

L. W. BRANNAN and)	
L. W. BRANNAN, JR.,)	
)	
VS.)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
)	IN EQUITY. NO. 3388
THE LANDS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED)	
and GEORGE ASMUS, ET ALS,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

FINAL DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard on this date is submitted for a final decree on behalf of the complainants upon the original verified Bill of Complaint; order designating newspaper in which Notice of Pendency of Bill of Complaint shall be published; Notice of Pendency of Bill of Complaint; proof of publication of Notice of Pendency of Bill of Complaint; disclaimer of Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., a corporation; disclaimer of Denniston Company, an Alabama corporation, which was dissolved on December 31, 1953, and disclaimer of Robert P. Denniston, as Trustee of the Denniston Land Trust; disclaimer of George A. Richter and Thyra E. Richter; Register's certificate as to service; motion for decree pro confesso; decree pro confesso; motion of complainants for an order or decree setting cause for hearing, appointing a guardian ad litem to represent unknown minors and persons of unsound mind interested in this proceeding, and an attorney to represent any unknown parties interested in this proceeding who may be in the military service of the United States; decree dated January 3, 1955, setting this cause for hearing on this date, appointing Harry J. Wilters, Jr., as guardian ad litem to represent any unknown minor or person of unsound mind interested in this proceeding, and as attorney to represent any person interested in this proceeding who may be in the military service of the United States, and ordering that the testimony of the witnesses for the complainants be taken in open court and transcribed in the manner provided by Equity Rule Number 56, as amended; notice of

appointment of guardian ad litem and attorney to represent parties in military service and acceptance of such appointment; answer of guardian ad litem and attorney for unknown parties interested in this proceeding who may be in the military service of the United States; and the testimony of L. W. Brannan, Jr., and Rudolph Willis, witnesses for the complainants, taken in open court on this date, and the exhibits to the testimony of the said witnesses, (all of which has been noted by the Register; upon consideration of all of which it appears to the court that all persons, firms or corporations named in the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause have filed disclaimers herein or permitted a decree pro confesso to be taken against them; that the allegations of the said Bill of Complaint are true and that the complainants are entitled to a decree quieting title to the lands described in the said Bill of Complaint, upon consideration of all of which it is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the court as follows:

1. That the complainants, L. W. Brannan and L. W. Brannan, Jr., are the lawful owners in fee simple of the following described lands situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

IN TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST:

Northeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter;	<u>SECTION</u>
South Half of South Half of Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter;	
North Half of Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter	25

IN TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST:

West Half of Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter;	
Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter;	
Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter;	
South Half of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter;	
Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter;	
Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter, EXCEPT South Half of Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter;	
South Half of Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter;	
North Half of Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter	30

IN TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST:

	<u>SECTION</u>
Begin at the Southeast corner of Section 1, and run thence North 664 feet to a point; thence West 351 feet to a point; thence South 664 feet to a point; thence East 351 feet to the point or place of beginning.	1
Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter	10
Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter	11
Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter; South Half of Northeast Quarter; West Half of Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter; Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter; Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter	12
Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter	14
Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter	26
Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter; Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter	35

IN TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST:

Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter	6
East Half of Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter	7

IN TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST:

Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter	2
East Half of Northeast Quarter	5
South Half of Northwest Quarter	6
Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter; West Half of Southwest Quarter	8
Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter	10
Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter	17

IN TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST:

North Half of Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter	33
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That the absolute fee simple title to the said lands and each and every part thereof and all interest therein is in the said complainants, L. W. Brannan and L. W. Brannan, Jr., free and clear of and from the claim or claims of all persons, firms or corporations claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance on the said lands, or any part thereof, or any interest therein; that the said complainants have and are hereby given judgment against the said lands and against all persons, firms or corporations claiming

any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance on the said lands, or any part thereof.

2. The complainants' title to the said lands is hereby quieted against George Asmus; Alabama Sumatra and Havana Tobacco Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Gracie P. Baker; P. G. Baker; Miss P. G. Baker; Pearl G. Baker; Baldwin County Colonization Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., a corporation; Henry C. Bartling; Rose Bartling; Vera G. Bartling; Lucile S. Bartling; Herbert W. Bartling; Stefan Bergl; Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, Limited, its unknown officers, directors, members, partners and stockholders; Denniston Company, Inc., a corporation; Robert P. Denniston, as Trustee of the Denniston Land Trust; Gustav Eberl; Olga Eberl; Henry Fischler; Louise K. Fogg; Mrs. L. M. Fogg; G. W. French, Trustee for the proposed Wyobama Oil Syndicate, a corporation, to be organized under the laws of Wyoming; Emma Gammel; Karl Gammel; W. B. Gray; Guarantee and Trust Company; George Henry; Regina Henry; Charles Hogberg; Home Land Company, its unknown officers, directors, members, partners and stockholders; Istram Karlovitz; Theresia Karlovitz; Gerhard Kimpel; R. Knight; Reginald P. Knights; Amalie Leighger; Amelia Leghger; Amelia Leighger; Fred Mau, Trustee; F. C. Mintie; Susan T. Moran; Susie T. Moran; George E. McEwen; F. M. McKay; R. H. Nash, Trustee of the Southern Alabama Development Company; Charles O'Brien; August Oltman; Aug. Oltman; Alois Paul; Mary Paul; Bertha V. Peterson; Floyd R. Perkins; Mike Recker; M. Recker; George H. Richter; George A. Richter; Thyra E. Richter; F. S. Sandagger; Edel Schattel; Emil Schmidt; M. Emil Schmidt; Edel Schottel; Martha Schottel; Pauline Schuler; Norbert Schwarzfeld; N. Schwartfried; Southern Plantation Development Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Southern Plantation Development Company, a corporation, as Trustee; C. N. Souther; F. Stein; Fred Stein; Elizabeth Stein, as Trustee for Eliza Stein and Dorris Stein; Eliza Stein; Dorris Stein; Emma Stelk; John Stelk; Aubrey Suarez;

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3. The Register of this court shall, within thirty days from the rendition of this decree, file a certified copy hereof in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, for record therein and tax the cost of such recording as a part of the costs of this proceeding.

4. The Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, shall record the said certified copy of this decree in the same book and manner in which deeds are recorded, and shall index the same in the direct index in the names of George Asmus; Alabama Sumatra and Havana Tobacco Company, a corporation; Gracie P. Baker; P. G. Baker; Miss P. G. Baker; Pearl G. Baker; Baldwin County Colonization Company, a corporation; Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., a corporation; Henry C. Bartling; Rose Bartling; Vera G. Bartling; Lucile S. Bartling; Herbert W. Bartling; Stefan Bergl; Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, Limited; Denniston Company, Inc., a corporation; Robert P. Denniston, as Trustee of the Denniston Land Trust; Gustav Eberl; Olga Eberl; Henry Fischler; Louise K. Fogg; Mrs. L. M. Fogg; G. W. French, Trustee for the proposed Wyobama Oil

Syndicate, a corporation, to be organized under the laws of Wyoming; Emma Gammel; Karl Gammel; W. B. Gray; Guarantee and Trust Company; George Henry; Regina Henry; Charles Hogberg; Home Land Company; Istram Karlovitz; Theresia Karlovitz; Gerhard Kimpel; Girk Kimpel; R. Knight; Reginald P. Knights; Amalie Leighgeber; Amelia Leghger; Amelia Leighgher; Fred Mau, Trustee; F. C. Mintie; Susan T. Moran; Susie T. Moran; George E. McEwen; F. M. McKay; R. H. Nash, Trustee of the Southern Alabama Development Company; Charles O'Brien; August Oltman; Aug. Oltman; Alois Paul; Mary Paul; Bertha V. Peterson; Floyd R. Perkins; Mike Recker; M. Recker; George H. Richter; George A. Richter; Thyra E. Richter; F. S. Sandagger; Edel Schattel; Emil Schmidt; M. Emil Schmidt; Edel Schottel; Martha Schottel; Pauline Schuler; Norbert Schwarzfeld; N. Schwartfried; Southern Plantation Development Company, a corporation; Southern Plantation Development Company, a corporation, as Trustee; C. N. Souther; F. Stein; Fred Stein; Elizabeth Stein, as Trustee for Eliza Stein and Dorris Stein; Eliza Stein; Dorris Stein; Emma Stelk; John Stelk; Aubrey Suares; Southern Alabama Development Company; The Guarantee and Trust Company, a corporation; Title Guarantee and Mortgage Company, a corporation; Frank Tomsicek; Frank Tomsicke; John Tretter; J. L. Tucker; Dorothy Wilsey Turner; Anna Vradenberg; Anna Vradenburg; Bertha Stuart Wilsey; Robert E. Wilsey; E. F. Winegar; E. F. Winegar, Trustee; Edwin F. Winegar, Trustee; Wyobama Oil Syndicate, a corporation, to be organized under the laws of Wyoming; and Abe Zimmerman, and shall index the same in the indirect or reverse index of said records in the names of L. W. Brannan and L. W. Brannan, Jr.

5. The title hereby adjudged and decreed to be in the said complainants, L. W. Brannan and L. W. Brannan, Jr., shall inure to the benefit of all persons who derive title to the said lands, or any part thereof, or any interest therein, from or through the said complainants, and such title or interest shall be at all times treated and considered as though it had been established in favor of the person or persons so procuring or deriving title from the said complainants.

6. The costs of this proceeding are hereby taxed against the complainants, for which execution may issue.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 4 day of January, 1955.

Hubert M. Hall
Judge

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and GEORGE ASMUS, ET ALS,)	
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Respondents.)	

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

This cause is submitted for a final decree on behalf of the complainants upon the following:

1. Original verified Bill of Complaint.
2. Order designating newspaper in which Notice of Pendency of Bill of Complaint shall be published.
3. Notice of Pendency of Bill of Complaint.
4. Proof of publication of Notice of Pendency of Bill of Complaint.
5. Disclaimer of Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., a corporation.
6. Disclaimer of Denniston Company, an Alabama corporation, which was dissolved on December 31, 1953, and disclaimer of Robert P. Denniston, as Trustee of the Denniston Land Trust.
7. Disclaimer of George A. Richter and Thyra E. Richter.
8. Register's certificate as to service.
9. Motion for decree pro confesso.
10. Decree pro confesso.
11. Motion of complainants for an order or decree setting cause for hearing, appointing a guardian ad litem to represent unknown minors and persons of unsound mind interested in this proceeding, and an attorney to represent any unknown parties interested in this proceeding who may be in the military service of the United States.
12. Decree dated January 3, 1955, setting this cause for hearing on this date, appointing Harry J. Wilters, Jr., as guardian ad litem to represent any unknown minor person of unsound mind interested in this proceeding, and as attorney to represent any person

interested in this proceeding who may be in the military service of the United States, and ordering that the testimony of the witnesses for the complainants be taken in open court and transcribed in the manner provided by Equity Rule Number 56, as amended.

13. Notice of appointment of guardian ad litem and attorney to represent parties in military service and acceptance of such appointment.

14. Answer of guardian ad litem and attorney for unknown parties interested in this proceeding who may be in the military service of the United States.

15. Testimony of L. W. Brannan, Jr., a witness for the complainants, taken in open court in the manner provided by Equity Rule Number 56, as amended.

16. Testimony of Rudolph Willis, a witness for the complainants, taken in open court in the manner provided by Equity Rule Number 56, as amended.

17. Exhibits Numbered 1 to 56 to testimony of complainants' witnesses.

Dated this 4 day of January, 1955.

W. J. ...
Register

J. B. Blackburn,
Solicitor for complainants

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CERTIFICATE

I, Alice J. Duck, as Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, do hereby certify as follows:

1. The Notice of Pendency of Bill of Complaint in this cause was filed for record in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, on October 21, 1954.

2. Notice of Pendency of Bill of Complaint in this cause was published once a week for four successive weeks in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette in Baldwin County, Alabama, which said notice appeared in the issues of said paper published on October 28, November 4, November 11, and November 18, 1954.

3. A copy of the Notice of Pendency of Bill of Complaint in this cause was posted at the front door of the courthouse of Baldwin County, Alabama, on October 28, 1954.

Dated this 30th day of December, 1954.

Alice J. Duck

Register

CERTIFICATE

L. W. BRANNAN and L. W. BRANNAN,
JR.,

Complainants,

VS.

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DESCRIBED,

Respondents.

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DECREE PRO CONFESSO

In this cause it appears to the Register that the notice of pendency of Bill of Complaint heretofore made in this cause was published for four consecutive weeks commencing on the 28th day of October, 1954, in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette in Baldwin County, Alabama; that a copy of the said notice was posted at the courthouse door in Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 28th day of October, 1954; and it further appearing to the Register that the said respondents hereinafter named have to the date hereof failed to plead, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause:

It is, therefore, on motion of the complainants, ORDERED AND DECREED by the Register that the said Bill of Complaint be and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said George Asmus; Alabama Sumatra and Havana Tobacco Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Gracie P. Baker; P. G. Baker; Miss P. G. Baker; Pearl G. Baker; Baldwin County Colonization Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Henry C. Bartling; Rose Bartling; Vera G. Bartling; Lucile S. Bartling; Herbert W. Bartling; Stefan Bergl; Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, Limited, its unknown officers, directors, members, partners and stockholders; Gustav Eberl; Olga Eberl; Henry Fischler; Louise K. Fogg; Mrs. L. M. Fogg; G. W. French, Trustee for the proposed Wyobama Oil Syndicate, a corporation, to be organized under the laws of Wyoming; Emma Gammel; Karl Gammel; W. B. Gray; Guarantee and Trust Company; George Henry; Regina Henry; Charles Hogberg; Home Land Company, its unknown officers, directors, members, partners and stockholders; Istram Karlovitz; Theresia Karlovitz; Gerhard Kimpel; Girk Kimpel;

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ORDERED AND DECREED on this the 30th day of December, 1954.

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12-30-54

ALICE J. DOCK, Register

Alice J. Dock
Register

DECREE PRO CONFESSO

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MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO

Motion is hereby made for a decree pro confesso against George Asmus; Alabama Sumatra and Havana Tobacco Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Gracie P. Baker; P. G. Baker; Miss P. G. Baker; Pearl G. Baker; Baldwin County Colonization Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Henry C. Bartling; Rose Bartling; Vera G. Bartling; Lucile S. Bartling; Herbert W. Bartling; Stefan Bergl; Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, Limited, its unknown officers, directors, members, partners and stockholders; Gustav Eberl; Olga Eberl; Henry Fischler; Louise K. Fogg; Mrs. L. M. Fogg; G. W. French, Trustee for the proposed Wyobama Oil Syndicate, a corporation, to be organized under the laws of Wyoming; Emma Gammel; Karl Gammel; W. B. Gray; Guarantee and Trust Company; George Henry; Regina Henry; Charles Hogberg; Home Land Company, its unknown officers, directors, members, partners and stockholders; Istram Karlovitz; Theresia Karlovitz; Gerhard Kimpel; Girk Kimpel; R. Knight; Reginald P. Knights; Amalie Leighgeber; Amelia Leghger; Amelia Leighgher; Fred Mau, Trustee; F. C. Mintie; Susan T. Moran; Susie T. Moran; George E. McEwen; F. M. McKay; R. H. Nash, Trustee of the Southern Alabama Development Company; Charles O'Brien; August Oltman; Aug. Oltman; Alois Paul; Mary Paul; Bertha V. Peterson; Floyd R. Perkins; Mike Recker; M. Recker; George H. Richter; F. S. Sandagger; Edel Schattel; Emil Schmidt; M. Emil Schmidt; Edel Schottel; Martha Schottel; Pauline Schuler; Norbert Schwarzfeld; N. Schwartfried; Southern Plantation Development Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Southern Plantation Development Company, a corporation, as Trustee; C. N. Souther; F. Stein; Fred Stein; Elizabeth Stein, as

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WHEREFORE, Complainants move the Register to make and enter a decree pro confesso against the above named respondents and each of them. Complainants further show unto the Register that a copy of the Notice of Pendency of Bill of Complaint in this cause was posted at the front door of the courthouse of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 28th day of October, 1954.

Dated this 30 day of December, 1954.

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12-31-54

ALICE J. DICK, Register

J. T. Blackburn
Solicitor for complainants.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Court at Baldwin County, Alabama, this 31st day of December, 1954.

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO
CONFESSO.

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part thereof.
 The address of the above named Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., a corporation, and the address of the above named Denniston Company, Inc., a corporation, is Mobile, Alabama. The addresses of the other respondents named above are unknown and cannot be ascertained after reasonable efforts and the making of diligent inquiry to ascertain the same.

The said Bill of Complaint has been filed for the purpose of establishing the title of the said complainants to all of the said lands, for the purpose of quieting their title thereto and to clear up all doubts and disputes concerning the title to the said property.

Complainants claim the absolute fee simple title to all of the said lands under, from, by and through the following conveyance:

Deed from O. F. King and Mary King, his wife, to L. W. Brannan and L. W. Brannan, Jr., dated September 30, 1954, and recorded in Deed Book _____ at pages 241-2, Baldwin County, Alabama Records.

Complainants, in and by said Bill of Complaint, allege that they own the said lands in their own right, and in fee simple; that the actual peaceable possession of the said lands under the said title is held by the said complainants; that the said lands are situated in the County of Baldwin, Alabama; that the said lands are being pending to test complainants' title to, interest in, or right to the possession of the said lands.

BALDWIN TIMES
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FIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, E. R. Moussette, Jr., being duly sworn, deposes and says that I am the PUBLISHER of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published in Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of Brannan, Jr. vs. Lands

COST STATEMENT

ORDERS @ 6 1/2 cents _____ \$ 94.25
 This is correct, due and unpaid (paid).
E. R. Moussette, Jr.
 Editor Publisher.

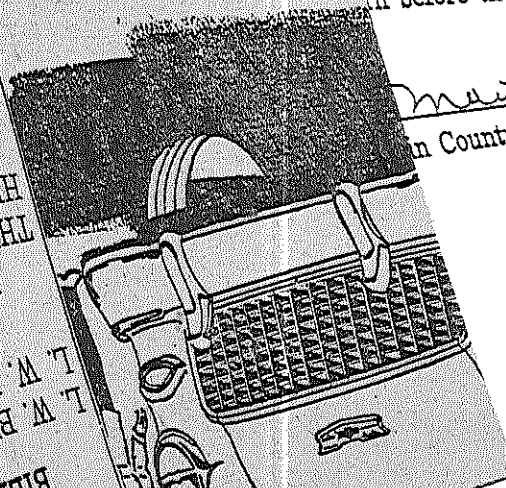
Newspaper for 7 consecutive weeks in the following issues:
Oct. 28, 1954 Vol. 65 No. 41
Nov. 4, 1954 Vol. 65 No. 42
Nov. 11, 1954 Vol. 65 No. 43
Nov. 18, 1954 Vol. 65 No. 44
 before the undersigned this 18 day of Nov, 1954

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 in County.
E. R. Moussette, Jr.
 Editor Publisher.

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DISCLAIMER

Now comes the Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., a corporation, and disclaims all right, title and interest in and to all of the lands described in the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause.

Dated this 27 day of October, 1954.

BALDWIN TIMBER AND NAVAL STORES COMPANY, INC., a Corporation,

By *Kester*

As its *President*

WITNESS:

J. B. Blackburn

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10-28-54

ALICE J. DUCK, Register

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BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY NO. 3388

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L. W. BRANNAN and)
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 THE LANDS AND PARTIES HEREIN-)
 AFTER DESCRIBED,)
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 Respondents.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
 BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
 IN EQUITY

ANSWER OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR UNKNOWN MINORS AND
 INSANE PERSONS, AND AS ATTORNEY FOR ANY UNKNOWN
 PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS PROCEEDING WHO MAY BE
 IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, Harry J. Wilters, Jr., having been heretofore appointed
 as guardian ad litem to represent any unknown minors or insane per-
 sons interested in this proceeding, and as attorney to represent
 any unknown parties interested in this proceeding who may be in the
 military service of the United States, for answer to the Bill of
 Complaint filed in this cause, hereby deny each and all of the alle-
 gations thereof and demand strict proof of same.

Dated this 4 day of January, 1955.

Harry J. Wilters, Jr.

As guardian ad litem as aforesaid, and
 as attorney to represent persons in
 military service as aforesaid.

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Complainants,

VS.

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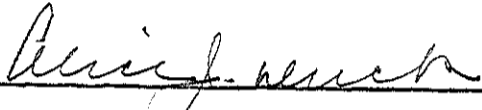
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STATE OF ALABAMA)
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BALDWIN COUNTY)

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., a corporation, and Denniston Company, Inc., a corporation, to appear within thirty days from the service of this writ in the Circuit Court to be held for said county, Equity Side, at the place of holding same, then and there to answer the Bill of Complaint of L. W. Brannan and L. W. Brannan, Jr.

WITNESS my hand and seal on this the 21st day of October, 1954.



Register.

TO THE HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, SITTING IN EQUITY:

Your Orators, L. W. Brannan and L. W. Brannan, Jr., present this Bill of Complaint against the following described lands situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

IN TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST:

	<u>SECTION</u>
Northeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter; South Half of South Half of Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter; North Half of Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter	25

IN TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST:

West Half of Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter; Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter; Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter; South Half of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter; Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter; Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter, EXCEPT South Half of Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter; South Half of Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter; North Half of Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter	30
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Begin at the Southeast corner of Section 1, and run thence North 664 feet to a point; thence West 351 feet to a point; thence South 664 feet to a point; thence East 351 feet to the point or place of begin- ning.	1
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Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter	14
Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter	26
Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter; Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter	35

IN TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST:

Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter	6
East Half of Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter	7

IN TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST:

	<u>SECTION</u>
Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter	2
East Half of Northeast Quarter	5
South Half of Northwest Quarter	6
Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter; West Half of Southwest Quarter	8
Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter	10
Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter	17

IN TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST:

North Half of Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter	33
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and against George Asmus; Alabama Sumatra and Havana Tobacco Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Gracie P. Baker; P. G. Baker; Miss P. G. Baker; Pearl G. Baker; Baldwin County Colonization Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., a corporation; Henry C. Bartling; Rose Bartling; Vera G. Bartling; Lucile S. Bartling; Herbert W. Bartling; Stefan Bergl; Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, Limited, its unknown officers, directors, members, partners and stockholders; Denniston Company, Inc., a corporation; Gustav Eberl; Olga Eberl; Henry Fischler; Louise K. Fogg; Mrs. L. M. Fogg; G. W. French, Trustee for the proposed Wyobama Oil Syndicate, a corporation, to be organized under the laws of Wyoming; Emma Gammel; Karl Gammel; W. B. Gray; Guarantee and Trust Company; George Henry; Regina Henry; Charles Hogberg; Home Land Company, its unknown officers, directors, members, partners and stockholders; Istram Karlovitz; Theresia Karlovitz; Gerhard Kimpel; Girk Kimpel; R. Knight; Reginald P. Knights; Amalie Leighgeber; Amelia Leghger; Amelia Leighgher; Fred Mau, Trustee; F. C. Mintie; Susan T. Moran; Susie T. Moran; George E. McEwen; F. M. McKay; R. H. Nash, Trustee of the Southern Alabama Development Company; Charles O'Brien; August Oltman; Aug. Oltman; Alois Paul; Mary Paul; Bertha V. Peterson; Floyd R. Perkins; Mike Recker; M. Recker; George H. Richter; F. S. Sandagger; Edel Schattel; Emil Schmidt; M. Emil Schmidt; Edel Schottel; Martha Schottel;

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Pauline Schuler; Norbert Schwarzfeld; N. Schwartfried; Southern Plantation Development Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Southern Plantation Development Company, a corporation, as Trustee; C. N. Souther; F. Stein; Fred Stein; Elizabeth Stein, as Trustee for Eliza Stein and Dorris Stein; Eliza Stein; Dorris Stein; Emma Stelk; John Stelk; Aubrey Soares; Southern Alabama Development Company, its unknown officers, directors, members, partners and stockholders; The Guarantee and Trust Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Title Guarantee and Mortgage Company, a corporation, its unknown officers, directors and stockholders; Frank Tomsicek; Frank Tomsicke; John Tretter; J. L. Tucker; Dorothy Wilsey Turner; Anna Vradenberg; Anna Vradenburg; Bertha Stuart Wilsey; Robert E. Wilsey; E. F. Winegar; E. F. Winegar, Trustee; Edwin F. Winegar, Trustee; Wyobama Oil Syndicate, a corporation, to be organized under the laws of Wyoming, its unknown members, officers, directors and stockholders; Abe Zimmerman, and against his heirs or devisees, if deceased, and against her heirs and devisees, if deceased, and against the heirs and devisees of such of the said parties as may be dead, and against any and all persons, firms or corporations claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance on the said lands or any part thereof, and, thereupon, your Orators complain and show unto the Court and your Honor as follows:

1. The said L. W. Brannan is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Mobile County, Alabama. The said L. W. Brannan, Jr., is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama.

2. Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama, with its principal place of business in Mobile, Alabama.

Denniston Company, Inc., is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama, with its principal place of business in Mobile, Alabama.

Alabama Sumatra and Havana Tobacco Company was a corporation

which formerly did business in Baldwin County, Alabama, but the place where the said corporation was incorporated, the present place of business and post office address of the said corporation, the names and addresses of its officers, directors and stockholders are unknown and it has no known agent in the State of Alabama.

Baldwin County Colonization Company is a corporation that was organized under the laws of Alabama and formerly did business in Baldwin County, Alabama, but complainants allege on information and belief that the said corporation is not now in business. If in business, its place of business and post office address is unknown, the names of its officers, directors and stockholders are unknown and it has no known agent in the State of Alabama.

Southern Plantation Development Company is a corporation that was organized under the laws of Alabama and formerly did business in Baldwin County, Alabama, but complainants allege on information and belief that the said corporation is not now in business. If in business, its place of business and post office address is unknown, the names of its officers, directors and stockholders are unknown and it has no known agent in the State of Alabama.

The Guarantee and Trust Company is a corporation that was organized under the laws of Alabama and formerly did business in Baldwin County, Alabama, but complainants allege on information and belief that the said corporation is not now in business. If in business, its place of business and post office address is unknown, the names of its officers, directors and stockholders are unknown and it has no known agent in the State of Alabama.

Title Guarantee and Mortgage Company is a corporation that was organized under the laws of Alabama and formerly did business in Baldwin County, Alabama, but complainants allege on information and belief that the said corporation is not now in business. If in business, its place of business and post office address is unknown, the names of its officers, directors and stockholders are unknown and it has no known agent in the State of Alabama.

The other companies and firms who are specifically named as respondents, who are not corporations as referred to above, are unknown to your Orators and further information about whether the said companies or firms are corporations, partnerships or individuals ventures and the post office address of each and all of the said companies or firms and their domicile or place of business are unknown to your Orators and cannot be ascertained after reasonable efforts and the making of diligent inquiry to ascertain the facts with regard thereto.

The respondents Henry C. Bartling, Emma Stelk, John Stelk and J. L. Tucker are deceased, but their heirs and devisees are unknown to your Orators and the ages and places of address of their heirs and devisees are unknown to your Orators and cannot be ascertained after reasonable efforts and the making of diligent inquiry to ascertain the same.

Each of the other individual respondents specifically named herein and those which are sued in their capacity as trustee, except those who are sued as corporate trustees, are, if living, over twenty-one years of age, but their respective places of residence and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after reasonable efforts and the making of diligent inquiry to ascertain the facts with regard thereto.

3. Your Orators are in the actual, peaceable possession of all of the above described lands situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, and claim to own the said lands in their own right, absolutely and in fee simple.

4. Your Orators hold color of title to and they and those through whom they claim title have paid taxes on the said lands for a period of ten or more consecutive years next preceding the filing of this Bill of Complaint, and no other persons, firms or corporations, other than your Orators and those through whom they claim title, have paid taxes on, or have been in possession of the above described lands or any part thereof for a period of ten or more consecutive years prior to the filing of this Bill of Complaint.

5. Title to all of the said lands stands upon the records in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, the county where the said lands are situated, in the names of your Orators.

6. No suit is pending to test your Orators' title to, right to possession of the said lands or any part thereof.

7. Your Orators have and claim to have the absolute unencumbered fee simple title to all of the real property herein described by and through the following instrument of writing which is recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, the county where the said lands are situated, to-wit:

Deed from O. F. King and Mary King, his wife, to L. W. Brannan and L. W. Brannan, Jr., dated September 30, 1954, and recorded in Deed Book 214 at pages 241-2, Baldwin County, Alabama Records.

8. Your Orators have made a diligent search and caused a diligent search to be made to ascertain the names, ages and addresses of all persons, firms or corporations who might make or who are making any claim to the said lands or any part thereof, or any interest therein, or any encumbrance thereon. Your Orators further aver that these inquiries have continued faithfully and diligently for the past five years; that within the past three years they have employed an abstract company to make an examination of the records of Baldwin County, Alabama, and prepare abstracts of title to all of the above described property; they have employed an attorney to examine the said abstracts, the records in the courthouse in Bay Minette, Alabama; that they have made and have caused their said attorney to make inquiry about the ages, addresses and heirs of any persons interested or who may be interested in the said property; that your Orators have made and caused a thorough inquiry to be made in the community where the said property is situated for the purpose of ascertaining any claimants to it and for any other information having any bearing on the title to the said property; that your Orators have caused the records in the Probate Office of Baldwin County, Alabama, to be examined to determine if the companies or firms who are named as respondents herein were incorporated

in Baldwin County, Alabama, and in the making of this search the original corporation records of Baldwin County, Alabama, which is known as "Corporate Record A", Corporation Records 1 and 2 and all subsequent corporate records in the said office were examined. Your Orators caused their attorney to visit the office of the Secretary of State in Montgomery, Alabama, and examine the records there for the purpose of securing all available information about the said companies or firms, and that these efforts by your Orators, their agents, servants and employees have continued faithfully and diligently for a long period of time, and that all of the information so secured as to prior ownership and possession of the said property, the ages and places of residence of the individual respondents named herein and the status of all of the said firms or companies is as hereinabove set out.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS

Your Orators pray that the said lands hereinabove described, the respondents named herein and their heirs and devisees, if deceased, and the unknown heirs, devisees and personal representatives of the next of kin of the respondents named above who are dead, and all persons, firms or corporations claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance on the said lands or any part thereof be made parties respondents to this Bill of Complaint and be brought into court by the usual and proper process.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Your Orators pray that each and all of the respondents named herein, their heirs and devisees, the unknown heirs, devisees, legal representatives and next of kin of such of the respondents named herein who are dead, and any and all persons, firms and corporations who claim to own the said lands, or any part thereof, or any interest therein, or any lien or encumbrance thereon, be required to set forth and specify such claim, right, title, interest, lien or encumbrance and how and by what instrument the same is derived and created; that a guardian ad litem be appointed to represent any of the unknown

parties named in this proceeding who may be minors and insane persons; that an attorney be appointed to represent any of the parties named in this proceeding, known or unknown, who may be in the military service; that upon a final hearing of this cause it be Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed that your Orators, at the time of the filing of this Bill of Complaint, had the fee simple title to all of the above described lands, and that none of the respondents herein specifically named, their heirs or devisees, or any other person, firm or corporation has any right, title or interest therein, or any part thereof, or any lien or encumbrance thereon, and that all doubts and disputes concerning the said property be cleared up, and that your Orators' title to the said lands be fully and completely quieted. Your Orators pray for such other, further and general relief as they may be equitably entitled to, the premises considered.

J. B. Blackburn
Solicitor for complainants.

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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BALDWIN COUNTY)

Before me, the undersigned authority, within and for said County in said State, personally appeared L. W. BRANNAN, JR., who, after being by me first duly and legally sworn, deposes and says:

That he is one of the complainants in the above entitled cause; that he has read over the foregoing Bill of Complaint, and that the facts stated therein are true.

Affiant further deposes and says that none of the corporate respondents named in the above and foregoing Bill of Complaint, except Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., a corporation, and Denniston Company, Inc., a corporation, have any known agent in the State of Alabama on whom process in this proceeding can be served, and that the officers, directors and stockholders of all of

the said corporations, except Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., and Denniston Company, Inc., are unknown and cannot be ascertained after the exercise of reasonable effort and the making of diligent inquiry to ascertain the facts with regard thereto.

L. W. Brama Jr

Sworn to and subscribed before me on
this the 20 day of October, 1954.

Mary Lou Blackburn

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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L. W. BRANNAN and
L. W. BRANNAN, JR.,

Complainants,

VS.

CERTAIN LANDS, ET AL,

Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN EQUITY NO. 3388

DISCLAIMER

I, the undersigned George A. Richter, and Thyra E. Richter, hereby disclaim all right, title and interest in and to all of the property described in the Bill of Complaint that had been filed in this cause.

Dated this 15 day of November, 1954.

George A. Richter
Thyra E. Richter

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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BALDWIN COUNTY)

I, J. B. Blackburn, a Notary Public within and for the State of Alabama at Large, hereby certify that George A. Richter, and 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 official seal on this the 15 day of November, 1954.

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

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Thyra E. Richter

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Respondents.)	

DISCLAIMER

Now comes the Denniston Company, an Alabama corporation, which was dissolved on December 31, 1953, and Robert P. Denniston as Trustee of the Denniston Land Trust, and disclaim all right, title and interest in and to all of the lands described in the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause.

Dated this 19th day of November, 1954.

DENNISTON COMPANY
A Corporation,

By Robert P. Denniston
President and Director

WITNESS:

Harry A. Reddick

Robert P. Denniston
Robert P. Denniston, as Trustee
of Denniston Land Trust

WITNESS:

Harry A. Reddick

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NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF BILL OF COMPLAINT

L. W. BRANNAN and)	
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Notice is hereby given to each and all of the respondents named below and to all persons, firms or corporations claiming any right, title or interest in, lien or encumbrance on the lands hereinafter described, or any part thereof, that L. W. Brannan and L. W. Brannan, Jr., did, on the 21st day of October, 1954, file in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, a verified Bill of Complaint against the following described real property situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

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The address of the above named Baldwin Timber and Naval Stores Company, Inc., a corporation, and the address of the above named Denniston Company, Inc., a corporation, is Mobile, Alabama. The addresses of the other respondents named above are unknown and

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cannot be ascertained after reasonable efforts and the making of diligent inquiry to ascertain the same.

The said Bill of Complaint has been filed for the purpose of establishing the title of the said complainants to all of the said lands, for the purpose of quieting their title thereto and to clear up all doubts and disputes concerning the title to the said property.

Complainants claim the absolute fee simple title to all of the said lands under, from, by and through the following conveyance:

Deed from O. F. King and Mary King, his wife, to L. W. Brannan and L. W. Brannan, Jr., dated September 30, 1954, and recorded in Deed Book 214 at pages 241-2, Baldwin County, Alabama Records.

The complainants, in and by their said Bill of Complaint, allege and aver that they own the said lands in their own right, absolutely and in fee simple; that they are in the actual peaceable possession of the said lands under claim of ownership; that the title to the said lands stands upon the records in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, the county where the said lands are situated, in the names of the complainants; that no suit is pending to test complainants' title to, interest in, or right to the possession of the said lands or any part thereof; that complainants and those through whom they claim title have held color of title to and have regularly assessed and paid taxes on the said lands and each and every part thereof for ten or more consecutive years next prior to the filing of the said Bill of Complaint; and that no persons, firms or corporations, other than the complainants and those through whom they claim title to the said lands, have paid any taxes on the said lands or any part thereof or any interest therein, and no persons, firms or corporations, other than the complainants and those through whom they claim title, have had possession of the said lands or any part thereof, within ten years next prior to the filing of the said Bill of Complaint.

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The respondents named above and all persons, firms or corporations claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance on the said lands, or any part thereof, must appear in this court and plead, answer or demur to the said Bill of Complaint before the 29th day of November, 1954, or at the expiration of thirty days from the said date decrees pro confesso will be taken against them, testimony will be thereafter taken and the said cause submitted for a final decree quieting complainants' title to the said lands.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, and affixed the seal of the said court on this the 21st day of October, 1954.



Alice J. Duck

ALICE J. DUCK,
As Register of the Circuit Court
of Baldwin County, Alabama, in
Equity.

J. B. BLACKBURN,
Solicitors for complainants.

STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY

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W. B. Stewart
Judge of Probate

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ORDER DESIGNATING NEWSPAPER IN WHICH NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF BILL OF COMPLAINT SHALL BE PUBLISHED.

In this cause application having been made to the court by complainants' solicitor for an order to be made pursuant to Title 7, Section 1119 of the 1940 Code of Alabama, designating the newspaper in which the notice of the pendency of the Bill of Complaint in this cause shall be published, and the same being considered and understood by the court, it is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the court that the Notice of Pendency of Bill of Complaint in this cause shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette in Baldwin County, Alabama, and the first publication of such notice shall be made in the issue of the said paper to be published on October 21, 1954.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 21 day of
October, 1954.

Hubert M. Hall

Judge

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ORDER DESIGNATING NEWSPAPER IN WHICH NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF BILL OF COMPLAINT SHALL BE PUBLISHED.

L. W. BRANNAN and L. W. BRANNAN, JR.,

Complainants,

VS.

THE LANDS AND PARTIES DESCRIBED IN THIS PROCEEDING,

Respondents.

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

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

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Now come the complainants by their solicitor and show unto the court that all of the respondents named in the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause have filed disclaimers in this cause or have suffered a decree pro confesso to be taken against them.

WHEREFORE, complainants pray that the court will make and enter a proper order or decree setting this cause for hearing, appointing a guardian ad litem to represent any unknown minor or person of unsound mind interested in this proceeding, and an attorney to represent any party interested in this proceeding who may be in the military service, and prescribing the method of taking testimony in this cause.

J. B. Blackburn
 Solicitor for complainants.

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DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard on this date is submitted on the written motion of the complainants praying that a proper order be made or decree rendered setting this cause for hearing, that a guardian ad litem be appointed to represent any minor or person of unsound mind interested in this proceeding and that an attorney be appointed to represent any person interested in this proceeding who may be in the military service, and prescribing the method of taking testimony in this cause; upon consideration of all of which, it is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the court as follows:

1. This said cause shall be and it is hereby set for hearing at ten o'clock A. M. on the 3rd day of January, 1955.
2. Harry J. Miller Jr, an Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Chancery, practicing in Baldwin County, Alabama, who is in all respects a fit and proper person to be appointed as guardian ad litem, shall be and he is hereby appointed as guardian ad litem to represent any minor or person of unsound mind interested in this proceeding.
3. Harry J. Miller Jr, an Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Chancery, practicing in Baldwin County, Alabama, shall be and he is hereby appointed as attorney to represent any person interested in this proceeding who may be in the military service of the United States.
4. Testimony of the witnesses for complainants shall be taken orally in open court and transcribed in the manner provided by Equity Rule No. 56, as amended.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 3 day of January, 1955.

Hubert M. Hall
Judge

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT PARTIES IN MILITARY SERVICE

TO HARRY J. WILTERS, JR., ESQUIRE:

You are hereby notified that by a decree of this court heretofore rendered in this cause you have been appointed as guardian ad litem to represent any unknown minors or insane persons interested in this proceeding and as attorney to represent any unknown parties interested in this proceeding who may be in the military service of the United States.

Dated this 4 day of January, 1955.

Alice J. Dora

As Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity.

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
*
BALDWIN COUNTY)

I, the undersigned Harry J. Wilters, Jr., do hereby accept appointment as guardian ad litem and as attorney to represent any unknown parties interested in this proceeding who may be in the military service of the United States.

Dated this 4 day of January, 1955.

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ALICE J. DORA, Register

Harry J. Wilters Jr.

As guardian ad litem and as attorney representing parties in military service.

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