, plead, answer or demur to this Bill of Complaint within the time and in the manner required by law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Complainants pray that a guardian ad litem be appointed by this Honorable Court to represent the interests of said minors in this proceeding, and that due notice of said

appointment and of the filing of this bill be served upon said guardian, and that said guardian be required to appear, plead, answer or demur to this bill within the time and in the manner required by law, and that this Honorable Court will set this matter for hearing, and that on said hearing, this Honorable Court will make all such orders as may be necessary or proper directing and instructing respondent, Marjorie Rankin, individually and as Administratrix of said Estate to file her accounts herein showing her doings in and about the administration thereof, and in and about the operation of said business, and that this proceeding pending in this Court having to do with the administration of said Estate be consolidated herewith, and that this Court determine whether it is to the best interests of said minors to keep said Estate, or any part thereof together, or whether all or any part thereof or any interest therein be sold or otherwise disposed of and that each of said parcels of property, and the interests of the said minors therein, may be sold at public or private sale or sales herein, and that this Court enter such orders as may be necessary or proper instructing and directing the respondent, Earnest M. Howell, in and about the operation of the affairs of said business, and will decree a dissolution of said partnership and liquidation and winding up of its affairs and a disposition of the assets thereof, including a sale of the interest of said minors therein, upon such terms and for such price and upon such security as may be prescribed by this Court, and that upon said accounting being had as to the administration of the affairs of said Estate and the affairs of said co-partnership, the respondent, Marjorie Rankin, as Administratrix of said

Estate and the sureties on her bond as such be discharged and relieved of any further responsibilities in connection therewith, and that the conduct of the affairs of said co-partnership and the operation of said business being examined into herein and upon the interest of all parties concerned being fully protected and accounted for, that each of the respondents be duly acquitted of their conduct in continuing the operation of the said business, and that upon the winding up of the affairs thereof, that each of said parties be fully discharged in the premises and relieved of any further responsibilities in connection therewith; and complainants pray for such other, further and different relief as to which they may be entitled in the premises.

SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and CRAIG WILSON
HOWELL, Minors,

By William L. Delling
As their Guardian,
Complainants.

Thomas E. Smith
Superior Court Clerk
Attorneys for Complainants

SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and
CRAIG WILSON HOWELL, minors
suing herein by William D.
Bolling, as their guardian,
Complainants,
vs.
MARJORIE RANKIN, individually
and as Administratrix of the
Estate of Sidney L. Howell,
deceased, and EARNEST M.
HOWELL,
Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY - NO. 2619

ANSWER OF RESPONDENTS

Come now the respondents in the above styled cause,
and for answer to the bill of complaint therein, say:

1. Respondents admit the allegations of paragraph One of the bill.
2. Respondents admit the allegations of paragraph Two of the bill.
3. Respondents admit the allegations of paragraph Three of the bill.
4. Respondents admit the allegations of paragraph Four of the bill.
5. Respondents admit the allegations of paragraph Five of the bill.
6. Respondents admit the allegations of paragraph Six of the bill.

Further answering said paragraph, respondents aver that it is to the best interests of said minors that this Honorable Court be called upon in this proceeding to fix and determine a fair and reasonable rental value of the interests of said minors in the physical properties, real and personal, of said business known as Howell Publishing Company and that the said minors be paid

monthly rentals for their interest therein by the respondents, Marjorie Rankin and Earnest M. Howell, as co-partners doing business under the trade name and style of Howell Publishing Company, all to the end that the said minors may receive six monthly income as rentals from the said property, until otherwise ordered by this court in this proceeding, and thus avoid subjecting the interests of said minors therein to the hazards of the operation of said business, and avoid the necessity of a receivership thereof.

7. Respondents admit the allegations of paragraph Seven of said bill.

8. Respondents admit the allegations of paragraph Eight of said bill.

Further answering said bill, the respondent Marjorie Rankin avers that she has duly and properly administered the estate of her deceased husband, Sidney L. Howell, and she stands ready to account to this Honorable Court for her administration thereof, and that such funds as she has received from said estate, she has used in the proper and necessary support and maintenance of said minors; that she is entitled to her dower therein and to her compensation for serving as administratrix thereof, as well as compensation for serving, managing and operating the said Howell Publishing Company.

The respondents hereto pray that this answer may be considered as a cross-bill and that when due accounting is made herein with respect to their acts and doings in their several capacities, that they and each of them be, by order of this court, duly exonerated and relieved of any further liability to any of the parties to this proceeding, and the respondent, Marjorie Rankin, as

administratrix of said estate, prays that a final settlement of said estate in her behalf be approved, and that she be discharged as such administratrix and she and her surety on her bond as such be forever released and discharged from any further liability in the premises; each of the respondents prays for such other and further relief as he or she may be entitled in the premises.

Marjorie Rankin

Ernest M. Howell
Respondents.

SIDNEY HOWELL, DECEASED,
ESTATE OF,

PROBATE NO. _____
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

TO THE HONORABLE W. R. STUART, JUDGE OF PROBATE FOR BALDWIN COUNTY:

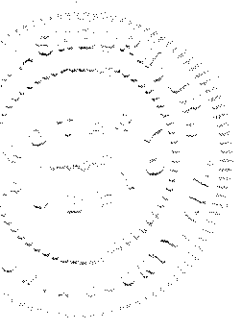
Your Petitioner, MARJORIE HOWELL, an inhabitant of this State and County, over the age of twenty-one years, respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor that SIDNEY HOWELL departed this life intestate, on November 23rd, 1947, leaving property in this State, to the best of Petitioner's knowledge, information and belief, of about the value of SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED (\$7500.00) DOLLARS, and not probably more; that said SIDNEY HOWELL was an inhabitant of this county at the time of his death. That your Petitioner is the widow of said decedent. That the heirs and distributees of the estate of said decedent, as your Petitioner is advised and believes are as follows: Your Petitioner, MARJORIE HOWELL, the widow, over twenty-one years of age, Foley, Alabama; SIDNEY NAN HOWELL, a daughter, about six years of age, Foley, Alabama; and a son, CRAIG W. HOWELL, a son, about two years of age, Foley, Alabama.

WHEREFORE, THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your Petitioner prays that letters of Administration upon the estate of said decedent be granted her according to law, upon her giving the requisite bond and security.

Marjorie Howell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of
November, 1947.

J. A. Mashburn, Jr.
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.



PROBATE NO. _____

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

SIDNEY HOWELL, DECEASED,
ESTATE OF.

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION.



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

1. The administration of this estate shall be and it is hereby removed from the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, Sitting in Equity.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 17th day of
May, 1950.

Julius J. Marshall, Jr.
Judge!

March 13, 1951

Inge, Twitty, Ambrecht & Jackson
Merchants National Bank
Mobile, Alabama

Re: Sidney Nan Howell, et al
Vs. Marjorie Rankin, Et al
In equity No. 2619

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of bill of complaint in the above styled cause, same has been filed and given No. 2619.

The Estate of Sidney Howell is No. 2469.

Respectfully yours,

Register

AJD: et

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MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MOBILE, ALABAMA

March 12, 1951

MAILING ADDRESS:

P. O. BOX 1109
MOBILE 6, ALA.

CABLE ADDRESS:
ARMING

Mrs. Alice J. Duck,
Register in Chancery,
Bay Minette, Alabama.


Dear Mrs. Duck:

I am enclosing the original of a Bill of Complaint in the case of Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell versus Marjorie Rankin, et al. which I would appreciate it if you would please file. This is a friendly proceeding seeking the guidance and protection of the court in the administration of the estate involved and therefore, the respondents will come in shortly with an answer to the Bill of Complaint. For this reason, it will not be necessary to issue any process at this time.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know the number on your docket of the proceeding for the administration of the estate of Sidney Howell, deceased, as I would like to prepare a motion and order for the consolidation of these two proceedings.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



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Encl.

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MOBILE, ALABAMA

December 6, 1951

MAILING ADDRESS:

P. O. BOX 1109
MOBILE 6, ALA.

CABLE ADDRESS:
ARMING

Mrs. Alice Duck
Register in Chancery
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Re: Sidney Nan Howell, et al
vs.
Marjorie Rankin, et al
In Equity- No. 2619

I have sent Judge Beebe a form of decree in this matter. I would appreciate it if you would prepare a Note of Testimony in behalf of all of the parties submitting the matter on the evidence heretofore taken in open Court, also the admissions contained in the pleadings and the proposal as to disposition of Howell Publishing Company made and filed in the cause by respondent, Marjorie Rankin; also financial statements and reports prepared by Richard Cunningham.

I am requesting that you make and file a Note of Testimony under Rule 57 as it is impracticable for all of the parties to do so.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



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MAILING ADDRESS:

P. O. BOX 1109
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CABLE ADDRESS:
ARMING

October 31, 1951

Mrs. Alice J. Duck
Register
Circuit Court
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Mrs. Duck:

In the matter of the estate of Sidney Howell, I am enclosing the following documents, with the request that you please file:

- 1) Final report of Administratrix.
- 2) Proposal as to disposition of Howell Publishing Company.
- 3) Supplemental statements of Richard Cunningham, auditor, pertaining to Howell Publishing Company.

I have sent copies of these documents to Judge Beebe and to Mr. Stone.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially,



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MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MOBILE, ALABAMA

May 15, 1951

MAILING ADDRESS:

P. O. BOX 1109
MOBILE 6, ALA.

CABLE ADDRESS:
ARMING

Honorable Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr.,
Circuit Judge,
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Judge:

I am enclosing a proposed form of Order in the Howell case for the purpose of appointing a guardian ad litem to represent the minors and setting the matter down for hearing. I would suggest that the case be set for sometime between Wednesday, May 30th, through Monday, June 4th, 1951. If you cannot find a date within that period which is entirely agreeable to you, kindly let me know and I will suggest some other dates later on in June which would not conflict with our court calendar here.

I have just learned that you are in Mobile sitting in the absence of Judge Grayson. I will try to see you while you are in Mobile and discuss this case further with you, if you have time to do so.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Respectfully,



TET
bc
Encl.

SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and
CRAIG WILSON HOWELL, minors
suing herein by William D.
Bolling, as their guardian,

Complainants,

vs.

MARJORIE RANKIN, individually
and as Administratrix of the
Estate of Sidney L. Howell,
Deceased, and EARNEST M.
HOWELL,

Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY. NO. 2619.

ANSWER OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Comes now Norborne C. Stone, as Guardian ad litem for
Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell, minors and for answer to
the Cross-Bill heretofore filed in this cause by Marjorie Rankin,
as Administratrix, says as follows:

1. He denies each and every allegation contained in
said Cross-Bill and demands strict proof thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



Norborne C. Stone, as Guardian
ad litem for Sidney Nan Howell
and Craig Wilson Howell.

THE CHIEF OF POLICE
CITY OF NEW YORK
JULY 12 1957

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Filed July 12, 1957
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SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and
CRAIG WILSON HOWELL, minors,
suing herein by William D.
Bolling, as their guardian,

COMPLAINANTS,

VS.

MARJORIE RANKIN, individ-
ually and as administratrix
of the Estate of Sidney L.
Howell, deceased, and
EARNEST M. HOWELL,

RESPONDENTS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY -- NO. 2619

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM

TO HON. NORBORNE STONE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that under and by virtue of an order of the Court made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 28th day of June, 1951, you were appointed to represent and act as Guardian ad Litem for Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell minors, and residents of the State of Alabama.

This cause shall be and is hereby set for hearing at ten o'clock A.M. on July 12, 1951.

Register

I, Norborne Stone, heretofore appointed Guardian Ad Litem to represent Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell minors in the above entitled cause do hereby acknowledge receipt of my appointment as Guardian Ad Litem issued by the Register and I agree to act as such Attorney and Guardian Ad Litem in this cause.

This 3rd day of July, 1951.

Guardian Ad Litem

SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and
CRAIG WILSON HOWELL, minors,
suing herein by William D.
Bolling, as their guardian,

Complainants,

vs.

MARJORIE RANKIN, individ-
ually and as administratrix
of the Estate of Sidney L.
Howell, deceased, and
EARNEST M. HOWELL,

Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY - NO. 2619

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM
AND SETTING CAUSE FOR HEARING

It appearing to the Court that the Complainants,
Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell are minors
under the age of fourteen (14) years and residents of
this state, and that it is necessary to appoint a
guardian ad litem to represent them in this proceeding;
and it further appearing to the Court that *Norborne*
C. Stone, Esquire, an attorney at law,
is in all respects a suitable person to act as guardian
ad litem for each of said minors, and the said *Norborne*
C. Stone having filed his consent in
writing to act as such; IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED,
ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the said Court that the said
Norborne C. Stone be and he is hereby appointed
guardian ad litem in this cause to represent each of
said minors in connection with the Report of Sale of
William D. Bolling, as Guardian of said minors, which
report was heretofore filed in this cause, and in
connection with the final settlement of the Estate of
said Sidney L. Howell, deceased, and in connection with
all matters which may properly come before the Court in
this consolidated proceeding, and throughout the pendency
thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the 12th day of July, 1951 is appointed as a day for the hearing of the said report of William D. Bolling, as Guardian of said minors, for which purpose this Court will convene at 10:00 o'clock A. M., and notice of said hearing shall be given by personal citation to be served not less than ten (10) days before said date upon Earnest M. Howell of Foley, Alabama, as the adult next of kin of each of said minors, not interested in such sale; it appearing to the Court that each of said minors is in the custody of their mother, Marjorie Rankin, who is fully aware of the pendency of this proceeding and who is expected to be present at said hearing, it is ordered that it is not deemed by the Court necessary or in the interest of said minors that notice of such hearing be served upon her;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that this cause is set down for hearing generally on said date and at said hour, and that on such hearing all matters which are properly before the Court in this cause and all aspects of this proceeding shall come on to be heard.

ENTERED, this the 28th day of June, 1951.


JUDGE.

SIDNEY HOWELL, DECEASED | IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BALDWIN
| COUNTY, ALABAMA,
| NOVEMBER 22, 1948.

This day came Marjorie Howell, the Administratrix of the
Estate of Sidney Howell, Deceased, and presents to the court,
her inventory of said estate, in due form, and properly verified:

It is ordered that the same be filed and recorded.

W. R. Stewart
Judge of Probate.

W. R. Stewart

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Marjorie Howell Administrator, Executor or Guardian. Residence _____
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The State of Alabama

COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF

PROBATE FEE BILL

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Day of _____ 19____

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Judge of Probate.

Box 591-2) MARSHALL MARVICE CO, DANVILLE

SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and
CRAIG WILSON HOWELL, minors,
suing herein by William D.
Bolling, as their Guardian,

Complainants,

vs.

MARJORIE RANKIN, individually
and as Administratrix of the
Estate of Sidney L. Howell,
deceased, and ERNEST M. HOWELL,

Respondents.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY NO. 2619

SUPPLEMENTAL AND FINAL REPORT OF MARJORIE RANKIN, AS ADMINIS-
TRATRIX, AND BY WILLIAM D. BOLLING, AS GENERAL GUARDIAN

Come now Marjorie Rankin, individually and as Adminis-
tratrix of the said Estate, and William D. Bolling, as said
Guardian, both parties to this cause, and, pursuant to the
instructions contained in the Decree of this Court dated,
to-wit, December 8, 1951 in this cause, report to the Court
as follows:

ONE

The authorizations and directions contained in Para-
graph One of said Decree have been carried out, and the
deed referred to therein has been executed and delivered
and recorded in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

TWO

By virtue of the delivery of the deed referred to in
Paragraph One hereof, the provisions of Paragraph Two of
said Decree have become effective.

THREE

The authorizations and directions embodied in Paragraph
Three of said Decree have been carried out, and the said

mortgage formerly held by the said C. A. Thompson has been fully paid and the said mortgage has been cancelled of record in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and the said Ernest M. Howell and wife have executed a note secured by a mortgage in favor of said minors, in strict accordance with said Paragraph of said Decree, and said note is now held by the undersigned William D. Bolling, as their Guardian, and the said mortgage has been duly recorded in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

FOUR

The authorizations and directions embodied in Paragraph Four of said Decree have been carried out, and the lease referred to therein has been made and delivered by the undersigned William D. Bolling, as said Guardian.

FIVE

The said Marjorie Rankin, as said Administratrix, having fully complied with the directions prescribed in the said Decree of this Court in said proceeding, she, as such Administratrix, and the Surety on her official bond, as such, are entitled to be discharged.

SIX

The said Marjorie Rankin and the respondent Ernest M. Howell, respectively, having fully complied with the directions described in said Decree, each of said respondents is entitled to be relieved of any further liability or responsibility in the premises, excepting such liability as may arise out of the lease and the note and mortgage contemplated by said Decree.

SEVEN

The said fee of Norborne C. Stone, Esquire, as Guardian ad Litem, has been fully paid as directed in Paragraph Seven of said Decree.

EIGHT

The said authorizations and directions embodied in Paragraph Eight of said Decree have been fully carried out.

Respectfully submitted.

MARJORIE RANKIN, Individually
and as said Administratrix

By: J. E. Twitty
As her Attorney

William L. Delling
As Guardian

STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF MOBILE)

Before the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared THOMAS E. TWITTY, known by me to be one of the attorneys for the said Marjorie Rankin, individually and as Administratrix of said Estate, who, having been first duly sworn, deposes and says that he, as said attorney, has attended to the matters described in the foregoing report and that the statements made in said report are true to his own personal knowledge.

J. E. Twitty

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me
this, the 29th day of May, 1952.

Noelie D. Chubbart
Notary Public, Mobile County, Alabama.

SEVEN

The said fee of Norborne C. Stone, Esquire, as Guardian ad Litem, has been fully paid as directed in Paragraph Seven of said Decree.

EIGHT

The said authorizations and directions embodied in Paragraph Eight of said Decree have been fully carried out.

Respectfully submitted.

MARJORIE RANKIN, Individually
and as said Administratrix

By: J. E. Twitty
As her Attorney

William L. Collins
As Guardian

STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF MOBILE)

Before the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared THOMAS E. TWITTY, known by me to be one of the attorneys for the said Marjorie Rankin, individually and as Administratrix of said Estate, who, having been first duly sworn, deposes and says that he, as said attorney, has attended to the matters described in the foregoing report and that the statements made in said report are true to his own personal knowledge.

J. E. Twitty

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me

this, the 29th day of May, 1952.

Noelle B. Chubb
Notary Public, Mobile County, Alabama.

TO THE HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, SITTING IN EQUITY:

Your Petitioner, Marjorie Howell Rankin, formerly
Marjorie Howell, who is over twenty-one years of age and a resi-
dent of Mobile County, Alabama, respectfully represents unto the
Court and your Honor as follows:

1. She has been heretofore appointed, qualified and
is now acting as Administratrix of the Estate of Sydney L. Howell,
Deceased, the administration of which estate is now pending in the
Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

2. Because of the broader powers of the Circuit
Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, Sitting in Equity, the adminis-
tration of the said estate can be better handled in the Circuit
Court of Baldwin County, Alabama than in the Probate Court of Bald-
win County, Alabama, wherefore, Petitioner prays that the Court
will make and enter a proper decree removing the said administra-
tion of the said estate from the Probate Court of Baldwin County,
Alabama to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, Sitting in
Equity.

Petitioner further prays that such other orders be
made and decrees rendered as may be requisite and proper in the
premises.

Marjorie Howell Rankin
Petitioner.

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY)

Before me, the undersigned authority, within and for
said County in said State, personally appeared Marjorie Howell Ran-
kin, formerly Marjorie Howell, who, after being by me first duly
and legally sworn, deposes and says: That she is the Petitioner
named in the foregoing Petition; that she has read over the fore-
going Petition and that the facts stated therein are true.

Marjorie Howell Rankin

Sworn to and subscribed before me on
this the 7th day of January, 1950.

Groce Drayton

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

MOBILE

FINAL REPORT OF ADMINISTRATRIX

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OTHER
THAN HOWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY

RECEIPTS

Bank Account, Farmers & Merchants Bank of Foley in the name of Sidney Howell and Marjorie Howell	\$ 129.50
Capital stocks	None
Bonds-Corporate	None
Bonds-United States	None
Accounts Receivable, Victor Manley, Foley, Alabama	(300.00) (No value)
Notes Receivable	None
Automobile damage covered by collision insurance issued by State Farm Insurance Company reduced to cash	2,210.00
Personal Effects	No value
Other personal property	None
Proceeds of life insurance policy issued by New England Life Insurance Company	5,000.00
Proceeds of sale of one-half interest in Gulf Shores lot sold to Dr. A. A. Amendola	1,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,339.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Nov. 29, 1947	Higgins Mortuary, Funeral Expenses	\$765.00
Nov. 29, 1947	Dr. William R. Meeker	25.00
Nov. 29, 1947	Dr. W. C. Holmes	50.00
Jan. 19, 1948	Garrett Foley, purchase of automobile to replace family car destroyed by accident and driven by decedent at the time of his death.	1,934.13
Aug. 8, 1948	William D. Bolling, as guardian of Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell; proceeds of sale for lot to Dr. Amendola	666.67
Aug. 8, 1948	Marjorie Rankin; proceeds of sale of lot to Dr. Amendola	333.33

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 3,774.13

BALANCE FOR DISTRIBUTION \$4,565.37

STATE OF ALABAMA

MOBILE COUNTY

I, the undersigned MARJORIE RANKIN hereby certify under oath that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that none of the funds or property of said estate have been used for my personal benefit.

Marjorie Rankin

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 29th day of October, 1951.

Rich Farrar
Notary Public, Mobile County, Ala.

Estate of Sidney Howell, Deceased

In the Probate Court of
Baldwin County, Alabama.

In the matter of the removal of proceedings from Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to Circuit Court, Baldwin County---In Equity.

In compliance with an Order of Transfer of Circuit Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama--Equity Division, I, W.R. Stuart, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, hereby transfer all papers in the File No. 2483--Estate of Sidney Howell Deceased--No. of documents in Filed No 2483 when transferred--9.

Done this 18th day of May, A.D., 1950.

W.R. Stuart
Judge of Probate.

SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and
CRAIG WILSON HOWELL, minors,
suing herein by William D.
Bolling, as their guardian,

Complainants,

vs.

MARJORIE RANKIN, individ-
ually and as administratrix
of the Estate of Sidney L.
Howell, deceased, and
EARNEST M. HOWELL,

Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY - NO. 2619

ORDER OF HONORABLE TELFAIR J. MASHBURN
RECUSING HIMSELF, IN THIS CONSOLIDATED CAUSE.

It appearing to the court that the Judge of this court,
for legal cause, is incompetent to try, hear or render
judgment herein; NOW, THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT the
undersigned, Telfair J. Mashburn, Judge of this court,
does hereby recuse himself from serving in this consolidated
cause, and hereby directs the Register of this court to
appoint a Special Judge to preside, try and render
judgment herein.

ENTERED, this, the 22nd day of June, 1951.

Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr.
Judge.

SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and
CRAIG WILSON HOWELL, minors,
suing herein by WILLIAM D.
BOLLING, as their guardian,
COMPLAINANTS,

VS.

MARJORIE RANKIN, individually
and as administratrix of the
Estate of Sidney L. Howell,
deceased, and Earnest M. Howell,
RESPONDENTS.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY - NO. 2619

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL JUDGE

WHEREAS, it has been made known to me that Hon. Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr.,
Judge of Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, has declared himself incom-
petent to try, hear or render judgment in the above styled cause and does here-
by recuse himself from presiding upon the hearing of said cause, and

WHEREAS Hon. W. C. Beebe possesses the qualifications of a Circuit Judge, as
provided by law, and is a proper person to be appointed as Judge to hear said
cause;

I therefore appoint Hon. W. C. Beebe to preside as Judge in the above stated
cause; which is set down for hearing on the 12th day of July, 1951 at 10:00 o'clock.

WITNESS my hand this 26th day of June, 1951.

W. C. Beebe
REGISTER

October 12, 1951

Mrs. Marjorie H. Rankin, Administratrix
Estate of Sidney M. Howell
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Rankin:

In accordance with the instructions of the court and with your instructions, I have made a supplemental examination of the books and records of the Howell Publishing Company of Foley, Alabama, and beg to submit herewith the following schedules or statements hereto attached.

Exhibit I. Statement of Financial Condition of the Company as of November 24, 1947.

Exhibit II. Reconcilement of Receipts and Disbursements, November 24, 1947 through May 31, 1951.

Exhibit III. Statement of Financial Condition of the Company as of May 31, 1951.

Exhibit IV. Statement of the Cash on Hand and Accounts Receivable (with disposition thereof) as of October 31, 1949.

Schedule A. Statement of Equipment on Hand as of November 24, 1947.

Schedule B. Analysis of Accounts Receivable as of May 31, 1951.

Schedule C. Statement of Equipment on Hand as of May 31, 1951.

The above analyses of accounts (Exhibit IV and Schedule B) are summaries from detailed figures which I have prepared from the books in pencil. These detailed figures are so voluminous that I have not typed them, but they are available to the court and to you if desired.

I hereby certify that the attached statements, facts and figures, are correctly taken by me from the books of the company and are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

If there is any further information I can furnish in connection with the matter, kindly advise.

Respectfully submitted,

Pickens Blumminghous
Public Accountant

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 27 day of October, 1951.

Ruth Fawcett
Notary Public, Mobile County, Ala.

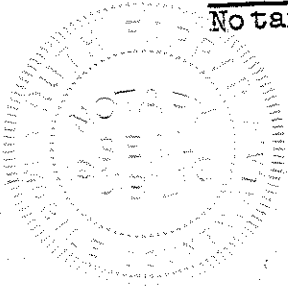


Exhibit I

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
AS OF NOVEMBER 24, 1947

ASSETSCASH

Farmers and Merchants Bank of Foley.	\$ 318.22	
State Bank Of Elberta, Alabama.	9,035.20	
Central Baldwin Bank of Robertsedale.	<u>587.98</u>	\$ 9,941.40

2,015.01

<u>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-TRADE.</u>		3,000.00
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5,800.00

<u>LAND.</u>		16,794.41
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37,550.82

<u>BUILDING.</u>		
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<u>MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (Schedule A).</u>		
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<u>TOTAL ASSETS.</u>		
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LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

<u>MORTGAGE PAYABLE * C. A. THOMPSON.</u>		\$ 6,550.00
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NET WORTH

<u>E. M. HOWELL.</u>	\$ 15,500.41	
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<u>ESTATE OF SIDNEY M. HOWELL</u>	<u>15,500.41</u>	<u>\$31,000.82</u>
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<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH</u>		<u>37,550.82</u>
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Exhibit II

RECONCILEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
NOVEMBER 24, 1947 THROUGH MAY 31, 1951

CASH IN BANKS - NOVEMBER 24, 1947

Farmers and Merchants Bank.	\$	318.22	
State Bank of Alberta.		9,035.20	
Central Baldwin Bank.		<u>587.98</u>	\$ 9,941.40

ADD:

Receipts from Sales	\$143,795.90	
Other:		
Reimbursement-Cash Advances. . .	206.75	
"-Advertising.	44.57	
"-Bad Checks	57.09	
"-Telephone	1.94	
"-Utilities	5.00	
"-Salaries	105.00	
E. M. Howell.	1,350.00	
Farmers & Merchants Bank-Note.	3,200.00	
Sale of Equipment.	21.50	
Adjustment- October, 1948. . . .	<u>5.27</u>	<u>4,997.12</u>

<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS.</u>		<u>\$148,793.02</u>
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\$158,734.42

LESS:Disbursements:Capital Expenditures

Mortgage Payable-C. A. Thompson. . . .	3,600.00	
Notes Payable-Western Newspaper Union. .	2,824.00	
Notes Payable-Farmers and Merchants Bank.	2,200.00	
Equipment.	7,833.04	
Addition to Building.	1,983.91	
Advances to be reimbursed	855.75	
Federal Income Tax.	2,719.80	
State Income Tax	274.41	
M. H. Rankin.	954.08	
E. M. Howell-Payment.	3,600.00	
E. M. Howell - Drawing	<u>251.39</u>	<u>27,096.38</u>

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD

\$131,638.04

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD

\$131,638.04

Advertising.	629.32	
Bad Checks.	66.69	
Donations and Miscellaneous.	376.44	
Dues and Subscriptions	252.40	
Employees Entertainment.	477.69	
Express, Transfer and Postage.	3,229.29	
Flowers.	61.51	
Gas and Oil.	24.34	
Insurance.	1,415.09	
Interest	905.59	
Accounting Services.	1,097.06	
Office Supplies and Expense.	7,241.88	
Paper and Supplies	19,965.26	
Purchases for Resale	1,442.59	
Refunds.	54.96	
Repairs and Maintenance.	1,813.51	
Salaries and Wages:		
Employees.	65,284.75	
M. H. Rankin	6,000.00	
E. M. Howell.	6,650.00	
Reporter's Commission.	987.63	
Extra Labor	647.61	
	<u>79,569.99</u>	
Sales Tax	239.54	
Taxes and Licenses.	1,942.22	
Telephone and Telegraph	99.76	
Transportation Expense.	2,557.32	
Utilities.	2,462.89	
Cash Shortage.	43.41	
		<u>125,968.75</u>

CASH IN BANKS AS PER RECONCILEMENT MAY 31, 1951

Farmers and Merchants Bank	689.28	
State Bank of Elberta.	4,392.03	
Central Baldwin Bank	587.98	
		<u>5,669.29</u>

Exhibit III

HOWELL PUBLISHING CO.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
AS OF MAY 31, 1951

ASSETSCASH

Farmers and Merchants Bank. . .	689.28	
State Bank of Elberta.	4,392.03	
Central Baldwin Bank	<u>587.98</u>	5,669.29

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Trade (Schedule B).	9,605.52	
Employees.	<u>618.25</u>	10,223.77

<u>LAND.</u>		3,000.00
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FIXED ASSETS

Building	5,800.00	
Additions to Building.	1,983.91	
Machinery (Schedule C).	23,195.73	
Office Equipment (Schedule C).	<u>1,431.72</u>	
Less: Depreciation Reserve	32,311.36	
	<u>5,850.17</u>	26,461.19

TOTAL ASSETS45,354.25LIABILITIES AND NET WORTHACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trade		1,151.02
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NOTES PAYABLE

Western Newspaper Union	2,561.61	
Farmers and Merchants Bank	<u>900.00</u>	3,461.61

MORTGAGE PAYABLE - C. A. THOMPSON (Principal)
 (Interest)

12,950.00
 250.75

EMPLOYEES DEPOSITS

Payroll Taxes	299.28	
Christmas Savings	<u>2.00</u>	301.28

<u>SALES TAX.</u>		29.50
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<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>		8,144.16
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NET WORTH

E. M. Howell, Investment	20,332.78	
Less: Withdrawals.	<u>2,501.39</u>	17,831.39
Estate of Sidney M. Howell	20,332.78	
Less: Withdrawals.	<u>954.08</u>	19,378.70
		<u>37,210.09</u>

<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH</u>		<u>45,354.25</u>
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Exhibit IV

HOWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY
OCTOBER 31, 1949

CASH ON HAND

In Farmers and Merchants Bank of Foley. . .	586.65
In State Bank of Elberta.	6,166.05
In Central Baldwin Bank of Robertsedale. . .	<u>587.98</u>
<u>Total Cash On Hand.</u>	<u>7,340.68</u>

ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1949, AND
DISPOSITION THEREOF:

Total Accounts Receivable, October 31, 1949 .	6,193.13
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<u>Amount Collected Thereon</u>	4,392.16	
<u>Amount Uncollected</u>	783.58	
<u>Amount Charged Off</u>	<u>1,017.39</u>	<u>6,193.13</u>

HOWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY
STATEMENT OF EQUIPMENT ON HAND
NOVEMBER 24, 1947

MACHINERY

1	Linotype	6,000.00	
4	Type Stands and Type.	1,900.00	
3	Composing Stones	450.00	
	Cabinets and Tables	225.00	
2	Job Presses	850.00	
1	Folding Machine. . .	815.68	
1	Casting Box.	100.00	
1	Router.	200.00	
1	A T F Saw	395.00	
1	Paper Cutter	200.00	
1	Perforator	250.00	
1	Lot-Misc. Small Equipment	362.00	
1	G H Hammond Glider Saw	675.00	
1	Acme Champion Stitcher	307.64	
1	12 x 18 Craftsman Press	3,370.00	
1	#1534 H Proof Press.	167.18	
			16,267.50

OFFICE FURNITURE AND FIXTURES

1	Typewriter	161.91	
1	Steel S. W. Lock File	85.00	
1	Burrough Adding Machine	50.00	
1	Desk, 3 Tables	30.00	
10	Flourescent Light Fixtures	200.00	526.91
			<u>16,794.41</u>

Schedule B

HOWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY
ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
AS OF MAY 31, 1951

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Current Accounts.	4,443.33
Outstanding Over One Month. .	1,832.34
Outstanding Over Three Months	632.43
Outstanding Over Six Months .	160.65
Outstanding Over Ten Months .	<u>2,536.77</u>

<u>TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE. . . .</u>	<u>9,605.52</u>
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Schedule C

HOWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY
STATEMENT OF EQUIPMENT ON HAND
MAY 31, 1951

Machinery

1 Linotype	6,000.00	
4 Type Stands and Type .	1,900.00	
3 Composing Stones . . .	450.00	
Cabinets and Table . . .	225.00	
2 Job-Presses	850.00	
1 Folding Machine	815.68	
1 Casting Box	100.00	
1 Router	200.00	
1 A T F Saw	395.00	
1 Paper Cutter	2,095.52	
1 Perforator	250.00	
1 Lot - Misc. Small Equipment	362.00	
1 G. H. Hammond Glider Saw	675.00	
1 Stitcher	295.14	
1 12 x 18 Craftsman Press	3,370.00	
1 #1534 H Proof Press . . .	167.18	
1 Premier Cylinder Press .	1,950.00	
1 Motor for Press	24.61	
1 Folding Machine	162.36	
1 Fire Extinguisher	40.80	
1 Addressograph	914.23	
1 Paper Drilling Machine	218.00	
1 Used Press	500.00	
1 Lot Type, Rollers, Metal and Small Equipment.	<u>1,235.21</u>	23,195.73

Office Equipment

1 Typewriter	161.91	
2 Ventilating Fans	211.75	
1 Steel SW Lock File . .	85.00	
1 Remington Adding Machine	187.02	
1 Desk, 3 Tables	30.00	
10 Fluorescent Light Fixtures	200.00	
1 Typewriter	50.00	
1 Desk and Chair	180.54	
1 B-18 Cabinet	25.50	
1 Heating System	<u>300.00</u>	<u>1,431.72</u>

Total Equipment24,627.45

STATE OF ALABAMA)
BALDWIN COUNTY)

Know all men by these presents, That we, MARJORIE HOWELL, E. M. HOWELL AND TELFAIR J. MASHEURN, JR., are held and firmly bound unto W. R. Stuart, Judge of the Probate Court of said county, and his successors in office, in the penal sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars; for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we, jointly and severally, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators.

Sealed with our seals, and dated the 4th day of December, 1947.

The condition of the above obligation is such that, whereas the above bounden MARJORIE HOWELL has been appointed administratrix of the estate of SIDNEY HOWELL, deceased; now, if the said MARJORIE HOWELL shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be required of her as such administratrix, then the above obligation to be void; otherwise, to remain in full force and effect.

Marjorie Howell (SEAL)
Telfair J. Masheurn, Jr. (SEAL)
Ernest M. Howell (SEAL)

Taken and approved this 8 day of Dec 1947.

W. R. Stuart

Probate Judge, Baldwin County, Alabama

Bond

Recd Dec 31
1907

Gift in office of
Judge of Probate Court
Baltimore, Md.
8th Nov.
M.R. Stewart Esq
Baltimore, Md.

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County

Probate Court,

Dec 8 1947

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Sidney Howell Deceased.

PRESENT, Honorable W. R. Stewart, Judge of Probate.

And now, on this day comes Marjorie Howell and presents to the Court her petition in writing, under oath, praying that Letters of Administration on the Estate of Sidney Howell, deceased, issue to her, which petition is examined by the Court and ordered to be filed and recorded; and, it appearing to the Court from the allegations contained in said petition, and from other good and sufficient evidence that the said Sidney Howell departed this life at intestate

on or about the 23 day of Nov, 1947

Being at the time of his death an inhabitant of said County and State; that he died leaving assets in said County and State, which assets, both real and personal, are estimated to be worth about Seven Thousand & four Hundred Dollars, consisting of

and leaving no will, testament or other writing, relating to the disposal or distribution of his estate, and that the death of the said decedent was known more than five days before this day and now also

~~of the said intestate, having~~
~~relinquished~~ right under the statute to administer said estate; and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Marjorie Howell the said petitioner is the

of said deceased, is over twenty-one years of age, an inhabitant of this State, and a fit person, under the law and in the estimation of the Court, to serve as administrator

and no person having appeared to oppose the granting of Letters of Administration to the said Marjorie Howell, or to show cause why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted, it is ordered that

the same be granted, provided that the said Marjorie Howell first file in this Court her bond in the penal sum of Five Thousand Dollars,

conditioned and payable according to the statutes in such cases made and provided, with such security or securities as may be approved by the Court. It is further ordered that the said petition be recorded.

And now again come Marjorie Howell and present to the Court for approval her bond in form as by this Court, heretofore, required, with Edgar M. Woodhouse

as her securities thereon, and the Court being now sufficiently advised concerning said bond and said security it is ordered and adjudged by the Court that the said bond be taken, approved and recorded.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that Letters of Administration on the estate of said deceased be granted to the said Marjorie Howell and that she be and hereby is authorized to administer said estate. It is further ordered that the said Marjorie Howell

proceed immediately to collect and take into her possession the goods and chattels, money, books, papers, and evidences of said debt of the said deceased, except the personal property specifically exempted from administration under the laws of the State of Alabama, and make due return, under oath, to this Court, of a full and complete inventory thereof within two months.

W. R. Stewart
Judge of Probate.

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

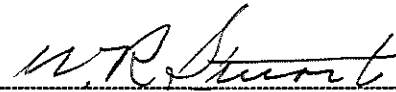
PROBATE COURT

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

On the estate of Sidney Howell, deceased,
are hereby granted to Marjorie Howell,
who has duly qualified and given bond as such Administrator ~~EX~~, and is authorized to administer such
estate.

Witness my hand, and dated this 8th day of December, A.D., 1947.

Code 1923—5743



Judge of Probate.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County.

PROBATE COURT

ESTATE OF

Sidney Hamrell

Deceased.

Administrat ----

Letters of Administration

*Revised
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SIDNEY NAN HOWELL and
CRAIG WILSON HOWELL, minors
suing herein by William D.
Bolling, as their guardian,

Complainants,

vs.

MARJORIE RANKIN, individually
and as Administratrix of the
Estate of Sidney L. Howell,
Deceased, and EARNEST M.
HOWELL,

Respondents.


IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY. NO. 2619.

ANSWER OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Comes now Norborne C. Stone, as Guardian ad litem for
Sidney Nan Howell and Craig Wilson Howell, minors and for answer to
the Bill of Complaint heretofore filed in this cause, says as
follows:

1. He denies each and every allegation contained in
paragraph "One" through "Eight" of the Bill of Complaint and
demands strict proof thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


Norborne C. Stone, as Guardian
ad litem for Sidney Nan Howell
and Craig Wilson Howell.

#2677
ANSWER OF GDN.
AD LITEM TO BILL
OF COMPLAINT

RECORDED

Filed July 17, 1951
H. C. Debel
Special Judge

HOWELL, SIDNEY,
DECEASED,
ESTATE OF.

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PROBATE NO. _____

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY., ALABAMA.

TO THE HONORABLE W. R. STUART, JUDGE OF PROBATE, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA:

The following is a full inventory of all the goods and chattels, moneys, books, papers and evidences of debts of the said SIDNEY HOWELL, Deceased:

GOODS AND CHATTELS.

NO.	ARTICLE.
1	Linotype, Model 14
1	Type Stand (20 cases of type)
1	Steel type cab (50 cases of type)
1	Type Stand (20 cases of type)
1	Type Stand (20 cases of type)
2	Sections of cases--Brass
3	Composing stones
1	Cabinet with shelves and top (paper and type storage)
1	Table Top Storage Cabinet with doors
1	Folding table
3	Small Assorted Cases
1	Proff Press
1	12" x 18" C & P Ditto Press
1	10" x 5" C & P Job Press
1	18" x 12" C & P Job Press
1	Campbell C. Press
1	Primeer Cylinder Press
1	Modern Equipped Folder
1	Sterotype Casting Box
1	Modern Router
1	ATF Saw
Set	Sterotype Tools
4	17 x 21 Chases
	Stock of Crows
1	17 x 22 Paper Cutter
1	Roud Hole Perforator
1	Steel SW Lock File
1	Burroughs Adding Machine
10	Fluorescent fixtures
2	Ventilating fans
1	Desk
3	Tables
1	1946 Model Dodge Coupe (Badly damaged in wreck)
The	FOLEY ONLOOKER (A Weekly Newspaper published at Foley, Ala.)

CASH ON HAND AT TIME OF DECEASE.....

STATE BANK OF ELBERTA.....	\$8,966.09
FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK---Foley, Alabama.....	1,424.60
CENTRAL BALDWIN BANK---Robertsdale, Alabama.....	587.98

ACCOUNTS OWED TO THE FOLEY ONLOOKER.....\$5,598.33


STATE OF ALABAMA, 0
COUNTY OF BALDWIN. 0

Marjorie Howell, Administratrix of the estate of SIDNEY HOWELL, Deceased, being duly sworn, makes oath that the foregoing inventory, made by her, is full and complete as to the goods, chattels, debts and money, which were of the said deceased at the time of his death.

except the personal property by law reserved in favor of the widow,
so far as the same have come to her knowledge or possession.

Marjorie Howell
ADMINISTRATRIX.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15 day of
November, 1948.


Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 14, 1951

PROBATE NO. _____

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

HOWELL, SIDNEY,

DECEASED,

ESTATE OF.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL
PROPERTY.

*Filed in office of
Judge of Probate Court
Nov 22-1948
W. B. Stewart
Judge*

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF:

SIDNEY L. HOWELL, DECEASED
NO. _____

HONORABLE _____

JUDGE OF THE PROBATE IN SAID COUNTY.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

FOR ONE SET OF "THE STORY OF ALABAMA"

\$42.50

LEWIS HISTORICAL PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss

COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

BEFORE ME, ROSE HALPIN, A

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE SAID COUNTY AND SAID

STATE, PERSONALLY APPEARED L. W. RAY, WHO IS KNOWN

TO ME AND WHO, BEING BY ME FIRST DULY SWORN, DEPOSES

AND SAYS THAT HE IS THE ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE

LEWIS HISTORICAL PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC., THE CLAIMANT

AND THAT HE HAS FULL AND COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THE

CORRECTNESS OF THE ABOVE CLAIM AGAINST THE ESTATE

OF SIDNEY L. HOWELL, DECEASED, AND THAT ALL THE ABOVE

CLAIMED IS JUSTLY DUE AFTER ALLOWANCE OF ALL PROPER

CREDITS.

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AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME,
THIS TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF JULY, 1949.
AS WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL.

Rose Halpin

ROSE HALPIN
Notary Public in the State of New York
Qualified in New York County
N.Y. Co. Clerk's No. 8 Reg. No. 241-H-0
Commission Expires March 30, 1950

SIDNEY NAN HOWELL et als

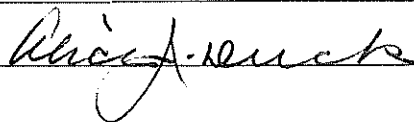
vs.

MARJORIE RANKIN et al

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin CountyIN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint, _____
upon evidence heretofore taken in open court, admissions contained in the
pleadings, proposal as to disposition of Howell Publishing Company, made and filed
by Marjorie Rankin, and financial reports and statements prepared by Richard Cunn-
ingham

and in behalf of Defendants upon same as noted above



Register.

No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

VS.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 8th

day of December, 1947

W. H. H. H. H.
Register.

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BAY MINETTE, ALA., Dec. 30, 1947

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To (Preparing Certified Copy of
Letters of Administration Est of
Sidney Horrell, Dead)

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, Mrs. Sidney L. Howell
Publisher of The Onlooker, published at

Foley, Ala., do solemnly swear that a copy of the above notice, as per clipping attached, was published once each week in the regular and entire edition of said newspaper, and not in any supplement thereof, for THREE consecutive weeks, commencing with the issue dated JAN-1, 1948, and ending with the issue dated JAN-15, 1948.

Mrs. Sidney L. Howell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day
of January, 1948.
[Signature]
Notary Public.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 14, 1951

LEGAL NOTICES

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

LETTER
Sidney Howell, Deceased,
Estate of

Letters of Administration upon the estate of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of December, 1947, by the Honorable W. R. Stuart, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, notice is hereby

that all persons having claims against said estate will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.

MARJORIE HOWELL,
Administrator of the Estate
of Sidney Howell, Deceased.

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Occupation

Owner

Name.....*Sidney L. Howell*.....

Business Address.....*Publishers*.....

Residence Address.....*Foley, Ala*.....

Given by *Sidney L. Howell*
Representation of *S. L. Howell*

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