

A. That is right.

Q. Now is Brenda Elaine Cooper deriving any income from this land now?

A. No sir.

Q. Has she ever received any money from the land?

A. No

Q. Does she have any use for the land at all, except for its value?

A. No.

Q. Has Ted W. Cooper made an offer to you to purchase her interest in this land?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How much has he offered you?

A. \$500.00.

Q. Now in your opinion is this a reasonable and fair market value for her interest in the land?

A. Yes sir.

Q. In your opinion is it to the best interest of Brenda that this land be sold at Private sale for this amount of money?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What income does Brenda have?

A. ---

Q. Any income from any source except from you?

A. No, just from me.

Q. Now the money which you receive from the sale of this land will be used for her support and education?

A. Yes.

Q. It is necessary and needed for that at this time?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Now Mrs. Cooper, are you familiar with this 60 acres of land which I have just read you the description of?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Is all of that land in cultivation?

A. No.

Q. Do you know how many acres is in cultivation?

A. About 25.

Q. The other part of this land, is it under cultivation?

A. No.

Q. Is there a swamp on the land?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know approximately how many acres are in the swamp?

A. Around 35 acres.

Q. Mrs. Cooper, how did Brenda Elaine Cooper acquire title to her interest in this land?

A. It was her father's.

Q. What was her father's name?

A. Brodie S. Cooper.

Q. How did he acquire his interest?

A. Through his mother and father.

Q. What were their names, do you remember?

A. John Jordan Cooper and Lucy Cooper.

Q. Now are both John Jordan Cooper and Lucy Cooper dead?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Now how many children did they have?

A. Eight.

Q. And Brenda's father, Brodie Cooper, was one of the eight children?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Brodie Cooper is now dead?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How many children did he have?

A. Two.

Q. Brenda is one of the two?

A. Yes sir.

J. M. CAMPBELL, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED:

Examination by Mr. Wilters.

Q. Please state your name?

A. J. M. Campbell.

Q. How old are you, Mr. Campbell?

A. 45.

Q. Where do you live?

A. I live in Rosinton, or Robertsdale.

Q. Are you familiar with the 60 acre tract of land involved in this suit?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Where is that land located?

A. In the community of Rosinton.

Q. Will you describe the land to the Court -- How much of it is in cultivation, etc?

A. Well there is about 35 acres of it in the woods and swamp and the rest is in cultivation --- about 25 acres I would say is in cultivation.

Q. Have you bought and sold land in the community of Rosinton?

A. Yes sir, I bought some land about a year ago.

Q. Are you familiar with the reasonable market value of the land?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Brenda has an undivided 1/16 interest in this land, which amounts to 3 3/4 acres, approximately - what would you consider to be the reasonable market value of her interest?

A. Well I would say - take it as a whole - some where in the neighborhood of \$140 to \$150. an acre.

L. B. BROCK, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED:

Examination by Mr. Wilters.

Q. State your name, please?

A. L. B. Brock.

Q. Mr. Brock, where do you live?

A. I live about three miles northeast of Loxley.

Q. Now how old are you?

A. 49.

Q. Mr. Brock, are you familiar with the 60 acre tract of land involved in this suit?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Will you describe the land to the court -- how many acres

are in cultivation?

A. About 25 acres in cultivation and about 35 acres in the swamp.

Q. Are you familiar with the reasonable market value of lands in the Rosinton area?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you bought and sold land in that area?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Brenda has an undivided 1/16th interest in this 60 acres of land, which amounts to approximately 3.3/4 acres. What, in your opinion, would be the reasonable marketvalue of her interest?

A. Over-all estimating the cultivated land and the swamp land, it would run \$125.00 to \$150.00 an acre.

TED COOPER, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED:

Examination by Mr. Wilters.

Q. State your name, please?

A. Ted Cooper.

Q. Mr. Cooper, are you the Respondent in this cause?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Mr. Cooper, have you offered to purchase the interest of Brenda Cooper in the 60 acres of land involved in this law suit?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What is your offer?

A. \$500.00.

Q. And do you think this is the reasonable market value for her interest in this land?

A. I sure do.

Q. You are willing to pay cash for the interest?

A. Yes sir.

C E R T I F I C A T E:

I hereby certify that the foregoing, consisting of pages 1 to 5 both inclusive, correctly sets forth a true and correct transcript of the testimony as taken by me in this cause on this 20th day of March, 1959.

March 20, 19 59.

Laura Dunning
Court Reporter

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BRENDA ELAINE COOPER, a
minor, by Lilla E. Cooper,
her next of friend,

COMPLAINANT

VS

TED W. COOPER

RESPONDENT

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

FINAL DECREE

This day came Brenda Elaine Cooper, a minor under the age of 14 years, by Lilla E. Cooper, as her next of friend, and Ted W. Cooper, as Respondent, appearing in open court and representing himself, testimony having been taken ore tenus. It appearing to the court that the allegations of the Bill of Complaint are true and that the petitioner is entitled to the relief sought thereby.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT:

1. That Brenda Elaine Cooper is the owner of undivided 2/16 interest in the following described property situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

Begin at the Northeast corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 4 East and run West 80 rods, thence South 80 rods, thence Northeast diagonally across the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter to the place of beginning and being in Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 4 East.

Also Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 4 East.

2. That it is to the best interest of the said Brenda Elaine Cooper that her interest in the said lands be sold at a private sale to provide for her support and education.

3. That the reasonable and fair market value of her interest in the said lands is \$500.00.

4. That the lands shall be sold at a private sale to Ted W. Cooper for the sum of \$500.00 for cash.

5. That upon payment of the sum of \$500.00 cash by the said Ted W. Cooper to Alice J. Duck, as Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, that she execute and deliver to the said Ted W. Cooper a deed conveying all the right, title and interest of the said Brenda

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Judge of Probate 5

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Elaine Cooper to the lands described to the Respondent Ted W. Cooper.

6. That the Respondent Ted W. Cooper be taxed with the cost of this proceedings for which let execution issue.

7. All further questions reserved.

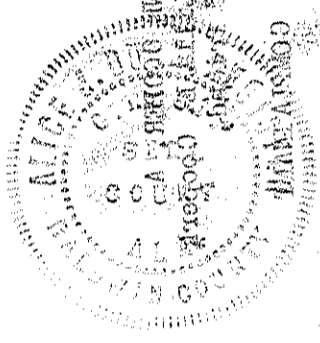
Done this 26 day of March, 1959.

Hubert M. Hall
JUDGE

I, Alice J. Duck, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original decree rendered by the Judge of the Circuit Court in above ed cause, which said decree is on file and enrolled in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 26 day of March 1959

Alice J. Duck
Register of Circuit Court, in E



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Done this 26 day of March, 1959.

Judith M. Stace

JUDGE

A copy of this judgment
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3.

That the Complainant is not at this time deriving any income from the said land and that she has no use for the same except for its value; that Ted W. Cooper has made an offer of \$500.00 for her interest in this property; that this is a reasonable and fair market value for her interest in the land and he is ready, able and willing to purchase the same for cash.

4.

That it is to the best interest of your Complainant that her interest in this land be sold at a private sale to provide for her support and education and that she has no other income or property except that which is provided by her mother.

Your Complainant prays that notice of the filing of this proceedings be given the Respondent requiring him to appear in this cause and plead, answer or demur to this bill of complaint within the time and in the manner provided by the laws of Alabama.

Your Complainant prays for the following separate and several relief:

1. That the court will ascertain and determine that it is to the best interest of the Complainant that her interest in the property be sold at a private sale and that the court will ascertain and determine a reasonable and fair market value for said property and that the court will decree the same shall be sold by the Register at a private sale for the amount so determined by the court to Ted W. Cooper for cash.

2. The Complainant prays for such other, further or general relief as she may be in equity entitled to.

Wilters & Brantley

BY: *Wilters & Brantley*
Solicitors for the Complainant

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erved a copy of the within Bill of Complaint
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TAYLOR WILKINS, Sheriff

By [Signature] D. S.

[Signature]

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