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EX PARTE,  
ROY HAMMET STAPLETON.

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

DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard on this date is submitted on the Petition of Archie C. Stapleton, father of the said minor, Roy Hammet Stapleton, who is his Guardian, from which it appears that it is to the best interest of the said minor that his disabilities of non-age be removed. It further appears to the Court that a copy of the said Petition has been served on the said minor in the manner required by Title 27, Section 15 of the 1940 Code of Alabama and that the said Petitioner and the said minor desire that the matter be heard by the Court as soon as possible, upon consideration of all of which it is, therefore, Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed by the Court as follows:

1. This cause shall be and it is hereby set for hearing at eleven o'clock A. M. on Monday, March 7, 1949.

2. The testimony of the Petitioner, Archie C. Stapleton, and of the said minor, Roy Hammet Stapleton, shall be taken in open Court and the testimony so taken shall be taken down by the Court Reporter, transcribed and filed in this cause in the manner provided by Equity Rule Number 56, as amended.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 7th day of March, 1949.

*Julius J. Maslbury, Jr.*  
Judge.

EX PARTE,  
ROY HAMMET STAPLETON.

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

DECREE REMOVING DISABILITIES OF NON-AGE

This cause coming on to be heard on this date is submitted for a Decree Removing the Disabilities of Non-Age of Roy Hammet Stapleton, a minor over Eighteen years of age, on the Petition filed in this cause on March 7, 1949, by Archie C. Stapleton, the father and guardian of the said minor, service of a copy of the Petition on the said minor, the Decree of this Court dated March 7, 1949, setting this cause for hearing and ordering the testimony of Archie C. Stapleton and Roy Hammet Stapleton taken in open Court upon consideration of which the Court is of the opinion that it is to the best interest of the said minor that he be relieved of the disabilities of non-age, whereupon it is therefore Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed as follows:

1. The said minor, Roy Hammet Stapleton, shall be and he is hereby relieved of and from all of the disabilities of non-age and invested with the right to contract, sue and be sued, to buy, sell and convey real property, and generally to do and perform all acts and deeds which he could lawfully do if he were twenty-one years of age.

2. A certified copy of this Decree shall be filed by the Register of this Court in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, for record therein, and the cost of such recording is hereby taxed as a part of the costs of this proceeding.

3. The costs of this proceeding are hereby taxed against the Petitioner, Archie C. Stapleton, for which execution may issue.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 17th day of March, 1949.

Leifair G. Maslbury, Jr.  
Judge

EX PARTE

ROY HAMMETT STAPLETON

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

TESTIMONY TAKEN IN OPEN  
COURT ON MARCH 7, 1949

APPEARED: Archie C. Stapleton  
Roy Hammett Stapleton

Hon. J. B. Blackburn  
Attorney

ON DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Blackburn

Q. Are you Mr. Archie C. Stapleton?

A. Yes.

Q. Mr. Stapleton, what relation are you to this  
young man here, Roy Hammett Stapleton?

A. His father.

Q. Now, are you also his guardian?

A. I am.

Q. You are acting under appointment from what Court?

A. The Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

Q. Does your son here have some property of his own?

A. He does.

Q. Now, where is this property situated?

A. In Illinois.

Q. Does he receive payments from that property  
periodically at intervals?

A. He does.

Q. Who is the other owner of that property?

A. My other son, Archie Stapleton.

Q. And he is now over twenty-one years of age?

A. Right.

Q. And you want to wind up this guardianship, do you not?

A. I do.

Q. In your opinion is it to the best interest of the minor that his disabilities of non-age be removed?

A. I am sure that's right.

Q. And he is fully capable of handling his own affairs?

A. Yes, he is.

Q. You have read over the petition filed in this cause?

A. I have.

Q. And the facts stated therein are true?

A. That's right.

NO QUESTION BY COURT

ON DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Blackburn

Q. You are Roy Hammett Stapleton?

A. I am.

Q. Roy, you own an interest in this property in Illinois?

A. I do.

Q. You want to wind up the guardianship?

A. I do.

Q. By handling it this way, by removing your disabilities, you can save the estate considerable money in settling the guardianship?

A. You can.

NO QUESTION BY COURT

Transcribed and filed original with Register  
this 7th day of March, 1949.

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*Ora J. Nelson*

PETITION TO REMOVE DISABILITIES OF NON-AGE.

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

Your Petitioner, Archie C. Stapleton, who is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, respectfully represents unto the Court and your Honor as follows:

1. He is the father of Roy Hammet Stapleton, a boy eighteen years of age, whose eighteenth birthday was on September 5, 1948.

2. Petitioner has been appointed, qualified and is now acting as Guardian of his said son, Roy Hammet Stapleton.

3. The said minor owns property in his own right. He is mature for his age, capable of handling his own affairs and it is to the best interest of the said minor that his disabilities of non-age be removed in the manner provided by Title 27, Section 13 et seq. of the 1940 Code of Alabama.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Court will take jurisdiction of this Petition and appoint and set a day to hear it; that notice of the filing of this Petition and of the date set for hearing it be given to Roy Hammet Stapleton by service of a copy of the said notice on him by a lawful officer of the State of Alabama in the manner provided by Title 27, Section 15 of the 1940 Code of Alabama; that on the date set for hearing the said Petition the Court will make and enter a proper order or decree relieving the said minor from all disabilities of non-age and vesting him with full power and authority to sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with in all respects as if he were twenty-one years of age. Petitioner further prays that such other orders be made and decrees rendered as may be requisite and proper in the premises.

Archie C. Stapleton

Sworn to and subscribed before me on  
this the 7th day of March, 1949.

J. B. Blum

Notary Public, State of Alabama at Large.