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ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM E. MORRIS,  
DECEASED.

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

DECREE ON FINAL SETTLEMENT

This cause coming on to be heard on this date, this being the date on which this cause was continued to and set for hearing, was submitted for a final decree on the petition filed in this cause by C. L. White, as administrator of this said estate; order of publication; proof of publication; acceptance of service and waiver of notice of Mrs. Gerome Seay, Richard Harbison, Mrs. Richard Harbison, Mildred Kuyler, Ed Hiles, Edward Hiles, as Trustee, Mrs. Ed Hiles, Fred L. Buettner and Elmo M. Buettner; deposition of Laura Stepp; the testimony of C. L. White and Fred Buettner, taken in open court on this date; from which it appears and the court finds that C. L. White, as administrator of the said estate, has collected on the policy of insurance described in the Petition for Final Settlement the sum of \$894.50, and that all of the said funds are now in his possession and under his control; that J. S. Morris, father of the said decedent, under the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Alabama, inherited one-half of the proceeds of the said policy of insurance. The said J. S. Morris left a Last Will and Testament, a copy of which is attached to the Petition for Final Settlement that has been filed in this cause, which provided that the moneys belonging to his said estate would go to his widow, Rosa Morris, and to his daughter, Nola McDowell; that Nola McDowell, by written transfer and release, dated July 10, 1939, transferred all interest that she had in and to all cash on hand and moneys belonging to the Estate of J. S. Morris, Deceased, to Rosa Morris, the original of which was introduced in evidence in this cause; that Nola McDowell, a sister of the said decedent, and who, under the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Alabama, inherited a one-half interest in the proceeds of the said insurance, died intestate, leaving as her heirs Samuel McDowell,

Christine Collins, Frances Land, Bessie Pickles, Yvonne Arzola, Fred L. Buettner and Elmo M. Buettner, and that all of the said heirs transferred all of their interest in the said Estate of Nola McDowell to the said Elmo M. Buettner and Fred L. Buettner;

That the said Rosa Morris is deceased and left a Last Will and Testament, a copy of which is attached to the Petition for Final Settlement filed in this cause; that all of the parties named in the said Last Will and Testament of the said Rosa Morris, Deceased, namely, Edward Hiles, as Trustee, Ed Hiles, Mrs. Ed Hiles, Gerome Seay, Mrs. Gerome Seay, Mildred Kuyler, Richard Harbison, Mrs. Richard Harbison, Nola McDowell, Fred Buettner and Elmo Buettner, have received the amounts due them under the said Will of the said Rosa Morris, and that the said Will contained no provision disposing of the residuary estate of the said decedent.

The court further finds that Laura Stepp is the sole and only heir of Rosa Morris, Deceased, and as such is entitled to share in the proceeds of the said policy of insurance to the extent hereinafter provided.

The court further finds that court costs have been incurred in this proceeding, amounting to \$48.85; that the said administrator is due to pay to the surety on his bond a bond premium in the amount of \$16.00; that the said administrator is entitled to commissions in the amount of two and one-half percent ( $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ ) as commissions on receipts, and in the amount of two and one-half percent ( $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ ) as commissions on disbursements, all of which commissions total the sum of \$44.72; that no fee has been paid to J. B. Blackburn, attorney for the said administrator, and that the sum of \$200.00 is a reasonable fee to be paid to him for the said services.

More than six months have expired since petitioner was appointed and qualified as administrator of the said estate, and it should now be fully and finally settled; upon consideration of all of which, it is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the court as follows:

1. C. L. White, as administrator of this said estate, is hereby authorized, empowered, instructed and directed to pay to Alice J. Duck, Register of this court, the sum of \$48.85 in payment of the court costs incurred in this proceeding; to the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, in payment of the bond premium due, the sum of \$16.00; to himself, for commissions, the sum of \$44.72; and to J. B. Blackburn the sum of \$200.00 for attorney's fees, take receipts for all of the said payments and file them in this cause.

2. After paying the sums set out above, there will remain in the possession of the said administrator the sum of \$584.93, which is the remainder of the assets of this estate that have come into possession and under the control of the said administrator. The said C. L. White, as administrator of the said estate, is hereby authorized, instructed, empowered and directed to disburse the said balance of \$584.93 by paying to Elmo M. Buettner one-fourth of the said amount, or \$146.23; to Fred L. Buettner one-fourth of the said amount, or \$146.23; and to Laura Stepp one-half of the said amount, or \$292.47, which sums are the amounts due the said parties on this final settlement, and take receipts therefor and file them in this said cause.

Upon payment by the said administrator of the various amounts set out above, and upon his taking and filing in this cause receipts for all of the said payments, this cause shall be and it is hereby fully and finally settled, and C. L. White, as said administrator, and the surety on his bond shall be and they are each hereby fully and completely discharged of and relieved from all other and further liability because of the administration of the said estate.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1953.

Robert M. Stace  
Judge

WILLIAM E. MORRIS,  
DECEASED.

IN EQUITY

ORDER

The Petition for Final Settlement in the above styled cause having been set for hearing on the 18th day of March, 1953, the said hearing is hereby continued until the 31st day of March, 1953.

Dated this the 18th day of March, 1953.

Robert M. Hale

Judge.

ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM E. MORRIS,  
DECEASED.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

ORDER

The Petition for Final Settlement in the above styled  
cause having been set for hearing on the 29th day of January,  
1953, the said hearing is hereby continued until the 18th day of  
March, 1953.

Dated this the 29th day of January, 1953.



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WILLIAM E. MORRIS,  
DECEASED.

ORDER

Dated this the 25th day of November, 1952.

Julian J. Markbunze  
Judge.

ESTATE OF

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

ORDER

The Petition for Final Settlement in the above styled cause having been set for hearing on the 28th day of October, 1952, the said hearing is hereby continued until the 25th day of November, 1952.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the <sup>28</sup>~~29~~th day of October, 1952.

*Jeffrey G. Maddalena, Jr.*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge.



ORDER

ESTATE OF

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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WILLIAM E. MORRIS, Plaintiff  
vs.  
JAMES L. MORRIS, Defendant

ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM E. MORRIS,  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

ORDER

The Petition for Final Settlement in the above styled cause having been set for hearing on the 22nd day of October, 1952, the said hearing is hereby continued until the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1952.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 20th day of October, 1952.

J. J. Morris, Jr.  
Judge.

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ORDER

ESTATE OF

WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

ESTATE OF

WILLIAM E. MORRIS,  
DECEASED.

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

DECREE SETTING DAY FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

This cause coming on to be heard on this date is submitted on the Petition for Final Settlement of C. L. White, as Administrator of the estate of the said decedent, from which it appears that the said estate is now ready for final settlement, upon consideration of all of which, it is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court as follows:

1. The said Petition for Final Settlement filed in this cause by the said Administrator shall be and it is hereby set for hearing at ten o'clock A. M. on October 21, 1952.

2. Notice of the filing of the said petition and of the date set for hearing same shall be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette in Baldwin County, Alabama, the first of which said notices shall appear in the issue of said paper to be published on September 25, 1952.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 20th day of September, 1952.

Telfair J. Middleberry, Jr.  
Judge.

ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED.

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

DECREE REMOVING ADMINISTRATION FROM  
PROBATE TO EQUITY COURT.

This cause coming on to be heard on this date is submitted on Petition of C. L. White, the Administrator of the Estate of William E. Morris, deceased, to remove the administration of this estate from the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, upon consideration of all of which it is, therefore, Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed by the Court as follows:

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

2. The Register of this Court shall deliver a copy of this decree to the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, as soon as possible.

Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1951.

Jeffrey G. Maslbury, Jr.  
Judge.

DEGREE SETTING DAY FOR FINAL  
SETTLEMENT.

ESTATE OF

WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

This cause coming on to be heard on this date is submitted on Petition of C. L. White, the Administrator of the Estate of William E. Morris, deceased, to remove the administration of this estate from the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, upon consideration of all of which it is, therefore, Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed by the Court as follows:

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

2. The Register of this Court shall deliver a copy of this decree to the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, as soon as possible.

Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
September, 1951.

Jeffrey J. MacLure, Jr.  
Judge.

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DECREE REMOVING  
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In the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama  
In Equity

In the matter of the estate of William E. Morris, deceased.

Answer to Interrogatories.

Now on this 2nd day of January, 1953, comes Laura Stepp before me, John M. Gerlash, heretofore appointed as Commissioner to take her testimony in the above entitled cause, and being duly sworn, upon her oath, deposes as follows:

To the first interrogatory she Laura Stepp states that her name is Laura Stepp, her address is 1905 North 29th. Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, and her age is 75 years.

To the second interrogatory said Laura Stepp states that her relationship to Rosa Morris is that of a sister.

To the fourth interrogatory her answer is "No."

To the sixth interrogatory her answer is "No."

To the eighth interrogatory her answer is "No."

To the tenth interrogatory her answer is "No," except affiant."

To the twelfth interrogatory her answer is "No."

To the fourteenth interrogatory her answer is "No."

Laura Stepp.

Witness.

State of Missouri )  
                          )SS  
County of Atchison)

The undersigned, John M. Gerlash, the commissioner named in the commission hereto attached, does by these presents certify that Laura Stepp is to him personally known to be the same person named in said commission, that she was by him first duly sworn to speak the truth, and then examined in the manner as required by law, and that the answers of the said Laura Stepp were by him reduced to writing as near as may be in the language of the said Laura Stepp and was subscribed by him in the presence of the undersigned on the \_\_\_ day of January, 1952, in Buchanan County, Missouri. The undersigned further certifies that he is not of counsel or of kin to any of the parties to this suit, nor is he in any way interested in the result of said cause.

Witness my hand as commissioner this 2nd day of January, 1953.

John M. Gerlash  
Commissioner.

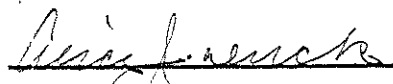
STATE OF ALABAMA )  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

TO JOHN M. GERLASH  
TARKIO, MISSOURI

KNOW YE: That we, reposing full confidence in your integrity, skill and ability, have appointed you Commissioner to take the testimony of Laura Stepp, a material witness for the Administrator of the Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, which Estate is now pending Final Settlement in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity; and we hereby authorize and empower you to call and cause to come before you Laura Stepp, the said witness and to take her deposition on oath, which deposition, when so taken, shall be signed by the said witness and certified by you as Commissioner acting herein; and you are further commanded, the deposition, when so taken, with this commission, to return under your hand and seal to the Register of said Court with all convenient speed.

Witness my hand and seal this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 1952.

  
Register

COMMISSION TO TAKE  
DEPOSITION

ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. MORRIS  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
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IN EQUITY

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,  
ALABAMA:

I, the undersigned, being a duly qualified and sworn member of the Commission to Take Depositions, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the deposition of the within-named deponent, taken and sworn to by me, the undersigned, on the within-named date, at the within-named place, in the presence of the within-named witnesses, and that the same has been read to and by the deponent, and that the deponent has acknowledged the same to be true and correct.

Witness my hand and seal of office at the City of Mobile, Alabama, this 1st day of May, 1911.

Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1911.

Notary Public

ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. MORRIS, }  
DECEASED }

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

### INTERROGATORIES

Now comes the Petitioner, the Administrator of the above Estate and Propounds interrogatories to Laura Stepp, a witness whose testimony, when taken, will be material evidence in the hearing on Petition for Final Settlement in the above Estate. Interrogatories to Laura Stepp:

1. State your full name, age and address.
2. Were you related to Rosa Morris, the second wife of J. S. Morris?
3. If the answer to Interrogatory Number 2 is yes, what was your relation to the said Rosa Morris?
4. Did Rosa Morris leave any children surviving her?
5. If the answer to Interrogatory Number 4 is yes, give the names and addresses of such children.
6. Did Rosa Morris leave any grandchildren surviving her?
7. If the answer to Interrogatory Number 6 is yes, give the names and addresses of such grandchildren.
8. Did Rosa Morris leave her mother and father surviving her?
9. If the answer to Interrogatory Number 8 is yes, state the names and addresses of such father and mother.
10. Did Rosa Morris leave any brothers and sisters surviving her?
11. If the answer to Interrogatory Number 10 is yes, give the names and addresses of such brothers and sisters.
12. Did Rosa Morris leave any children of her brothers or sisters surviving her?
13. If the answer to Interrogatory Number 12 is yes, give the names and addresses of such children.
14. Did Rosa Morris leave any other relatives surviving her?

15. If the answer to Interrogatory Number 14 is yes, give the names and addresses of such relatives.

J. B. Blackburn  
Attorney for Petitioner

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

Before me, the undersigned authority, within and for said County and State, personally appeared J. B. Blackburn, who first being duly and legally sworn deposes and says:

That he is the attorney for the Administrator of the Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased; that the witness whose testimony is to be taken is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, residing in Hamborg, Iowa; that the witness, Laura Stepp, is a material witness for the said Administrator and the evidence to be secured by this deposition will be material evidence for the said Administrator on the hearing of the Petition for Final Settlement in the Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased.

J. B. Blackburn  
Attorney for Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 1952.

James R. Owen  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

The name of John M. Gerlash, of Tarkio, Missouri, is suggested as a fit and proper person to take down the answers to the foregoing interrogatories and it is requested that a commission issue to him for that purpose.

J. B. Blackburn  
Attorney for Petitioner

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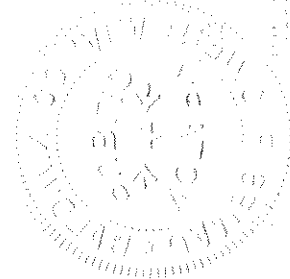
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PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

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

Your Petitioner, C. L. White, as Administrator of the Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, files this, his Petition for Final Settlement, and respectfully shows unto the Court and your Honor as follows:

1. That he was heretofore on, to-wit, the 8th day of November, 1939, appointed Administrator of this estate in and by the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and regularly qualified as such.

2. That thereafter, on to-wit, the 21st day of September, 1951, the administration of this estate was removed from the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity.

3. The only assets of the said estate consist of ~~nine~~ <sup>894.50</sup> ~~Hundred One Dollars (\$901.00)~~, which amount was a lump sum payment of insurance to the said estate by the Veterans Administration under the provisions of Section 303 of the World War Veterans Act of 1924, as amended. This said amount is on deposit in the Baldwin County Bank, Bay Minette, Alabama, in the name of C. L. White, as Administrator of the Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased.

4. That the deceased, William E. Morris, was, at the time of his death, a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and left surviving him J. S. Morris, his father, Elizabeth Morris, his mother, and Nola McDowell, a sister, all of whom are now deceased.

Elizabeth Morris, the decedent's mother, died intestate and, thereafter, J. S. Morris, the decedent's father, married Rosa Morris, who is also now deceased. J. S. Morris died leaving a Last Will and Testament, a copy of which is hereto attached, marked "Exhibit A" and made a part hereof as though fully incorporated

herein. This said Will has heretofore been probated in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama and was finally settled on February 1, 1939. Rosa Morris died leaving a Last Will and Testament, a copy of which is attached hereto, marked "Exhibit B", and made a part hereof as though fully incorporated herein. This said Will has been probated and is still pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama. The executor appointed under this Will has heretofore died after Letters Testamentary were issued and there has not been an administrator cum testamento annexo appointed by the Court. There is no residuary legatee named in the Last Will and Testament of Rosa Morris and she left as her sole survivor a sister, Laura Stepp, who is a resident of Hamborg, Iowa. There is nothing in the file of the Estate of Rosa Morris to indicate whether or not any of the devisees and legatees have received any payments from her said estate.

Nola McDowell, a sister of the decedent, died intestate leaving as her sole surviving heirs Samuel McDowell, her husband, Christine Collins, a daughter, Frances Land, a daughter, Bessie Pickles, a daughter, Yvonne Arzola, a daughter, Fred L. Buettner, a son, and Elmo M. Buettner, a son. The places of residence and post office addresses of these heirs are as follows: Samuel McDowell, Lake Wales, Florida; Christine Collins, Winter Haven, Florida; Frances Land, Lake Wales, Florida; Bessie Pickles, Lake Wales, Florida; Yvonne Arzola, Fort Worth, Texas; Fred L. Buettner, Loxley, Alabama; Elmo M. Buettner, Loxley, Alabama.

Samuel McDowell, Christine Collins, Frances Land and Bessie Pickles have heretofore, by written instrument, transferred and conveyed all of their right, title and interest in and claim to the proceeds of the Estate of William E. Morris, the decedent, to Fred L. Beuttner and Elmo M. Beuttner. A copy of this instrument is attached hereto, marked "Exhibit C", and made a part hereof as though fully incorporated herein. Yvonne Arzola has heretofore, by written instrument, transferred and conveyed all of her right, title and interest in and claim to the proceeds of the Estate of William E. Mor-




ris, the decedent, to Fred L. Beuttner and Elmo M. Beuttner. A copy of this instrument is attached hereto, marked "Exhibit D", and made a part hereof as though fully incorporated herein.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that the Court will take jurisdiction of the matter contained in this petition; that due notice thereof in the manner and form prescribed by law be given to all necessary and proper parties and on the day set to hear same the Court will render an order or decree directing your Petitioner to distribute the assets of this estate to such parties as the Court may deem proper to receive them, and fix the amount of the payments; that the Court will fix and allow such commissions as are due Petitioner, as said Administrator of this estate; will fix and allow a reasonable sum to be paid by Petitioner to his attorney for services rendered by him in this settlement; and will render a decree fully and finally discharging Petitioner as Administrator of the said estate and the surety on his bond as such. Petitioner further prays that such other orders be made and decrees rendered as may be requisite and proper in the premises.



Petitioner.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on  
this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1952.



Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

EXHIBIT A

WILL OF J. S. MORRIS.

STATE OF ALABAMA, I  
BALDWIN CO. I

I, J. S. Morris, of Baldwin County, Alabama, do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills I have heretofore made.

ITEM NO. 1. It is my will and I do direct, that my wife Rosa Morris, shall have the use, occupancy, and absolute control of my house and lots in the town of Loxley, in Baldwin County, Alabama, discribed as follows: Lots One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six and Seven, in Block Three in the Elgriff Addition to the town of Loxley, as per plat of record in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, as long as she shall live.

ITEM NO. 2. I direct that my household good and effects be taken in charge by my said wife and not appraised or sold and I authorize my said wife to superintend the equitable distribution of same, as she sees fit.

ITEM (3) I hereby direct that all just debts and claims against me or my estate be paid, and that my daughter, Nola McDowell shall be paid out of what cash is on hand at my death one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to be hers absolutely, provided there be that much cash on hand, and I hereby direct that my wife, Rosa Morris, is to have all other cash as long as she lives and any ballance there may be at her death to revert to Nola McDowell, and I direct that my wife, Rosa Morris, is to administer my estate without bond.

Any one attempting to break this will, be they relative or friend, shall get the sum of nothing whatsoever, for I have made this well knowing full well what I desire to do with my money and property with which I am possessed now and will provide if I deem nessary from my future collections, that looks uncertain now.

SIGNED His  
X J. S. MORRIS  
mark

Witness:

Reubena A. Hall  
Camille Hall

Signed and witnesses in my presence, this 9th day of  
January, 1937.

(Seal)

W. Percy Hall,  
Notary Public.

Filed in office of Judge of Probate Court, Baldwin County, Alabama,  
June 25th, 1937.

G. W. Robertson, Judge of  
Probate,

By J. L. Kessler, Clerk.

EXHIBIT B

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ROSA MORRIS

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

I, ROSA MORRIS, of Loxley, Alabama, in the County of Baldwin and State of Alabama, being over the age of twenty one years and of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do, therefore, make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament:

FIRST: I order and direct that my administrator hereinafter named, pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

SECOND: After the payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise, and bequeath unto my dear friends Mr. and Mrs. Gerome Seay of Loxley, Alabama, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) in cash for the purpose of buying themselves a home, and I also give, devise and bequeath unto them my two stoves and new Rocking Chair and all my personal property that I may die possessed of located in Loxley, Baldwin County, Alabama, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

THIRD: I give, devise and bequeath unto Richard Harbison and his wife of Loxley, Alabama, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) in cash to be paid on their home and if their home should be paid for at the time of my death, then this money to be spent on the improvement of their home, and I also will, devise and bequeath unto Richard Harbison and his wife my brown bedstead, springs and the new nattress, blue and white stripped, and feather bed and one Bolster and pillows with the red tag, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

FOURTH: I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved friend Mildred Kuyler the sum of Three Hundred Dollars in cash to pay on her home and also my new set of Silverware and all my best dishes with my best wishes to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

FIFTH: I will, devise and bequeath unto my friends Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hiles of Loxley, Alabama, the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) in cash with my best wishes to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

SIXTH: I hereby leave in trust with Edward Hiles of Loxley, Alabama the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) cash as a trust fund to be used by him for the employment of labor twice a year to keep up the three J. S. Morris graves located in the Cemetery at Loxley, Baldwin County, Alabama, this trust shall be left solely up to Edward Hiles and shall be turned over to him to manage as he deems best.

SEVENTH: I will, devise and bequeath to Nola McDowell, Fred and Elmo Buettner equally all the remainder of my household goods which shall remain in the home after the property has been distributed herein according to the terms of this my last Will and Testament, to them, their heirs and assigns, forever.

EIGHTH: I do hereby make, constitute and appoint my friend Gerome Seay, of Loxley, Alabama, the sole administrator of this; my last Will and Testament, and it is my wish, and desire and I hereby request that he serve without bond and if the said Gerome Seay's death should precede mine then I appoint Edward Hiles of Loxley, Alabama, as administrator of my estate and he also is to serve without bond.

And I do hereby revoke any and every former will by me made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this 2nd day of December, 1937.

ROSA MORRIS (SEAL)

This instrument was on the day of the date thereof signed, published, and declared by the said testator Rosa Morris to be her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at her request have subscribed our names thereto as witnesses, in her presence and in the presence of each other.

J. J. Ganus (SEAL)  
Gertrude M. Bankester (SEAL)

EXHIBIT C

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into on this the 9th day of June, 1949, between Samuel McDowell, Christine Collins, Frances Land, and Bessie Pickles, hereafter referred to as the parties of the first part, and Fred L. Buettner and Elmo M. Beuttner, hereafter referred to as the parties of the second part, WITNESSETH:

The parties of the first part, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL, TRANSFER, AND CONVEY all of their right, title, interest in and claim to the proceeds of the estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, the administration of which is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

And the parties of the first part do hereby appoint the parties of the second part their attorneys in fact and authorize the parties of the second part to sign all written papers, documents and waivers, and take all necessary steps to effect a final settlement of the administration of the estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, including a settlement by consent as provided for in Title 61, Section 301 of the 1940 Code of Alabama as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals on this the day and year first above written.

(Signed)	SAMUEL McDOWELL	(SEAL)
(Signed)	CHRISTINE COLLINS	(SEAL)
(Signed)	FRANCES LAND	(SEAL)
(Signed)	BESSIE PICKLES	(SEAL)

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
\*  
POLK COUNTY )

I, Mildred Bullard, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Samuel McDowell, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 9th day of June, 1949.

AFFIX SEAL  
SEAL

(Signed) MILDRED BULLARD  
Notary Public, Polk County, Fla.

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
POLK COUNTY )

I, Mildred Bullard, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Christine Collins, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 9th day of

June, 1949.

AFFIX SEAL  
SEAL

(Signed) MILDRED BULLARD  
Notary Public, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Polk,  
Notary Public, State of Florida at (Fla.  
Large.  
My Commission expires April 1, 1952.  
Bonded by American Surety Co. of N. Y.

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
                              )  
POLK COUNTY )

I, Mildred Bullard, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Frances Land, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 9th day of June, 1949.

AFFIX SEAL  
SEAL

(Signed) MILDRED BULLARD  
Notary Public, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Polk,  
Fla.  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.  
My commission expires April 1, 1952.  
Bonded by American Surety Co. of N. Y.

STATE OF POLK )  
                              &  
FLORIDA COUNTY )

I, Mildred Bullard, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Bessie Pickles, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 11th day of June, 1949.

AFFIX SEAL  
SEAL

(Signed) MILDRED BULLARD  
Notary Public, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Polk,  
Fla.  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.  
My commission expires April 1, 1952.  
Bonded by American Surety Co. of N. Y.

EXHIBIT D

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
\*  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into on this the 9th day of June, 1949, between Yvonne Arzola, hereafter referred to as the party of the first part, and Fred L. Buettner and Elmo M. Beuttner, hereafter referred to as the parties of the second part, WITNESSETH:

The party of the first part, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL, TRANSFER, AND CONVEY all of her right, title, interest in and claim to the proceeds of the estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, the administration of which is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

And the party of the first part does hereby appoint the parties of the second part her attorneys in fact and authorizes the parties of the second part to sign all written papers, documents and waivers, and take all necessary steps to effect a final settlement of the administration of the estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, including a settlement by consent as provided for in Title 61, Section 301 of the 1940 Code of Alabama as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said party of the first part has hereunto set her hand and affixed her seal on this the day and year first above written.

(Signed) YVONNE ARZOLA (SEAL)

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
\*  
POLK COUNTY )

I, Betty Jeanne Tate, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Yvonne Arzola, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 9th day of June, 1949.

(Signed) BETTY JEANNE TATE  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.  
My commission expires: March 10, 1952.

AFFIX SEAL  
SEAL



ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED.

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

PETITION TO REMOVE ADMINISTRATION FROM PROBATE  
TO EQUITY COURT.

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

Your Petitioner, C. L. White, who is over twenty-one  
years of age, respectfully represents unto the Court and your Honor  
as follows:

1. He has been heretofore appointed, qualified and is  
now acting as Administrator of the Estate of William E. Morris,  
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, in Equity, the said estate can be  
better administered and handled in the Circuit Court of Baldwin  
County, Alabama, in Equity, than in the Probate Court of Baldwin  
County, Alabama.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Court will take  
jurisdiction of this petition and that it will make and enter a  
proper order or decree removing the administration of this said  
estate from the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to the  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, Sitting in Equity. Pet-  
itioner further prays that such other orders be made and decrees  
rendered as may be requisite and proper in the premises.

Petitioner.

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
\*  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

Before me, the undersigned authority, within and for said  
County in said State, personally appeared C. L. WHITE, who, after

being by me first duly and legally sworn, deposes and says: That he has read over the foregoing petition and that the facts stated therein are true.

Sworn to and subscribed Before me on  
this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 1951.

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

IN EQUITY.

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

DECEASED.

MILITARY E. MONROE,

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PETITION REMOVING ADMINISTRATION FROM PROBATE TO EQUITY COURT.

ESTATE OF

WILLIAM E. MORRIS,

DECEASED.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

known to and subscribed before me on  
day of September, 1931.

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

being by me first duly and legally sworn, deposes and says: That  
he has read over the foregoing petition and that the facts stated  
therein are true.

# *The* BALDWIN *Times*

ALABAMA'S BEST COUNTY'S- BEST NEWSPAPER  
BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA

## Legal Notice

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT  
STATE OF  
WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED.  
The Circuit Court of Baldwin County,  
Alabama, In Equity

LAURA STEPP, HAMBORG, IOWA,  
MUEL McDOWELL, LAKE WALES,  
FLORIDA; CHRISTINE COLLINS, WINTER-  
VEN, FLORIDA; FRANCES LAND  
KE WALES, FLORIDA; BESSIE PICKLES  
KE WALES, FLORIDA; YVONNE AR-  
LA, FORT WORTH, TEXAS.  
his day came C. L. White, as Ad-  
istrator of the Estate of William E.  
ris, Deceased, and filed in this court  
petition for a final settlement of the  
estate, and the 21st day of October,  
1932, at ten o'clock A.M. having been  
by the court for examining, audit-  
and stating the same, notice is here-  
given to all parties interested to ap-  
pear on the said day and contest the  
same, if they think proper.  
dated this 20th day of September, 1932.

ALICE J. DUCK  
Register.

B. BLACKBURN,  
Attorney for Administrator 35-3tc.

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Jimmy Faulkner, being duly sworn, deposes and says  
that he is the PUBLISHER of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper pub-  
lished at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

Est. Wm. E. Morris, Dec.

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148 WORDS @ 5 cents --- \$ 7 40  
I hereby certify this is correct, due and unpaid (paid).

Jimmy Faulkner  
Publisher.

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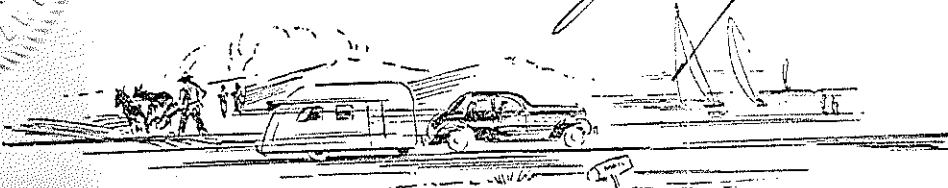
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Subscribed and sworn before the undersigned this 13 day of Oct, 1952

Dorothy Martin  
Notary Public, Baldwin County.

Jimmy Faulkner  
Publisher.



JOHN A. GERLASH  
JOHN M. GERLASH

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January 3, 1953

Miss Alice J. Duck,  
Circuit Clerk,  
Baldwin County,  
Bay Minnette, Alabama.

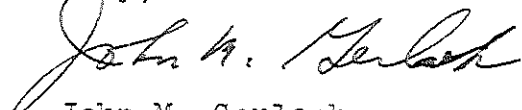
Re: Estate of William E. Morris.

Dear Miss Duck,

In accordance with the instructions given me in the commission to take the testimony of Laura Stepp I have taken her testimony and am herewith returning the same to you together with the commission sent me. If there is anything further you need please let me know.

I had no form of certificate to the interrogatories and took the one I used from Martindale Hubbell. I hope it is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

  
John M. Gerlash

RECEIPT AND RELEASE.

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That whereas, J. S. Morris, a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, died on to-wit, June 6, 1937, leaving a Last Will and Testament which was duly admitted to probate and record in Baldwin County, Alabama, on July 15, 1937, and Letters Testamentary were issued thereunder to Rosa Morris, as Executrix of the said estate; and

WHEREAS, the language and provisions of the said will of the said J. S. Morris, Deceased, are vague and indefinite in so far as the same relate to the moneys or cash belonging to the said estate and the said Rosa Morris contends that she is entitled to the said moneys and the undersigned Nola McDowell contends that she is entitled to the said moneys and the two of them have agreed on a division thereof under which the undersigned Nola McDowell will be paid the sum of \$200.00 for releasing any and all claim which she has or may have in and to the said moneys:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned Nola McDowell, a daughter of J. S. Morris, Deceased, for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to me this day in hand paid by Rosa Morris, as Executrix of the Estate of J. S. Morris, Deceased, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have and do hereby release any and all claim which I have or may have against the cash on hand or moneys belonging to the said J. S. Morris, Deceased, and for the same consideration do hereby consent and agree that all of the said moneys that remain on hand after paying the Court costs and all fees, expenses and charges of administration, be paid by the said Rosa Morris, as Executrix to herself individually as her own individual property.

IT IS DISTINCTLY UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, that this receipt and release has no bearing whatever on and does not release any interest which the said Nola McDowell has or may have in or to the other personal property belonging to the said estate or the real property of the said estate which is left to her by the said will in all of which her interest remains the same as before the execution of this instrument.

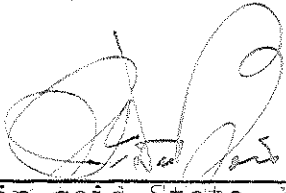
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this the 10 day of July, 1939.

*Nola McDowell*

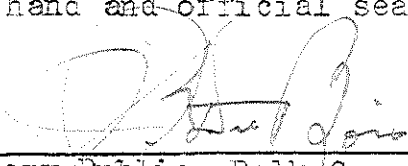
(SEAL)

STATE OF FLORIDA

POLK COUNTY

I, , a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Nola McDowell, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal on this the 10 day of July, 1939.

  
Notary Public, Polk County, Florida.

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

My Commission Expires Oct. 9, 1940

Affix Seal.

ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED.

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

PETITION TO REMOVE ADMINISTRATION FROM PROBATE  
TO EQUITY COURT.

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

Your Petitioner, C. L. White, who is over twenty-one  
years of age, respectfully represents unto the Court and your Honor  
as follows:

1. He has been heretofore appointed, qualified and is  
now acting as Administrator of the Estate of William E. Morris,  
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  
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rendered as may be requisite and proper in the premises.

C. L. White

Petitioner.

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
\*  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

Before me, the undersigned authority, within and for said  
County in said State, personally appeared C. L. WHITE, who, after

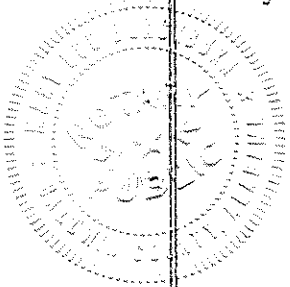
being by me first duly and legally sworn, deposes and says: That  
he has read over the foregoing petition and that the facts stated  
therein are true.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on  
this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1951.

Mary Lou Blackburn

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

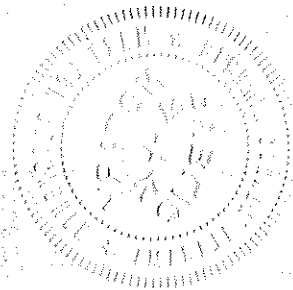


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ESTATE OF

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DECEASED.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF BALDWIN COUNTY,

ALABAMA.

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

ESTATE OF

WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED.

) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
)  
)

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

)  
)  
) IN EQUITY

TO: LAURA STEPP, HAMBORG, IOWA; SAMUEL McDOWELL, LAKE WALES,  
FLORIDA; CHRISTINE COLLINS, WINTERHAVEN, FLORIDA; FRANCES LAND,  
LAKE WALES, FLORIDA; BESSIE PICKLES, LAKE WALES, FLORIDA; YVONNE  
ARZOLA, FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

This day came C. L. White, as Administrator of the Estate  
of William E. Morris, Deceased, and filed in this court his petition  
for a final settlement of the said estate, and the 21st day of Octo-  
ber, 1952 at ten o'clock A. M. having been set by the court for  
examining, auditing and stating the same, notice is hereby given to  
all parties interested to appear on the said day and contest the  
same, if they think proper.

Dated this 20th day of September, 1952.

ALICE J. DUCK,  
Register.

J. B. BLACKBURN,  
Attorney for Administrator.

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ALICE J. DUCK, Registrar

WAIVER OF NOTICE

ESTATE OF )

WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED. )

I, the undersigned Fred L. Beuttner, do hereby waive notice of the filing of the petition for final settlement in the above estate and of the date set for hearing same, waive an accounting by the said administrator and consent and agree that the said estate be fully and finally settled without any further notice to me.

Dated on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1952.

Fred L. Beuttner

STATE OF ALABAMA )

BALDWIN COUNTY )

I, Carl L. Schlich, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Fred L. Beuttner, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1952.

Carl L. Schlich

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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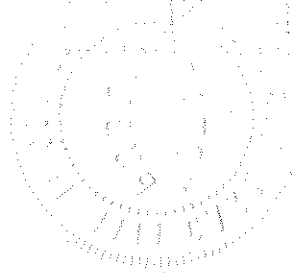
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ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

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3-31-53

ALICE J. DUCK, Registrar



ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM E. MORRIS,  
DECEASED.

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

WAIVER OF NOTICE

We, the undersigned Mrs. Gerome Seay, Richard Harbison, Mrs. Richard Harbison, Mildred Kuyler, Ed Hiles, Edward Hiles, as Trustee under the Will of Rosa Morris; and Mrs. Ed Hiles, do hereby waive notice of the filing of the petition for final settlement in the above estate and of the date set for hearing same, waive an accounting by the said administrator and consent and agree that the said estate be fully and finally settled without any further notice to us.

Dated on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1952.

Mrs Gerome Seay  
Richard Harbison

Mrs Richard Harbison

Mrs. Ed Hiles

Mrs Mildred Kuyler

Ed Hiles

Edward Hiles

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
\*  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

I, J. B. Blackburn, a Notary Public, within and for said State of Alabama at Large, hereby certify that Mrs. Gerome Seay, Richard Harbison, Mrs. Richard Harbison, Mildred Kuyler, Ed Hiles, Edward Hiles, as Trustee under the Will of Rosa Morris, and Mrs. Ed Hiles, whose names are signed to the foregoing instrument and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1952.

J. B. Blackburn  
Notary Public, State of Alabama at Large.

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ALICE J. DECK, Register

WAIVER OF NOTICE

ESTATE OF )  
\*)  
WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED. )

I, the undersigned Elmo M. Beuttner, do hereby waive notice of the filing of the petition for final settlement in the above estate and of the date set for hearing same, waive an accounting by the said administrator and consent and agree that the said estate be fully and finally settled without any further notice to me.

Dated on this the 25 day of September, 1952.

Elmo M. Beuttner

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
\*)  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

I, Carl L. Schlich, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Elmo M. Beuttner, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1952.

Carl L. Schlich

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.



WAIVER OF NOTICE  
ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into on this the 9th day of June, 1949, between Samuel McDowell, Christine Collins, Frances Land, and Bessie Pickles, hereafter referred to as the parties of the first part, and Fred L. Buettner and Elmo M. Beuttner, hereafter referred to as the parties of the second part, WITNESSETH:

The parties of the first part, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL, TRANSFER, AND CONVEY all of their right, title, interest in and claim to the proceeds of the estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, the administration of which is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals on this the day and year first above written.

Samuel McDowell (SEAL)

Christine Collins (SEAL)

Frances Land (SEAL)

Bessie Pickles (SEAL)

STATE OF Florida  
Polk COUNTY

I, Michael Beuttner, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Samuel McDowell, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 9th day of June, 1949.

Michael Beuttner  
Notary Public, Polk County, Fla.

AFFIX SEAL.



STATE OF Florida  
Polk COUNTY

I, Mildred Bullard, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Christine Collins, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 9th day of June, 1949.

Mildred Bullard  
Notary Public, Polk County, Fla.  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.  
My commission expires April 1, 1952.  
Bonded by American Surety Co. of N. Y.

AFFIX SEAL.

STATE OF Florida  
Polk COUNTY

I, Mildred Bullard, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Frances Land, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 9th day of June, 1949.

Mildred Bullard  
Notary Public, Polk County, Fla.  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.  
My commission expires April 1, 1952.  
Bonded by American Surety Co. of N. Y.

AFFIX SEAL.

STATE OF Polk  
Florida COUNTY

I, Mildred Bullard, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Bessie Pickles, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 11th day of June, 1949.

Mildred Bullard  
Notary Public, Polk County, Fla.  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.  
My commission expires April 1, 1952.  
Bonded by American Surety Co. of N. Y.

AFFIX SEAL.

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into on this the 9th day of June, 1949, between Yvonne Arzola, hereafter referred to as the party of the first part, and Fred L. Buettner and Elmo M. Beuttner, hereafter referred to as the parties of the second part, WITNESSETH:

The party of the first part, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL, TRANSFER, AND CONVEY all of her right, title, interest in and claim to the proceeds of the estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, the administration of which is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

And the party of the first part does hereby appoint the parties of the second part her attorneys in fact and authorizes the parties of the second part to sign all written papers, documents and waivers, and take all necessary steps to effect a final settlement of the administration of the estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, including a settlement by consent as provided for in Title 61, Section 301 of the 1940 Code of Alabama as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said party of the first part has hereunto set her hand and affixed her seal on this the day and year first above written.

Yvonne Arzola (SEAL)

STATE OF Florida  
Polk COUNTY

I, Betty Jeanne Tate, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Yvonne Arzola, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 9th day of June, 1949.

Betty Jeanne Tate  
Notary Public, \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_.

AFFIX SEAL.

State of Florida, at Large  
My Commission Expires:  
March 10, 1952

No. 1688 In the Matter of Est. W<sup>m</sup> E. Morris Decd.  
C. L. White Administrator, Executor or Guardian. Residence Bay Minette, Ala.  
 Attorneys J. B. Blackburn Docket Page        Fee Book        Page       

DATE	FEES OF PROBATE JUDGE	AMOUNT	DATE	FEES OF PROBATE JUDGE	AMOUNT
11/8/39	<p>WILL—Order on Presentation, \$1.00</p> <p>Affidavit in Petition for Probate, 25c</p> <p>Recording Petition, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Issuing Citation, ent'g Sheriff's Returns, 50c</p> <p>App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c</p> <p>Issuing Subpoenas for Witness, 50c</p> <p>Affidavit of Witnesses, 25c</p> <p>Examining Wit. and order Probating, \$2.00</p> <p>Issuing Commission to take Deposition, 50c</p> <p>Filing Interrogatories, 10c</p> <p>Copy of same, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Recording Will, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Recording Testimony, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Certificate, without seal, 25c</p> <p>Certificate, with seal, 50c</p> <p>Presiding at Trial C't'd Will, per day, \$2.50</p> <p><i>Simplified Copy of letters</i></p> <p>LETTERS—Affidavit in Petition, 25c</p> <p>Recording Petition, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Recording Rep't to Adm'r, 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Granting Letters of Administration, 50c</p> <p>Issuing and Recording same, 50c</p> <p>Granting Let. of Gu'd'nship, each minor, 75c</p> <p>Issuing, Filing and Recording same, 50c</p> <p>Taking, App., Filing, Rec. Adm. Bonds, \$1.00</p> <p>Taking, App. Filing, Guard. Bond, \$1.00</p> <p>Affidavit of Justification, 25c</p> <p>Granting Order of Appraisement, 50c</p> <p>Issuing Order of Appraisement, 25c</p> <p>Recording same, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Order Removing Executor, Adm. Guard., \$2.00</p> <p>Order Appointing General Guardian, \$1.00</p> <p>Issuing and Recording same, 50c</p> <p>Order Appointing General Administ'r., \$1.00</p> <p>Issuing and Recording same, 50c</p> <p>Order Appointing Adm'r ad Litem, \$1.00</p> <p>Issuing and Recording same, 50c</p> <p><i>Prep. Certified Copy Adm'r. Bond</i></p> <p>HOMESTEAD—Rec. Pet'n for Com., 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Record, Order for App., per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Recording Order for Com., per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Notice to Commissioners, 50c</p> <p>Recording Report of Com., per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Record, Order Setting Apart, 100 words, 15c</p> <p>INVENTORY—Order to Approve and Record, 50c</p> <p>Affidavit to same, 25c</p> <p>Recording same, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>SUPPLEMENT INVENTORY—Order App., Rec., 50c</p> <p>Affidavit to same, 25c</p> <p>Recording same, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Recording Decree, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>APPRAISEMENT—Order Approving, Rec., 50c</p> <p>Affidavit to same, 25c</p> <p>Recording same, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>SUPPLEMENT APPRAISEMENT—Grant, Order, 50c</p> <p>Issuing Order of Appraisement, 25c</p> <p>Recording Warrant, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Order to Approve Appraisement, 50c</p> <p>Affidavit to same, 25c</p> <p>Recording same, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Recording Decree, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>SALE OF PERISHABLE PROPERTY—Petition, 25c</p> <p>Recording same, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Granting Order of Sale, 50c</p> <p>Issuing Order of Sale, 25c</p> <p>App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c</p> <p>Recording, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY—Petition, 25c</p> <p>Recording same, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Granting Order of Sale, 50c</p> <p>Issuing Order of Sale, 25c</p> <p>Order to Publish Notice of Sale, 50c</p>	<p>165</p> <p>50</p> <p>25</p> <p>50</p> <p>50</p> <p>100</p> <p>100</p> <p>590</p>		<p>BROUGHT FORWARD,</p> <p>Affidavit to Report, 25c</p> <p>Recording, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Appointing Com'r to Divide, and Writ, \$2.00</p> <p>Approving Division and Order thereon, \$1.00</p> <p>App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c</p> <p>PARTIAL SETTLEMENT—Affidavit in Acc't, 25c</p> <p>Affidavit to List of Heirs, 25c</p> <p>Examining, Stating Acc't and Ap. Hear., \$1.00</p> <p>Order to Publish Notice of Sale, 50c</p> <p>App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c</p> <p>Examining Vouchers, 10c</p> <p>Administering Affidavits, 25c</p> <p>Making Decree and Order to Record, \$1.50</p> <p>Recording same, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Filing Claims and giving Receipt, 15c</p> <p>INSOLVENCY—Affidavit in Report, 25c</p> <p>Affidavit to Statements, 25c</p> <p>Recording Rep't and Statem't, 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Order Appointing Day of Hearing, 25c</p> <p>Order to Publish Notice of same, 25c</p> <p>Order for Citations, 25c</p> <p>Iss'g Notice to Creditor Day of Hearing, 50c</p> <p>Order Sustaining Report, 25c</p> <p>Order for Settlement, 25c</p> <p>Order to Publish Day of Settlement, 25c</p> <p>Issuing Notice of Day of Settlement, 25c</p> <p>Affidavit to Amount of Claims, 25c</p> <p>App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c</p> <p>SALE OF REAL ESTATE—Affidavit in Petition, 25c</p> <p>Recording Petition, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Order App't'g Day of Hear. and Notice, \$1.00</p> <p>Order to Publish Notice of same, 50c</p> <p>Issuing Citations, Ent'g Sheriff's Return, 50c</p> <p>App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c</p> <p>Issuing Commission to take Deposition, 50c</p> <p>Filing Interrogatories, 10c</p> <p>Copy of Interrogatories, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>App't'g Com. to Divide and Issue Writ, \$2.00</p> <p>Affidavit to Report of Same, 25c</p> <p>Order Approving Division and Report, \$1.00</p> <p>Recording same, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Hearing Applic'n for Dower, Iss'g Writ, \$4.00</p> <p>Exam'g Testim'y and Grant Ord'r to Sell, \$2.00</p> <p>Recording Depositions, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Record, Reliq'm't of Dower, 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Recording Report, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Rec. Paym't Purchase Money, 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Making Order on Report of Sale of Land, 75c</p> <p>Hear Ap'n to Compel Conveyance, etc., \$2.00</p> <p>FINAL SETTLEMENT—Affidavit in Account, 25c</p> <p>Affidavit to Statement of Heirs, 25c</p> <p>Exam'g, Stating and Recording Acc't, \$1.00</p> <p>Order to Publish Notice of same, 50c</p> <p>App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c</p> <p>Examining Vouchers, 10c</p> <p>Administering Affidavits, 25c</p> <p>Recording same, per 100 words, 15c</p> <p>Decree in Final Settlement, 50c</p> <p>SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS—Proceedings for Declara- tion of Unsound Mind and App. Guard. ad Litem, \$5.00</p> <p>Recording Decree Relieving Minors, etc., \$1.00</p> <p>Proceed to Perpetuate Testimony, per 100 words, 20c</p> <p>Other Services Relating Thereto, 75c</p> <p>Record, Pro'dings Bind'g Out Appren., \$1.00</p> <p><i>Baldwin-Times Adv Final Sett</i></p> <p><i>Final Record</i></p> <p><i>Total</i></p>	<p>50</p> <p>150</p> <p>50</p> <p>250</p> <p>150</p> <p>1340</p>
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No.

The State of Alabama

COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF

PROBATE FEE BILL

RECEIVED OF

Dollars

in Payment of the above, this

day of 19

Judge of Probate.

(Box 591-2) annual - success - statute

DATE	FEES OF SHERIFF	AMOUNT	DATE	FEES OF WITNESSES	AMOUNT
	<p>Serving and Returning Citations, @ \$ .65</p> <p>Serving Witness, @ .65</p> <p>Collecting Execution for Cost, 1.50</p> <p>Serving Application to Perpetuate Testimony, 1.50</p> <p>Impaneling Jury, .75</p> <p>Serving Notices, @ .65</p> <p>Summoning Jury Dower, per day, 5.00</p> <p>Serving Writs, @ 1.50</p> <p>Sheriff's Commission,</p>				
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ORVIS M. BROWN  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
BALDWIN BUILDING  
ROBERTSDALE, ALA.

March 20th, 1940

Honorable G. W. Robertson  
Judge of Probate  
Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Judge Robertson:

In Re: Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased,  
File #1688:

I represent Mrs. Rosa Morris of Loxley, Alabama, who is one of the heirs of the Estate of William E. Morris, deceased.

Mr. C. L. White, Administrator of this estate, has filed his petition for final settlement of his said administration at the request of Mrs. Nola McDowell who is a resident of Lake Wales, Florida, so that she may administer the estate in Florida.

It is my opinion that according to law the estate can only be administered at the domicile of William E. Morris and William E. Morris being domiciled in Baldwin County at the time of his death and leaving all of his heirs and estate in Baldwin County, that this is the proper county and state in which to administer the same.

I do not see under law how a valid administration can be held in Florida, therefore, as you have set for tomorrow March 21st, 1940, at 10 o'clock A.M. the hearing on this petition by Mr. White I will be present at that time and ask that you continue the hearing and probably some arrangements can be worked out whereby Mr. White can continue the administration in Baldwin County, Alabama.

I am filing this appearance for Rosa Morris, the widow of John S. Morris, deceased, who was the father of William E. Morris, deceased.

Yours very truly,

  
ORVIS M. BROWN, Attorney  
for Rosa Morris

OMB:vc  
cc J. B. Blackburn, Attorney  
Bay Minette, Alabama  
Veterans Administration  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Letter

asking for continuance

Filed in office of  
Judge of Probate of  
Belmont Co. Ohio Nov

21<sup>st</sup> 1949

W. Rolantian  
Judge of Probate  
Belmont Co. Ohio





## VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

September 17, 1941

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: FCAD

Clerk of the Probate Court  
Baldwin County  
Bay Minette, Alabama

MORRIS, William E.  
XC-128,651

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letters of administration issued by your court on November 8, 1939, appointing C. L. White as administrator of the estate of William E. Morris (the veteran who died in service October 21, 1918). This appointment was made in connection with a claim covering insurance in a lump sum of \$901.00, which appears payable to the estate of the deceased veteran.

Owing to an erroneous conception of the facts, it developed that the veteran's sister, Nola Morris McDowell, was appointed as administratrix of the estate of William Emmett Morris by the County Judge of Polk County, State of Florida, on November 9, 1939. The Veterans' Administration is under current date requesting evidence from Polk County, Florida, to establish that the appointment of Nola Morris McDowell, as administratrix of the veteran's estate has been vacated, and the administratrix discharged.

The evidence on file tends to show that the veteran was a legal resident of the State of Alabama and in accordance with the procedure of the Veterans' Administration, payment should be made to the duly appointed legal representative in the state of the veteran's legal residence at the time of his death. Also in compliance with the procedure of this office, it is necessary that the evidence on file establish that the letters of administration are still in full force and effect. In cases where the letters of administration were issued more than one year ago, it is necessary to obtain a certificate bearing the signature and official seal of the court containing a statement that the said letters of administration are still in full force and effect, and also that the bond furnished by the administrator is sufficient to meet the requirements of the court.

You are, therefore, kindly requested to furnish the Veterans' Administration, Washington, D. C., with evidence, <sup>over</sup> your signature and seal to establish that the letters of administration granted to C. L. White on the estate of William E. Morris are still in full force and effect; also, that his bond is in full force and effect. With this evidence on

*Evidence  
mailed 9/23/41*

Clerk of the Probate Court

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MORRIS, William E.  
XC-128,651

file, the claim covering the remaining unpaid insurance will receive prompt consideration. The enclosed envelope requiring no postage may be used for your reply. A copy of this letter is being referred to Mr. C. L. White, Bay Minette, Alabama, for his information, with the suggestion that he take any steps that may be necessary to assist the court in furnishing the evidence outlined herein.

All future communications relative to this case should show the veteran's name and refer to the number XC-128,651.

Respectfully,

*H. L. McCoy*  
H. L. McCOY,  
Director of Insurance

Enc. 1  
Envelope

September 17, 1941

FCAD

Mr. C. L. White  
Bay Minette, Alabama

MORRIS, William E.  
XC-128,651

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case of the above named veteran of the World War in connection with which you were appointed as administrator of the estate of William E. Morris by the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, on November 8, 1939. Your appointment was made for the purpose of receiving payment of the remaining unpaid insurance amounting to approximately \$901.00.

Owing to a misconception of the facts, the veteran's sister, Nola Morris McDowell, was appointed as administratrix of the veteran's estate in Folk County, Florida, under date of November 9, 1939. The Veterans' Administration is taking steps to request that the appointment of the sister be vacated and that she be discharged as administratrix.

You will find enclosed herewith a copy of letter addressed to the Probate Court, Baldwin County, Alabama, requesting certain evidence that is required before final ction can be taken to authorize payment of the remaining insurance. It is requested that you cooperate with the court in any way that may be deemed necessary and that you also furnish your present mailing address over your personal signature; that is, if you are still acting as administrator of the veteran's estate.

All future communications relative to this case should show the veteran's name and refer to the number XC-128,651.

Respectfully,

H. L. McCOY,  
Director of Insurance

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CERTIFICATE.

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

I, G. W. Robertson, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the Letters of Administration issued by the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama on November 8, 1939 to C. L. White, as Administrator of the Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, are in full force and effect on this date. I further certify that the bond furnished by C. L. White, as Administrator of the Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) is sufficient to meet the requirements of this Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Court on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 1941.

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Judge of the Probate Court, Baldwin  
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Judge of the Probate Court, Baldwin  
County, Alabama.

Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased     |     In the Probate Court  
   |     of Baldwin Co., Ala.  
   |     April 25th, 1940.

In the matter of the final settlement.

This being the day set by continuance for hearing the application of C.L. White, as administrator of the said estate for a final settlement of his administration. And it appearing to the Court that this estate is not ready for settlement, and that a continuance is desired.

It is therefore ordered by the Court, that this settlement, ~~and~~ and it is continued to May 30th, 1940, by consent.

*J. M. Polkinton*  
Judge of Probate.

*W. L. Kessler*

Attendance

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Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased

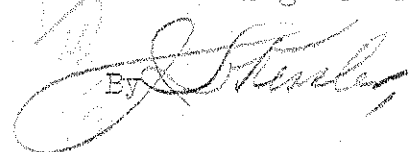
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Judge of Probate.

By  clk.



Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased


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In the Probate Court,  
Baldwin County, Ala.  
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Judge of Probate.

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Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased

In the Probate Court,  
Baldwin County, Ala.  
May 30th, 1940.

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*W. B. Robertson*  
Judge of Probate.

By *J. H. Sturley* clk.

Continuance

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Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased

In the Probate Court  
Baldwin County, Ala.  
June 27th, 1940.

In the matter of the Final Settlement.

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It is therefore ordered by the Court, that this settlement be and it is continued to July 26th, A.D., 1940, by consent.

*W. Robertson*

Judge of Probate.

*by J. H. Keefe, Clerk*

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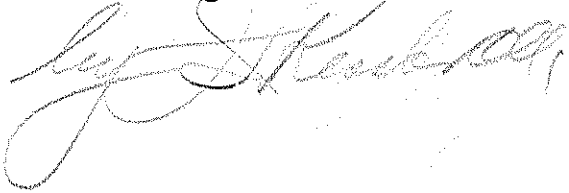
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It is therefore ordered by the court, that this settlement be, and it is continued to August 26th, A.D., 1940, by consent.

  
Judge of Probate.  


Continuance

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ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED    |    In the Probate Court,  
   |    Baldwin County, Ala.,  
   |    August 26th, 1940.

In the matter of the Final Settlement of said estate.

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It is therefore ordered by the Court, that this settlement be, and it is continued to September 25th, A.D., 1940, by consent.

*J. M. Robertson*  
Judge of Probate.  
*Ray E. Keith, Jr.*

Continuance

of the above and all other matters connected with the same, and to the effect that the same be continued until the next session of the court.

The court do hereby order that the same be continued until the next session of the court, and to the effect that the same be continued until the next session of the court.

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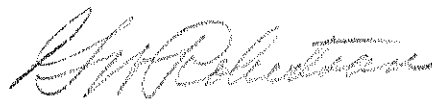
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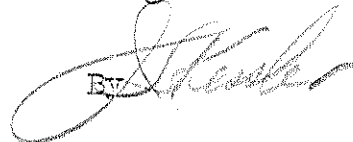
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It is therefore ordered by the Court, that this settlement be, and it is continued to October 25th, A.D., 1940, by consent.



Judge of Probate,



By

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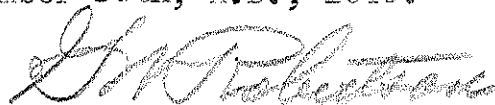
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Baldwin County, Ala.  
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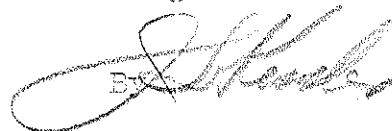
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It is therefore ordered by the Court, that this settlement be, and it is continued to November 30th, A.D., 1940.



Judge of Probate,



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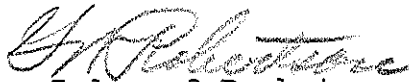
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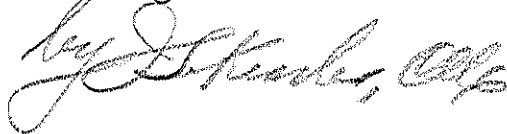
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Judge of Probate.



Continuance

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Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased

In the Probate Court,  
Baldwin County, Ala.,  
December 30th, 1940.

In the matter of the final settlement of said estate.

This being the day set by continuance for hearing the application of C.L.White, as Administrator of the estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, for a final settlement of his said administration. And it appearing to the court, that said estate is not ready for settlement, and that a continuance is desired.

It is therefore ordered by the court that this settlement be, and it is hereby continued to January 28th, A.D., 1941.

*J. H. P. [Signature]*  
Judge of Probate.

*By [Signature]*

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Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased

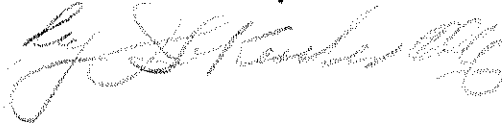
In the Probate Court,  
Baldwin County, Alabama,  
January 28th, 1941.

In the matter of the Final Settlement of said Estate.

This being the day set by continuance for hearing the application of C.L.White, as Administrator of the estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, for a final settlement of his said administration. And it appearing to the court, that said estate is not ready for settlement, and that a continuance is desired.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that this settlement be, and it is continued to March 5th, A.D., 1941, by consent.

  
Judge of Probate.



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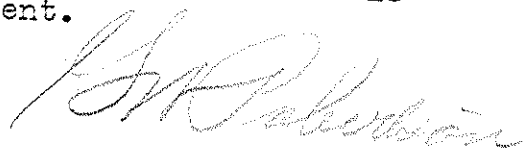
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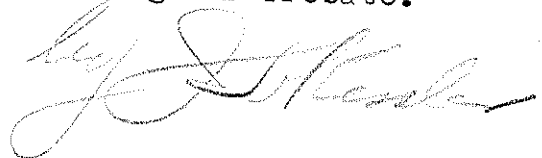
In the Probate Court of  
Baldwin County, Alabama,  
Mar 5th, 1941.

In the matter of the final settlement of said estate.

This being the day set by continuance for hearing the application of C.L.White, as Administrator of the estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, for a final settlement of his said administration. And it appearing to the court, that said estate is not ready for settlement, and that a continuance is desired.

It is ordered by the Court that this settlement be and it is continued to April 9th, A.D., 1941, by consent.

  
Judge of Probate.



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ESTATE OF WILLIAM E MORRIS, DECEASED

In the Probate Court of  
Baldwin county, Alabama,  
April 9th, 1941.

In the matter of the final settlement of said estate.

This being the day set by continuance for hearing the application of C.L.White, as administrator of the estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, for a final settlement of his said administration. And it appearing to the court, that said estate is not ready for settlement, and that a continuance is desired.

It is ordered by the Court that this settlement, be and it is continued to May 9th, A.D., 1941.

  
Judge of Probate.

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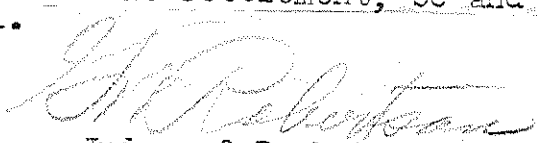
ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
MAY 9th, 1941.

In the Matter of the Final Settlement of said Estate

This being the day set by continuance for hearing the application of C.L.White, as administrator of the estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, for a final settlement of his said administration. And it appearing to the court, that said estate is not ready for settlement, and a continuance is desired.

It is ordered by the Court that this settlement, be and it is continued to June 9th, A.D., 1941.

  
Judge of Probate

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TO THE HONORABLE PROBATE COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND TO THE HONORABLE G. W. ROBERTSON, JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

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


1. William E. Morris, a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, died intestate on to-wit, October 22, 1918, while a member of the armed forces of the United States of America, leaving as his heirs at the time of his death his father, John S. Morris, now deceased, and his mother, Elizabeth Morris, now deceased, and Nola McDowell, a sister, whose residence and post office address is Lake Wales, Florida.

2. There is the sum of \$901.00 now payable to the estate of said veteran, William E. Morris, by the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., which amount represents the commuted value of the remaining installments of insurance formerly paid to John S. Morris, now deceased. More than forty days have elapsed since the death of said veteran and no person having a prior right to be appointed as his personal representative has made application to be appointed as such personal representative.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that he be appointed Administrator of the said Estate on his entering into bond with requisite surety as provided by law. Petitioner further prays that such other orders be made and decrees rendered as may be requisite and proper in the premises.

  
Petitioner.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on  
this the 8th day of November, 1939.

  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND.

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, C. L. White, as Principal, and Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, a Corporation as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto G. W. Robertson, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and his successors in office in the penal sum of \$2,000.00, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, the principal binds himself, his heirs, administrators and executors, and the Surety binds itself, its successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this the 8th day of November, 1939.

The condition of the above obligation is such that, whereas, the above bounden C. L. White was on the 8th day of November, 1939, appointed Administrator of the Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased; now, if the said C. L. White shall well and truly perform all duties which are or may be required of him as such Administrator, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

C. L. White (SEAL)

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF  
MARYLAND, a Corporation, (SEAL)

By C. H. Ezinger  
As its Attorney in Fact.

Taken and approved on this the 8  
day of November, 1939.

G. W. Robertson  
Probate Judge, Baldwin County, Alabama.

The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County

Probate Court, Nov 8 1939

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF William E. Morris Deceased.

PRESENT, Honorable J. M. Robinson, Judge of Probate.

And now, on this day comes C. L. White and presents to the Court his petition in writing, under oath, praying that Letters of Administration on the Estate of William E. Morris, deceased, issue to him, 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 William E. Morris departed this life at while a member of the armed forces of the U.S. on or about the 22 day of Oct., 1918

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, Consist of the sum of \$900.00 due from both real and personal, are estimated to be worth about the U.S. Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. Dollars, consisting of

the accumulated value of the remaining installments of insurance formerly paid to John S. Morris, now dead,

and leaving no will, testament or other writing relating to the disposal or distribution of his estate, and that the death more than 40 days has elapsed since the death of said

of the said decedent was known more than five days before this day and now also veteran, and no person having a prior right to be appointed

has made application to be appointed relinquished the said estate right under the statute to administer said estate; and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the

Court that C. L. White 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 or of the estate of said deceased

and no person having appeared to oppose the granting of Letters of Administration to the said C. L. White

, 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 C. L. White first file in this

Court his bond in the penal sum of Two 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 C. L. White and present to the Court for

approval his bond in form as by this Court, heretofore, required, with Fidelity & Deposit

Company of Maryland, a Corporation

as two 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 de-

ceased be granted to the said C. L. White and that he be and hereby is

authorized to administer said estate. It is further ordered that the said C. L. White

proceed immediately to collect and take into his 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.

J. M. Robinson  
Judge of Probate.

Order Appointing  
Administrator

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The State of Alabama,  
Baldwin County

Probate Court, Nov 8 1939

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF William E. Morris Deceased.

PRESENT, Honorable J. M. Robinson, Judge of Probate.

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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, Consist of the sum of \$900.00 due from the U.S. Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. both real and personal, are estimated to be worth about the U.S. Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. Dollars, consisting of the uncommuted value of the remaining installments of insurance formerly paid to John S. Morris, now dead, 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 veteran, and no person having a known right to be appointed has made application to be appointed relinquished rights under the statute to administer said estate; and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that C. L. White the said petitioner is

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 or of the estate of said deceased,

and no person having appeared to oppose the granting of Letters of Administration to the said C. L. White, 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 C. L. White first file in this Court his bond in the penal sum of Two 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 C. L. White and present to the Court for approval his bond in form as by this Court, heretofore, required, with Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland, a Corporation as two 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 C. L. White and that he be and hereby is authorized to administer said estate. It is further ordered that the said C. L. White

proceed immediately to collect and take into his 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.

J. M. Robinson  
Judge of Probate.

## LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

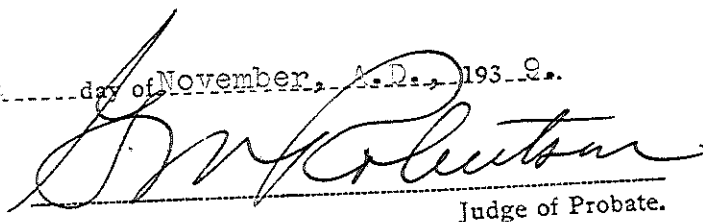
The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

## PROBATE COURT

## LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

On the estate of WILLIAM E. MORRIS, deceased,  
are hereby granted to C. L. WHITE,  
who has duly qualified and given bond as such Administrator, and is authorized to administer such  
estate.

Witness my hand, and dated this 8th day of November, A.D., 1930.



Judge of Probate.



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

**PROBATE COURT**

ESTATE OF

Deceased.

Administrat

**Letters of Administration**

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PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT.

ESTATE OF		IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
WILLIAM E. MORRIS, Deceased		BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

TO THE HONORABLE PROBATE COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND TO  
THE HONORABLE G. W. ROBERTSON, JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Your Petitioner, C. L. White, as Administrator of the  
Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, files this his Petition for  
Final Settlement and respectfully shows unto the Court and your Honor  
as follows:

1. That he was appointed Administrator of this Estate in  
and by the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 8th  
day of November, 1939, and regularly qualified as such.

2. At the time of his appointment the only asset of the  
said Estate consisted of \$901.00 due from the Veterans Administration  
and on November 9, 1939 Petitioner is informed that another adminis-  
tration was commenced by Nola McDowell, a sister of the said decedent  
in the Courts of Polk County, Florida, and the said Nola McDowell  
has requested that Petitioner resign as Administrator of the said  
estate in this county in order that she may proceed with the adminis-  
tration of the said estate in Florida.

3. Petitioner has not collected any moneys or other assets  
as Administrator of the said Estate and has not made any expenditures  
as such. The expenses incurred in connection with this administration  
will be paid by Nola McDowell.

4. The only persona entitled to share in the assets of  
the said estate are Nola McDowell, of Lake Wales, Florida, who is a  
sister of the said decedent, and Rosa Morris, the widow of J. S.  
Morris, Deceased, who was the father of the said veteran, whose ad-  
dress is Loxley, Alabama. Both of the said parties are over twenty-  
one years of age and of sound mind. Petitioner has not used any of  
the assets of the said estate either directly or indirectly for his  
own benefit.

Petitioner hereby resigns as Administrator of the said  
estate in order that it may be finally settled.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED Petitioner prays that the Court

will take jurisdiction of the matters contained in this Petition; that due notice thereof in the form and manner prescribed by law be given to all necessary parties and that on the day set to hear same the Court will render a decree fully and finally discharging Petitioner as Administrator of the said estate and the surety on his bond as such. Petitioner further prays that such other orders may be made and decrees rendered as may be requisite and proper in the premises.

O. P. White  
Petitioner.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of ~~January~~, 1940.  
February,

J. B. Blackburn  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

I, Nola McDowell, a sister of William E. Morris, Deceased, do hereby consent that the prayer of the above Petition be granted without notice to me, which notice is in all respects hereby expressly waived.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of ~~January~~, 1940.  
February

X Nola M. McDowell (SEAL)

STATE OF FLORIDA  
POLK COUNTY

I, Mada Fraser Balbach, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Nola McDowell, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of ~~January~~, 1940.  
February

Mada Fraser Balbach  
Notary Public, Polk County, Florida.

Affix Seal.

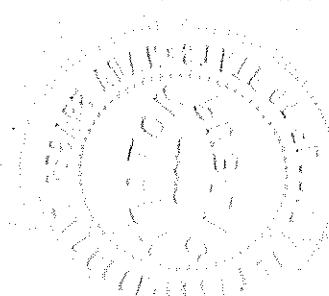
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large  
My Commission Expires Apr. 15, 1941

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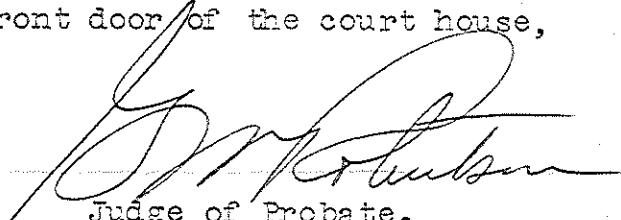


WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED,  
ESTATE OF

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BALD-  
WIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
FEBRUARY 21st, 1940.

AS TO FINAL SETTLEMENT BY ADMINISTRATOR.

On this 21st day of February, A.D., 1940, came C.L. White, the administrator of said estate and filed his statements for a final settlement of his said administration, and the same having been examined by the Court, and found apparently correct, and being now reported for such settlement, it is ordered that the matter of said settlement be set for a hearing on the 21st day of March, A.D., 1940, and that notice of the time and nature of such settlement be given by posting such notice for three weeks before said day of settlement at the front door of the court house, before said day of settlement.

  
Judge of Probate.

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State of Alabama,       |     Probate Court,  
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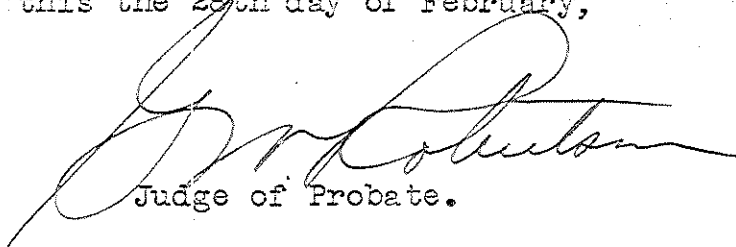
William E. Morris, Deceased, Estate of.

To Any Sheriff of Said State, Greeting:-

You are hereby commanded to notify Mrs. Rosa Morris, of Loxley, Baldwin County, Alabama, that C.L. White, as Administrator in this Court of the Estate of William E. Morris, Deceased, has filed his statements, accounts, vouchers and evidences for a final settlement of his said administration, and that the Court has appointed the 21st day of March, A.D., 1940, a day on which to make such settlement, at which time she may appear at my office at 10 o'clock A.M. on said day, and contest the said settlement, should she think proper so to do.

Herein fail not and have you then and there this writ with your proper endorsement thereon.

Witness my hand at office, this the 28th day of February, A.D., 1940.

  
Judge of Probate.

Received in Sheriff Office  
this 28th day of February 1940  
*WR Stuart* Sheriff.  
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Executed March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1940  
by serving subpoena Notice  
on Mrs Rosa Morris

WR Stuart Sheriff  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Sheriff

Original Notice  
to  
Mrs Rosa Morris  
Lexley, Ala



IN THE MATTER OF THE FINAL  
SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM E. MORRIS, DECEASED.

Probate Court of Baldwin  
County, Alabama,  
March 21st, 1940.

This matter coming on to be heard on this the 21st day of March, A.D., 1940, being the date heretofore set by the Court for the final settlement of the said estate, and the Administrator, C.L.White, being represented in open Court by his attorney, and Rosa Morris, a person interested in the said estate being present in Court in her own proper person, and represented by her attorney, Oris M. Borwn, and it being made to appear to the Court that C.L.White, as Administrator of the estate, was ready for his settlement of the said estate but that his making settlement of the said estate was resisted by Rosa Morris and her attorney who requested that the matter be continued for thirty days, which continuance was resisted by the attorney for C.L.White, and after considering the entire matter: It is therefore Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed by the Court that the said cause be and the same is hereby continued until the 25th day of April, A.D., 1940, to which J.B.Blackburn, attorney for C.L.White, as Administrator reserved an exception.

  
Judge of Probate.

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