

ESTATE OF  
GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER,  
A Non Compos Mentis.

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

PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO SELL AND CONVEY TIMBER  
AT PRIVATE SALE AND FOR OTHER RELIEF.

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

Your Petitioner, Dupree Slaughter, who is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, respectfully represents unto the court and your Honor as follows:

1. He was heretofore appointed, qualified and is now acting as guardian of Georgia H. Slaughter, a non compos mentis, which said guardianship proceedings are now pending in this court.

2. In the Last Will and Testament of Dupree Slaughter, Deceased, the husband of Georgia H. Slaughter, he devised a life estate to Georgia H. Slaughter in and to the real property at Tensaw in Baldwin County, Alabama, which is known and designated as the Belt Homestead, containing approximately \_\_\_\_\_ acres, a particular legal description of which will be furnished at the time testimony is taken on the hearing of this petition; but in his said will he specifically authorized the said Georgia H. Slaughter to sell and convey timber on the said land.

3. Part of the timber on the said land has been worked for turpentine purposes and can no longer be profitably utilized for this purpose, while other timber situated on the said property is dying because of the fact that it is infested with bugs and worms. It is to the best interest of the said ward, Georgia H. Slaughter, that the timber on the said lands hereinafter described be sold at private sale for the purpose of maintaining and supporting the said ward and to prevent waste.

4. Petitioner, as said guardian, has received an offer of Twenty-two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$22,400) from the Gulf Lumber Company, a corporation, for all pine timber situated on the said property that has been worked for turpentine purposes and all short leaf or black pine timber which is fourteen inches in diameter and larger measured outside of bark at stump, which point of cutting

shall not be lower than six inches above the ground. All of the said purchase price will be paid in cash on execution and delivery of a proper timber deed conveying the said timber and allowing the said purchaser two years in which to cut and remove the said timber, together with all necessary rights of ingress and egress for the purpose of cutting and removing the said timber during the said period of time.

5. At the time Petitioner was appointed as guardian as aforesaid, he gave a guardian's bond in the sum of Seventy-three Thousand Dollars (\$73,000), which amount was determined by adding and including twice the value of the said timber to be sold.

6. The income from the estate of the said ward is not sufficient for her maintenance and support. She is now confined in the Cogburn Nursing Home in Mobile, Alabama, and has been so confined for some time and constantly requires the services of physicians and medicine for her treatment. Petitioner alleges that the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) per month is a reasonable sum to be expended for the maintenance and support of the said ward.

7. Before Petitioner's appointment as such guardian he expended from his own funds for the benefit of his mother, the said ward, the following items:

October 19, 1953	Mattie L. Rhodes Hospital	\$145.00
October 26, 1953	Dr. Halliday	10.00
Nov. 16, 1953	Mrs. Ruth W. Brown	16.50
Dec. 12, 1953	Cogburn Nursing Home	161.00
Jan. 19, 1954	Cogburn Nursing Home	159.00
Feb. 20, 1954	Cogburn Nursing Home	155.80
March 12, 1954	Ambulance Service Co.	20.00
March 13, 1954	Cogburn Nursing Home	161.00
March 15, 1954	M. D. Hosford	12.00
April 14, 1954	Cogburn Nursing Home	160.75
May 1, 1954	J. H. Little, M. D.	225.00
May 22, 1954	Cogburn Nursing Home	155.00
June 26, 1954	Cogburn Nursing Home	157.00
July 16, 1954	Cogburn Nursing Home	150.00
August 26, 1954	Robbins and McGowin	8.46
August 26, 1954	Quality Shop	22.56
Sept. 1, 1954	Cogburn Nursing Home	165.20
Sept. 6, 1954	Joe H. Little, M. D.	35.00
Sept. 15, 1954	Cogburn Nursing Home	157.15
Oct. 4, 1954	Joe H. Little, M. D.	5.00

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the court will take jurisdiction of this petition, appoint a day to hear it, appoint a

guardian ad litem to represent the said ward, and that on the hearing of the said petition that he, as such guardian, be granted the following relief:

A. That he be authorized and empowered to sell and convey the above described timber to the Gulf Lumber Company, a corporation, at private sale for the sum of \$22,400, to be paid in full at the time of the execution and delivery of the said conveyance.

B. That Petitioner be authorized to expend from the principal of the said ward's estate some reasonable amount monthly for her maintenance and support, not to exceed the sum of \$300 per month.

C. That Petitioner be authorized to pay to himself in his individual capacity the amounts set out above which were expended by him for the use and benefit of his said mother prior to the time that he was appointed as her guardian.

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

*Dupree Slaughter*  
Petitioner

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
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BALDWIN COUNTY    )

Before me, the undersigned authority, within and for said County in said State, personally appeared Dupree Slaughter, who, after being by me first duly and legally sworn, deposes and says: That he is the petitioner named in the foregoing petition; that he has read over the same and that the facts stated therein are true.

*Dupree Slaughter*

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 12 day of March, 1955.

*Mary Lou Blackburn*  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

ESTATE OF	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER,	)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
A Non Compos Mentis.	)	IN EQUITY

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

TO HARRY J. WILTERS, JR., Esquire:

You are hereby notified that by a decree rendered in this cause on this date you were appointed as guardian ad litem to represent Georgia H. Slaughter, a non compos mentis, in connection with the petition filed in this cause on this date by Dupree Slaughter, as guardian of the said Georgia H. Slaughter, in which he is seeking authority to sell timber at private sale and other relief. You are further notified that the said cause has been set for hearing and will be heard at ten o'clock A. M. on March 21, 1955.

Dated this 17 day of March, 1955.

*Walter J. Smith*  
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 Register

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ACCEPTANCE AND ANSWER OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

I, Harry J. Wilters, Jr., an Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Chancery, practicing in Baldwin County, Alabama, having been appointed as guardian ad litem to represent Georgia H. Slaughter in connection with the petition filed in this cause by Dupree Slaughter, as guardian of the said Georgia H. Slaughter, on this date, do hereby accept the said appointment and for answer to the said petition I, as such guardian ad litem for the said ward, do hereby deny each and all of the allegations of the said petition and demand strict proof of same.

Dated this 21 day of March, 1955.

*Harry J. Wilters, Jr.*  
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 As guardian ad litem of Georgia H. Slaughter, a non compos mentis.



NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, ACCEPTANCE  
AND ANSWER OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

ESTATE OF  
GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER,  
A Non Compos Mentis.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

ESTATE OF )  
 GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER, )  
 a Non Compos Mentis )  
 ) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
 ) BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
 ) IN EQUITY NO. 3474

PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP  
 BY CONSENT AND FOR OTHER RELIEF.

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

Your petitioner, Dupree Slaughter, who is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, respectfully represents unto the court and your Honor as follows:

1. Petitioner has been heretofore appointed, qualified and is now acting as guardian of the above named ward, which guardianship is now pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity.

2. Petitioner, as said guardian, has complied in all respects with the provisions of the decree heretofore rendered in this cause dated March 21, 1955, and has sold the timber which he was authorized to sell in and by Paragraph Numbered 1 of the said decree, to Gulf Lumber Company, Inc., a corporation, at private sale for the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$22,400.00), and has made, executed and delivered proper conveyance therefor. The said sum of \$22,400.00 has been paid to petitioner, as said guardian. Due to an oversight, the said sale has not been reported to this court for confirmation and has not been confirmed.

3. The said ward, Georgia H. Slaughter, died on the 25th day of October, 1956, leaving a Last Will and Testament which has been admitted to probate in and by the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama. In the said will Dupree Slaughter and Asheton B. Slaughter were named as executors of and under the said Last Will and Testament and they have qualified and are now acting as such executors.

4. The devisees and legatees named in the Last Will and Testament of the said Georgia H. Slaughter are as follows: Asheton B. Slaughter and Dupree Slaughter, sons of the said decedent; Ida

Harriet Swanson, a daughter of the said decedent; Gladden Scott Byrne, a grandson of the said decedent; and Arabelle Jernigan, formerly Arabelle Slaughter Byrne, a granddaughter of the said decedent, each and all of which said parties are over twenty-one years of age and of sound mind.

5. Petitioner has handled the affairs of this said estate to the best of his ability and has not used any of the funds or other assets thereof for his own benefit, either directly or indirectly. Due to the death of the said ward, Georgia H. Slaughter, this estate should now be fully and finally settled.

6. Attached to this petition and made a part hereof as though fully incorporated herein are written waivers of notice and consent by Asheton B. Slaughter and Dupree Slaughter, as executors of and under the Last Will and Testament of Georgia H. Slaughter, Deceased, and by Asheton B. Slaughter and Dupree Slaughter, individually, and by Ida Harriet Swanson, Gladden Scott Byrne and Arabelle Jernigan, in which and by which they consent and agree that this said guardianship be settled by consent without notice and without an accounting by the said guardian.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that the court will take jurisdiction of this petition and will grant unto him as such guardian the following separate and several relief:

A. That the above described timber sale and conveyance to the Gulf Lumber Company, Inc., a corporation, be confirmed.

B. That this said guardianship be fully and finally settled and that petitioner, as such guardian, and the surety on his bond as such guardian be relieved of and discharged from all other and further liability because of the said guardianship.

C. That petitioner be granted such other, further and general relief as he may be equitably entitled to, the premises considered.

Respectfully submitted

J. B. Blackburn  
Attorney for petitioner

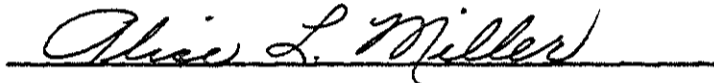
Dupree Slaughter  
As guardian of Georgia H. Slaughter

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
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BALDWIN COUNTY    )

Before me, the undersigned authority, within and for said County in said State, personally appeared Dupree Slaughter, who, after being by me first duly and legally sworn, deposes and says: That he is the guardian named in the foregoing petition; that he has read over the said petition and that the facts stated therein are true.



Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1956.



Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
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BALDWIN COUNTY )

We, the undersigned Asheton B. Slaughter and Dupree Slaughter, as Executors of and under the Last Will and Testament of Georgia H. Slaughter, Deceased, do each hereby waive notice of the filing of the foregoing petition and of the date set for hearing same, and do each hereby consent and agree that the said guardianship be settled by consent without notice and without an accounting by the said guardian.

We, the undersigned Asheton B. Slaughter and Dupree Slaughter do each hereby waive notice of the filing of the foregoing petition and of the date set for hearing same, and do each hereby consent and agree that the said guardianship be settled by consent without notice and without an accounting by the said guardian.

The undersigned, as said executors, and in their individual capacities, consent and agree that the relief prayed for in the said petition be granted without further notice to them.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1956.

Asheton B. Slaughter  
Dupree Slaughter

As Executors of and under the Last Will and Testament of Georgia H. Slaughter, Deceased.

Asheton B. Slaughter  
Dupree Slaughter

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
\*  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

I, Alice L. Miller, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Asheton B. Slaughter and Dupree Slaughter, whose names as Executors of and under the Last Will and Testament of Georgia H. Slaughter, Deceased, 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, in their capacities as such executors, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.



ESTATE OF  
GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER,  
Deceased.

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

I, the undersigned Ida Harriet Swanson, a daughter of Georgia H. Slaughter, Deceased, and a devisee and legatee in the Last Will and Testament of Georgia H. Slaughter, Deceased, do hereby waive notice of the filing of a Petition in this proceeding by Dupree Slaughter, as guardian of the said Georgia H. Slaughter to settle the said guardianship by consent.

I hereby agree that the said guardianship be settled by consent without an accounting by the said guardian and without further notice to me. I also consent and agree that all of the actions of the said guardian be ratified and confirmed and that he and the surety on his bond be discharged from all other and further liability because of the said guardianship.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1956.

Ida Harrieth Swanson  
Ida Harriet Swanson.

STATE OF ALABAMA

CLARKE COUNTY

I, Margaret G. Bennett, a Notary Public, within and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Ida Harriet Swanson, 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 1 day of December, 1956.

Margaret G. Bennett  
Notary Public, Clarke County, Alabama.  
State of Ala. at Large





STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received from Dupree Slaughter, as guardian of Georgia H. Slaughter, the sum of \$ 22,878.69-, being the amount due the Estate of Georgia H. Slaughter on final settlement of the said guardianship.

DATED this 5th day of December, 1956.

Witness:  
J. T. Blackburn,

Ashton B. Slaughter,  
Dupree Slaughter,  
As Executors of and under the Last Will and Testament of Georgia H. Slaughter, Deceased.

\$5.00

IN THE MATTER OF THE	)	IN THE
ESTATE OF GEORGIA H.	)	CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN
SLAUGHTER, A NON COMPOS MENTIS.	)	COUNTY, ALABAMA.
	)	IN EQUITY.

TESTIMONY TAKEN IN OPEN COURT ON MARCH 21, 1955, BEFORE JUDGE HUBERT M. HALL.

HON. J. B. BLACKBURN, Attorney, Representing The Guardian.

HON. HARRY J. WILTERS, JR. Guardian ad Litem.

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DUPREE SLAUGHTER, JR., BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

Examination by Mr. Blackburn.

MR. BLACKBURN: May it please the Court, we offer in evidence certified copy of last will and testament of Dupree Slaughter, deceased, as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Q. Are you Mr. Dupree Slaughter, Jr.?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. I will ask you if you have been appointed and are now acting as guardian of your mother, Mrs. Georgia H. Slaughter?

A. I have.

Q. Mr. Slaughter, did your father, in his life time, own a tract of land at Tensaw known as the Belt homestead?

A. That's right.

Q. How many acres of land is there in this tract?

A. 145 acres.

Q. Now I will ask you if that land is described as the West Half of Section 4; the East half of Southeast Quarter, the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, and that part of East half of the Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, Section 5, which lies south and east of the paved road,

less approximately five acres for school and Church purposes, but subject to easement for dirt road through the land.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. I will ask you too, in your father's will if it did not give to your mother a life estate in this property?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. But it also gave her the right to cut the timber?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Tell the Court the condition of the timber on this property?

A. It has been turpented out and is dying from bugs and worms.

Q. What timber do you propose to sell?

A. All of the turpented timber and short leaf timber.

Q/ What size do you propose to sell in the short-leaf?

A. Six inches from the ground and 14 inches around.

Q. You mean 14 inches in diameter, 6 inches from the ground?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you, prior to the time you were appointed guardian, get various timber people to estimate the timber and make estimates?

A. Mr. Swift and Mr. Murph McMillan and Mr. Stuckey and Gulf Lumber Company.

Q. Who was the highest bidder?

A. Gulf Lumber Company.

Q. What did they offer you for all of the turpented timber and all short leaf timber 14 inches in diameter, six inches from the ground?

A. \$22,400.00

Q. You have bought and sold timber?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And you are familiar with its value?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is that, in your opinion, a fair price for this timber?

A. Yes. Sounds mighty fair to me.

Q. How long were you to allow them to remove it?

A. Two years

Q. Describe to the Court a little more completely the extent of this bug and worm damage?

A. Well they are getting in there from the ground and it is just dying all over - the short leaf as well as the turpentine timber.

Q. The turpentine timber is the timber worked out for turpentine?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where is your mother at this time?

A. In the Cogburn Nursing home in Mobile.

Q. What does it cost you, approximately, each month to maintain her in that institution?

A. Around \$160.00.

Q. In addition to that, what other expenses do you have?

A. Doctor bills - Doctor Little.

Q. What about clothes?

A. Yes, sir, clothes.

Q. Now is there any income from the property belonging to This estate?

A. No, sir.

Q. And these amounts run outside the figure you just gave?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. The outside figure on the cost of maintaining her would be about what per month?

A. Around \$300.00 per month.

- Q. I will ask you, if, in your opinion the Court should allow that much?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now prior to the time that you were appointed guardian, I will ask you if you expended, on the 19th day of October, 1953 to Mattie L. Rhodes Hospital, \$145.00?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. On October 26, 1953, I will ask you if youj paid Doctor Halliday \$10.00?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. On November 16, 1953, did you pay Mrs. Ruth W. Brown \$16.50?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. December 12, 1953, did you pay the Cogburn Nursing Home \$161.00?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. On January 19, 1954, did you pay Cogburn Nursing home \$159.00?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. On February 20, 1954, did you pay Cogburn Nursing home \$155.80?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. March 12, 1954, did you pay Ambulance Service Co. \$20.00?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. On March 13, 1954, did you pay Cogburn Nursing Home \$161.00?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. On March 15, 1954, did you pay M. D. Hosford \$12.00?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. On April 14, 1954, did you pay Cogburn Nursing Home \$160.75?
- A. Yes, sir.

Q. On May 1st 1954 did you pay Doctor J. H. Little \$225.00?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. On May 22, 1954, did you pay Cogburn Nursing home \$155.00?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. On June 26, 1954, did you pay Cogburn Nursing home  
\$157.00?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. On July 16, 1954, did you pay Cogburn Nursing home \$150.?

A/ Yes, sir.

Q. On August 26, 1954, did you pay Robbins & McGowin \$8.46?

A Yes, sir.

Q. August 26, 1954, Quality Shop did you pay \$22.56?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. On September 1, 1954, did you pay Cogburn Nursing Home  
\$165.20?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. On September 6, 1954, did you pay Joe H. Little, M.D.  
\$35.00?

A. Yes, sir.

September 15, 1954, Cogburn Nursing home \$157.15?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. On October 4, 1954, did you pay Joe H. Little, M.D. \$5.00?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Tell the Court whether or not those things were all paid  
for your mother's benefit?

A. Yes, sir, all for my mother's benefit.

Q. Explain to the Court, if your mother should die today,  
under the terms of your father's will, wouldn't you take  
the piece of property and timber?

A. All?

Q. Yes?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. But it is your opinion, because of the fact that it is being damaged by these worms that it should be sold now?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Even though you would get a part of that?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Mr. Slaughter, I will ask you if it is your opinion that it is to the best interest of this estate that this property be sold at private sale?

A. Yes, sir, I think so.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. WILMERS, GUARDIAN A D LITEM:

Q. Mr. Slaughter, you said you had three individuals or companies to give you an estimate?

A. Four.

Q. Estimate of the value of the timber on these lands?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you remember the figures which they gave you?

A. Swift was \$15,000, John Murph McMillan \$18,000. Stuckey \$19,000.00 and Gulf \$22,400.00.

Q. The Gulf was the highest?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You stated that you had had experience in buying and selling timber. How much experience have you had?

A. Well I've not had too much buying. I have not bought too much, but I have sold a lot; we have \_ my brother and I.

Q. What business are you in?

A. Not in any business, except I own a little land up there.

Q. How much land do you own?

A. Well a couple of thousand acres.

Q. And you sell timber off of that?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long do you expect your mother to be in this nursing home?

A. I don't know, sir.

Q. What is her illness, just old age?

A. Yes, sir, it is old age.

Q. Now who is Doctor Little?

A. He is a Doctor in Mobile.

Q. Where does he live?

A. He is on Dauphin Street, out there.

MR. ASHTON B. SLAUGHTER, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED:

Q. You are Mr. Ashton B. Slaughter?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Mr. Slaughter, tell the Court in your own words the condition of that timber up there?

A. Well it has been turpented; it is no longer usable for Turpentine purposes and it is dying on account of some worms have got in it and another thing, in my mind there is a danger of fire; if fire got into it after it is turpented, something would have to be done.

Q. You have some timber of your own and know its value?

A. Yes, sir, I do.

Q. Is this price of \$22,400.00 a fair price?

A. I think it is.

Q. I will ask you if, in your opinion, it is to the best interest of this estate that this timber that has been turpented and the short leaf timber 14 inches and up in diameter, six inches from the ground on the Belt homestead property, be sold at private sale for \$22,400.00?

A. Yes, sir, I do.

Q. You have heard your brother's testimony about where your mother is located?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And what it cost to maintain her there?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You are familiar with that?

A. Yes, sir.



Q. I will ask you if, in your opinion, the sum of \$300.00 per month is a reasonable amount as an outside figure that your brother, as guardian, be authorized to expend from the principal for her maintenance and support?

A. I think it is.

Q. You are familiar with the various items your brother paid for his mother?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Should these items be paid back to him?

A. Yes, sir.

ON CROSS EXAMINATION OF THIS WITNESS BY MR. WILTERS, GUARDIAN ad LITEM:

Q. I believe this is 44.5 acres of land involved?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you gone upon the land and inspected it for the various defects which you have stated?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In the event both your mother and brother, Mr. Dupree Slaughter should die, you would take this property under your father's will?

A. Yes, sir, I would.

MR. DUPREE SLAUGHTER, BEING RECALLED BY MR. BLACKBURN, TESTIFIED:

Q. Mr. Slaughter, I neglected to ask you this: You made the Guardian's bond at the time you were made guardian?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You filed a \$75,000.00 bond?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did that take in the value of this timber at \$22,400.?

A. Yes, sir, we did.

I hereby certify that the foregoing, consisting of pages 1 to 8, both inclusive, correctly sets forth the testimony taken by me in this cause on the 21st day of March, 1955.

Louise Dusselbury  
Court Reporter

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*Dupree's Exp.*

STATE OF ALABAMA, }  
COUNTY OF BALDWIN. }

I, DUPREE SLAUGHTER, of Tensaw, in Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby make and declare this to be my LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

FIRST.

I direct that my just debts be paid by my executors hereinafter named as soon after my death as may by them be found convenient.

SECOND.

I will to my wife, Georgia H. Slaughter, for the term of her natural life, the dwelling house at or near Tensaw, in Baldwin County, Alabama, now occupied by us as a home, together with the land adjacent thereto and connected therewith, the entire property in this paragraph referred to consists of about four hundred and forty-five acres, which property is also sometimes known as and called "The Belt Homestead", and also the furniture, pictures, ornaments, books and bric-a-brac contained in my said home. I will and declare, however, that she shall have the property herein referred to only during the term of her natural life, and at her death the property referred to in this paragraph shall, subject to the provisions and restrictions hereinafter declared, go to and become the property of my youngest son, Dupree Slaughter, Jr., if then living. If at the death of my wife, my said son, Dupree Slaughter, Jr., shall have previously died, I will and declare that the property referred to in this paragraph shall go to and become the property of my other son, Asheton B. Slaughter. If neither of my said sons shall survive my wife, I will and declare that at her death, the property referred to in this paragraph shall go to and become the property of my daughter, Arabelle Byrne, if she be then living, and if at the death of my wife, neither of my



sons nor my said daughter or the issue of their body be then living, I will and declare that the property referred to in this paragraph shall go to and become the property of my daughter, Ida Harriet Swanson, the wife of Hubert Swanson, if she be then living, and if at the time of the death of my said wife, all of my children shall have previously died, I will that the property referred to in this paragraph shall descend to the heirs of the body of my said children, who shall share therein per stirpes.

THIRD.

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In the second paragraph hereof, I have provided that my wife shall have a life interest in my home place and the four hundred and forty-five acres surrounding it, and I now reiterate and declare that the said property, with its use and usufruct, including the right to cut and sell the timber thereon, shall vest exclusively in her during her life, and at her death shall descend to my son, Dupree Slaughter, Jr., and I now further will and declare that if at the death of my wife, Georgia H. Slaughter, she leaves surviving her my two sons, Dupree Slaughter, Jr., and Asheton B. Slaughter, the title to the property referred to in the preceding paragraph shall vest in my son, Dupree Slaughter, Jr., but I further declare that my other son, Asheton B. Slaughter, shall have the right to use and occupy the said premises as a home, jointly with my son, Dupree Slaughter, Jr., until my said son, Dupree Slaughter, Jr., shall have attained the age of twenty-five years, and I further will and declare that the said property shall not be sold or encumbered until my said son, Dupree Slaughter, Jr., shall have attained such age, and I name the age of twenty-five years instead of the usual twenty-one years, because I feel that my said son's business judgment will then be more mature, and his ability to handle the estate now left him will be superior at the age of twentyfive years than at the age of twenty-one years, and if he should die without issue before attaining the age of twenty-five years, I will and de-



clare that the property referred to in the second paragraph hereof shall vest in his brother, Asheton B. Slaughter.

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FOURTH.

It is my will and desire, and I do declare, that my estate shall be kept together, except as to the payment of the bequests hereinafter made, and that it shall not be sold or otherwise encumbered until my said son, Dupree Slaughter, Jr., shall have attained the age of twenty-five years, but I further will and declare that the interest on all bonds, notes, mortgages, or choses in action which I may leave shall be collected together by my executors hereinafter named, and that the taxes and the upkeep of my home shall be paid therefrom, and that one-third of the balance of such interest shall belong to, and be paid over, to my wife, Georgia H. Slaughter; one-third of such balance shall belong to and be paid over to my son, Asheton B. Slaughter, and the remaining one-third shall be paid over to and used by my said wife, for the support, maintenance and education of my son, Dupree Slaughter, Jr., until he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, after which time such interest shall belong to, and shall be paid over to my wife and said two sons, in equal portions.

FIFTH.

I will and bequeath to my daughter, Arabelle Byrne, wife of Gladin S. Byrne, the sum of one thousand dollars in cash, and direct that my executors shall pay said sum over to her out of my estate as soon as may be done with safety to the estate.

SIXTH.

I will and bequeath to my daughter, Ida Harriet Swanson, the wife of Hubert Swanson, the sum of one thousand dollars in cash, and direct that my executors shall pay said sum over to her out of my estate as soon as may be done with safety to the estate.



SEVENTH.

It is my belief that the money hereinabove bequeathed to my said two daughters, Arabelle Byrne and Ida Harriet Swanson, added to the amounts I have heretofore spent for their support and maintenance, will about equal the amounts I am now bequeathing to my two sons, and it is therefore my desire and will that the corpus of my estate shall go to my said two sons.

EIGHTH.

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All the rest and residue of my estate, real, personal, and mixed, of which I may die seized and possessed, or to which I may be entitled at my death, I do hereby will, give, devise and bequeath to my two sons, Asheton B. Slaughter, and Dupree Slaughter, Jr., share and share alike, and if either of them shall have died on or before the death of their mother, or before my son, Dupree Slaughter, Jr., shall have attained the age of twenty-five years, I will and declare that the share of such deceased son shall go to and become the property of the heirs of his body, if then living, and if either of them shall at that time have died without issue, his share shall go to the survivor.

NINTH.

It is my earnest desire that my estate shall be divided as I have hereinabove directed, and it is my will, and I do now declare, that if any one named as beneficiary hereunder shall undertake to contest this will, the bequest or devise hereinabove made to such contestant shall lapse, and be forfeited by such person contesting, or undertaking to contest this will, and the property hereinabove bequeathed or devised to such contestant shall go to my other children, share and share alike.

TENTH.

I do hereby appoint my brother, Archer W. Slaughter, my son, Asheton B. Slaughter, and my daughter, Arabelle Byrne,



as executors and executrix of this my last will and testament,  
and do will and declare that they shall not be required to  
give any bond for the performance of their duties arising  
hereunder, nor shall they be required to make any report to  
any court in so far as same may be legally dispensed with.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and  
seal, this 20th. day of March, A.D., 1925.

Witnesses:

Duyree Slaughter (SEAL)

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B. W. McNeely  
Lelia C. Harris

Signed, sealed and declared by the said Duyree  
Slaughter as his last will and testament, in the presence  
of us, who, at his request, and in his presence, and in the  
presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses  
thereto.

B. W. McNeely  
Lelia C. Harris



STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

PROBATE COURT.

I, W. D. Stepleton, Judge of Probate for Baldwin county, Alabama, do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing was this day in said court, and before me as the Judge thereof been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the genuine last will and testament of Dupree Slaughter, Deceased, and that said Will, together with the proof thereof, has been recorded in my office in Book "C" of Wills, at pages 266, 267 and 268.

Witness my hand and seal of the Probate Court, this 27th day of August A.D., 1925.

*W. D. Stepleton*  
Judge of Probate.

*By J. H. ...*



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT  
OF  
DUPREE SLAUGHTER.

*[Handwritten signature]*

*Filed in office of Judge  
of Probate Court, Baldwin  
County, Alabama, August 27th, 1925  
W. D. Stepleton, Judge  
by J. H. ...*

MORRIS & GROVE,  
ATTORNEYS.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County

PROBATE COURT

I, W. R. STUART, Judge of the Probate Court in and for said State and County, hereby certify

that the within and foregoing Six photostatic pages

contain a full, true and complete copy of the Last Will and Testament of Dupree

Slaughter, Deceased,

as the same appears of record in my office in Will Book No. "C"

Page 266-8.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 18th day of March, 1955.

W. R. Stuart  
Judge of Probate.



ESTATE OF  
GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER,  
A Non Compos Mentis.

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

DECREE REMOVING GUARDIANSHIP FROM PROBATE COURT  
TO EQUITY COURT.

This cause coming on to be heard on this date is submitted on the sworn petition of Dupree Slaughter, as guardian of Georgia H. Slaughter, from which petition it appears that the said petitioner, Dupree Slaughter, has been appointed, qualified and is now acting as guardian of Georgia H. Slaughter, a non compos mentis, which guardianship is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and that in the opinion of the petitioner the said guardianship can be better administered in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, than in the said Probate Court; upon consideration of all of which, it is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the court as follows:

1. The said guardianship shall be and it is hereby removed from the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity.

2. The Register of this court shall forthwith deliver a certified copy of this decree to the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, who shall deliver the original file of all proceedings had in the Probate Court, together with all papers and documents relating to the said guardianship, to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1954.

*Hubert M. Hill*  
Judge

DECREE REMOVING GUARDIANSHIP  
FROM PROBATE COURT TO EQUITY  
COURT.

ESTATE OF

GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER, a Non  
Compos Mentis.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY

FILED

FEB. 18 1955

ALICE J. DICK, Registrar

ESTATE OF

GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER,  
A Non Compos Mentis

) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

) BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

) IN EQUITY

DECREE SETTING DAY FOR HEARING PETITION BY GUARDIAN  
FOR AUTHORITY TO SELL TIMBER AT PRIVATE SALE AND  
OTHER RELIEF.

This cause coming on to be heard on this date is submitted for a decree on the verified petition filed in this cause by Dupree Slaughter, as guardian of Georgia H. Slaughter, a non compos mentis, upon consideration of which it is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the court as follows:

1. The said petition shall be and it is hereby set for hearing at ten o'clock A. M. on the 21st day of March, 1955.

2. Testimony of the petitioner and any witnesses presented by him shall be taken and transcribed in open court in the manner provided by Equity Rule Number 56, as amended.

3. Henry J. Miller, Jr., an Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Chancery, practicing in Baldwin County, Alabama, and who is not of kin or counsel to any of the persons interested in this proceeding, and who is in all respects fit and qualified to act as guardian ad litem for the said Georgia H. Slaughter, shall be and he is hereby appointed as guardian ad litem for the said Georgia H. Slaughter, to represent her and protect her interests in the said proceeding.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 17 day of March, 1955.

Hubert M. Hall  
Judge.

DECREE SETTING DAY FOR HEARING  
PETITION BY GUARDIAN FOR AUTHORITY  
TO SELL TIMBER AT PRIVATE SALE  
AND OTHER RELIEF.

ESTATE OF

GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER,  
A Non Compos Mentis.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN EQUITY

**FILED**  
MAR 17 1955  
ALICE J. DWCK, Register

## PETITION FOR INQUISITION

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

Your Petitioner, Dupree Slaughter, who is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, respectfully represents unto the court and your Honor as follows:

1. Georgia H. Slaughter, a female, the mother of Petitioner, who is 80 years of age and a resident of Tensaw in Baldwin County, Alabama, is now, due to the infirmities of old age, of unsound mind and is incapable of governing herself or managing her affairs, and Petitioner believes that it would be to her best interest that a guardian be appointed to manage her property.

2. The said Georgia H. Slaughter is now and has, since the 16 day of November, 1953, been confined in a hospital in the City of Mobile, Alabama.

3. Petitioner further shows unto the court that he is a fit and qualified person to act as guardian of the said Georgia H. Slaughter.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that this Honorable Court will take jurisdiction of this petition, will appoint a day for the hearing thereof and will, as provided by Title 21, Section 15 of the 1940 Code of Alabama, appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the said Georgia H. Slaughter without notice to her; that a jury be summonsed, as provided by Title 21, Section 12 of the 1940 Code of Alabama as amended, and that upon a hearing the court will make and enter a decree declaring the said Georgia H. Slaughter to be a person of unsound mind and will commit the custody of her property to a guardian to be appointed by this court. Petitioner further prays that he be appointed as such guardian.

Petitioner further prays for such other, further and general relief as he may be entitled to in the premises.

*Dupree Slaughter*  
Petitioner

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
\*  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

Before me, the undersigned authority, within and for said County in said State, personally appeared Dupree Slaughter, who, after being by me first duly and legally sworn, deposes and says:

That he is the petitioner named in the foregoing petition; that he has knowledge of the matters and things set out therein, and that he believes the facts stated therein to be true.

*Dupree Slaughter*

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 28 day of January, 1955.

*Mary Lou Blackburn*  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY

Filed Jan 28, 1955 M

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W. R. Stuart  
Judge of Probate *HS*

RECORDED IN BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA  
JAN 28 1955  
BY CLERK OF THE COURT

We the jury find that the facts alleged in the Petition are true and that Georgia H. Slaughter is of unsound mind  
W B McGowan  
Foreman

PETITION FOR INQUISITION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUISITION  
OF GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUISITION ) IN THE PROBATE COURT OF  
 OF GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER ) \*  
 ) BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

This day came Dupree Slaughter and filed his petition in due form and under oath, alleging that he is the son of Georgia H. Slaughter, who is a citizen and resident of this county, having an estate herein; that the said Georgia H. Slaughter is of unsound mind and incapable of governing herself or conducting or managing her affairs; that the said Georgia H. Slaughter is of the female sex, approximately 80 years of age, and resides at Tensaw in said county but is now confined in a hospital in the City of Mobile, Alabama; and further averring that the Petitioner believes that it will be to the best interest of the said Georgia H. Slaughter that a guardian be appointed to manage her property and praying the court to take jurisdiction of the matter, appoint a day for the hearing thereof, appoint a guardian ad litem for the said Georgia H. Slaughter, to have due inquisition and determination as to the truth of the allegations of the said petition, and asking that the petitioner, Dupree Slaughter, be appointed as guardian of the said Georgia H. Slaughter. It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the court as follows:

1. That the 11th day of February, 1955, at ten o'clock A. M. be and the same is hereby appointed a day for the hearing of the said petition.

2. That a jury be drawn in the manner provided by Title 21, Section 12 of the 1940 Code of Alabama as amended.

3. That NORBORNE C. STONE, 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 for the said Georgia H. Slaughter, shall be and he is hereby appointed as guardian ad litem for her to represent her and protect her interests in connection with this proceeding, without notice to her, as provided in Title 21, Section 15 of the 1940



Code of Alabama.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1955.

W.R. Stuart  
Judge of Probate

STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY

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W.R. Stuart  
Judge of Probate

RECORDED IN BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

PROBATE COURT, February TERM, 19 55

To Norborne C. Stone, Esq.

Take Notice, That by an order of this Court, this day made and entered, you were appointed to act as Guardian ad litem for Georgia H. Slaughter, alleged to be of unsound mind,

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, deceased, to represent and protect their interests upon the hearing of the petition of Dupree Slaughter to have an inquisition of sanity of Georgia H. Slaughter; said hearing to be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1955, at 10 A.M.

Given under my hand, this 8th day of February, 1955.

*W.R. Stuart*  
Judge of Probate.

I hereby accept the appointment of Guardian ad litem for Georgia H. Slaughter, alleged to be of unsound mind,

~~STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY~~

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*W.R. Stuart*  
Judge of Probate

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, deceased, to represent and protect their interests upon the hearing of the above named proceedings and hereby deny each and every allegation contained in said proceedings and demand proof thereof.

Witness my hand, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 1955

*Norborne C. Stone*  
Guardian ad litem.

**The State of Alabama**

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY.

**PROBATE COURT**

**ESTATE OF**

Deceased.

Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian ad Litem.

**Notice of Appointment and Acceptance  
of Guardian ad Litem**

Filed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and recorded

in Book \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_ this

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of Probate.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUISITION ) IN THE PROBATE COURT OF  
OF GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER \* ) BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ORDER TO SUMMONS JURY

TO THE SHERIFF OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, GREETINGS:

Whereas, Dupree Slaughter, the son of the above named Georgia H. Slaughter, did on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1955, file in the office of the Judge of Probate of said county an application to have the said Georgia H. Slaughter, a citizen and resident of Tensaw in Baldwin County, Alabama, over the age of twenty one years, declared of unsound mind, and praying that a inquisition of lunacy may be had in due form of law as provided by Sections 12 and 15 of Title 21 of the 1940 Code of Alabama, and whereas said Probate Court of said County did set the hearing of said petition for the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1955 at 10 o'clock A. M., now, therefore,

You are hereby directed and commanded to summons six disinterested persons of the neighborhood where the said Georgia H. Slaughter resides to appear before this court on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February at 10 o'clock A. M., to serve as jurors for the hearing of the issues raised in said petition, and herein fail not and have your return showing how you have executed the writ.

Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1955.

STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY

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*W.R. Stuart*  
Judge of Probate.

*W.R. Stuart*

SHERIFF'S RETURN

Judge of Probate *W*

In compliance with the mandate of the above writ I have summoned the following disinterested persons of the neighborhood to serve as jurors for the inquisition in lunacy for Georgia H. Slaughter.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1955.

NAME	ADDRESS
<i>Maynard Coghlan</i>	<i>Latham, Ala.</i>
<i>David Coghlan</i>	<i>Latham, Ala.</i>
<i>W. C. Locke</i>	<i>Tensaw, Ala.</i>
<i>E. C. McGowan</i>	<i>Tensaw, Ala.</i>

Thomas McHerson

Jensaw Ala.

Jewell Smith

Jensaw Ala.

John Wilkin

Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama.

RECORDED & INDEXED  
BY THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
AT BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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ORDER TO SUMMONS JURY

IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUISITION  
OF GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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ESTATE OF	}	IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER,	}	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
A Non Compos Mentis.	}	

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF DUPREE SLAUGHTER  
FOR THE INQUISITION OF GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER AND  
FOR APPOINTMENT AS GUARDIAN.

This being the day heretofore appointed by this court in and by the decree rendered in this cause, dated January 28, 1955, for the hearing of the petition of Dupree Slaughter filed in this cause, alleging the lunacy of the said Georgia H. Slaughter and praying an inquisition thereof, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the said Georgia H. Slaughter is a female of the age of eighty years and resides in said county in said state; it further appearing to the court that the said Georgia H. Slaughter was at the time of the filing of the said application and is at this time confined in a hospital in Mobile, Alabama, that this proceeding is had without notice to her as provided by Title 21, Section 15 of the 1940 Code of Alabama, and that Norborne C. Stone, an Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Chancery, practicing in Baldwin County, Alabama, has been appointed to act as guardian ad litem for the said Georgia H. Slaughter, and that he was present in this court on this date and represented the interest of the said Georgia H. Slaughter in this proceeding:

Now comes Dupree Slaughter, the said petitioner, and Norborne C. Stone, as guardian ad litem, and a jury of six good and lawful men who reside in the county in the neighborhood where the said Georgia H. Slaughter resides and who, having been summonsed, to-wit, T. B. McGowan, as foreman, and five others, who have heard the evidence, the argument of counsel and the charge of the court in the premises, and being duly empaneled and sworn well and truly to make inquisition of the facts alleged in the petition and a true verdict render according to the evidence, and upon their oaths do say: "We, the jury, find that the facts alleged in the petition are true and that Georgia H. Slaughter is of unsound mind."

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the court as follows:

1. That the said Georgia H. Slaughter be and she is hereby adjudged to be of unsound mind and that the said proceedings and all other proceedings herein, together with the verdict of the jury, be recorded.

2. The said petitioner, Dupree Slaughter, having entered into bond in the sum of Seventy-three Thousand Dollars (\$73,000) with the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, a corporation, as surety thereon, which said bond with the said surety has been taken and approved by this court, Letters of Guardianship of the estate of the said Georgia H. Slaughter shall be and the same are hereby issued to the said petitioner, Dupree Slaughter.

3. The said guardian shall pay the costs of this proceeding for which execution may issue.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the court on this the 11 day of February, 1955.

*W. R. Stewart*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Judge of Probate

STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY  
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*W. R. Stewart*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Judge of Probate *MS*





GUARDIAN'S BOND

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
\*  
BALDWIN COUNTY )

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, Dupree Slaughter, as Principal, and the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, a corporation, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto W. R. Stuart, Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, and his successors in office, in the penal sum of Seventy-three Thousand Dollars (\$73,000), for which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed by our seals and dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1955.

The condition of the above obligation is such that, Whereas, the above bound Dupree Slaughter has been appointed as guardian of the Estate of Georgia H. Slaughter, a person of unsound mind.

Now, if the said Dupree Slaughter shall well and truly perform all of the duties which are or may be required of him as such guardian, then this obligation to be void; otherwise, to remain in full force and effect.

Dupree Slaughter (SEAL)  
Dupree Slaughter

THE FIDELITY AND CASUALTY COMPANY OF NEW YORK, a Corporation, (SEAL)

By Walter L. Lacey  
As its Attorney in Fact.

Taken and approved on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1955.

W. R. Stuart

Judge of Probate, Baldwin County, Alabama.

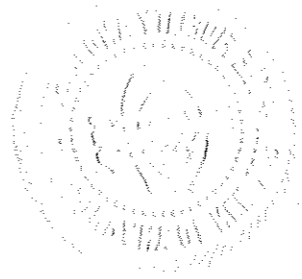
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W. R. Stuart  
Judge of Probate  
HP

GUARDIAN'S BOND

ESTATE OF

GEORGIA H. SLAUGHTER,  
A non compos mentis

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA



and filed for recording on this day

at the County Seat of Baldwin County, Alabama

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Baldwin County

PROBATE COURT.

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OVER THE ESTATE OF

Georgia H. Slaughter, non compos mentis.

~~a minor, the age of fourteen years~~

a minor, the age of fourteen years,

a minor, the age of fourteen years,

a minor, the age of fourteen years,

a minor, the age of fourteen years,

STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY

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W. R. Street  
Judge of Probate

are hereby granted to Dupree Slaughter, who has duly qualified and given bond as required by law, and is authorized to discharge all the functions attached to said guardianship.

Dated this 11th day of February, A.D. 1955.

Code 1940—Tit. 21, Sec.1.

W. R. Street, Judge of Probate.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

County

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Judge of Probate in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of the Letters of Guardianship issued to \_\_\_\_\_

as Guardian of the estate of \_\_\_\_\_ as same appears of record in my office and same are in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Judge of Probate.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

County

PROBATE COURT

ESTATE OF

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP TO



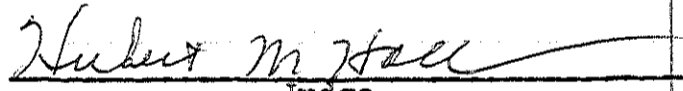
it to this court for confirmation.

2. Dupree Slaughter, as guardian of Georgia H. Slaughter, a non compos mentis, shall be and he is hereby fully and completely authorized and empowered to expend from the principal of the ward's estate a monthly amount not to exceed \$300 per month, commencing with the month of March, 1955, for the maintenance and support of his said ward.

3. Dupree Slaughter, as guardian of Georgia H. Slaughter, a non compos mentis, shall be and he is hereby fully and completely authorized, empowered and directed to pay to himself the sum of \$2,081.42 in settlement of all amounts paid by Dupree Slaughter, individually, with his own funds for the use and benefit of the said ward before he was appointed as such guardian.

4. The Register of this court shall file a certified copy of this decree for record in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, and tax the cost of such recording as a part of the costs of this proceeding.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 21 day of March, 1955.

  
Judge





a corporation, of the timber described in Paragraph Numbered 1 of the decree heretofore rendered in this cause dated March 21, 1955, for the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$22,400.00), all of which said money has been paid to the said guardian, shall be and the same is hereby confirmed.

2. This said guardianship shall be and it is hereby fully and finally settled by consent without notice and without an accounting by the said guardian. The said guardian, Dupree Slaughter, shall be and he is hereby instructed and directed to pay the costs of this proceeding from the funds in his possession and under his control, and after payment of the said costs he shall pay the remainder of the said funds to Asheton B. Slaughter and Dupree Slaughter, as Executors of and under the Last Will and Testament of the said Georgia H. Slaughter, Deceased.

3. The costs of this proceeding having been paid and the said executors having filed a receipt in this cause for the remainder of the said funds in the possession of the said guardian, the said guardian, Dupree Slaughter, and the surety on his bond shall be and they are each hereby relieved of and discharged from all other and further liability because of the said guardianship.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1956.

Hubert M. Hall  
Judge