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R. M. WILLIS,

COMPLAINANT,

VS.

ELIZA GRIGSBY WILLIAMS, et al,

RESPONDENTS.

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

NO.

LIS PENDENS NOTICE.

It having been made to appear in the above cause, by the affidavit of Hubert M. Hall, Solicitor for the Complainant, that the Complainant owns in fee simple, the lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point 2112 feet, more or less North and 313½ feet, more or less, West from the Southeast corner of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 2 East, which point is the Southwest corner of the Abe Crane Lot, for a point of beginning; run thence West along the North line of Section 38 (property of Prine and Boykin) 850 feet, more or less, to the center of the South fork of Yancey Creek; thence Northwestwardly along the center of said South fork of Yancey Creek to its confluence with the North fork of Yancey Creek; thence North-eastwardly along the center of the said North fork of Yancey Creek to a point where it crosses the South line of Lot 4 of the D'Olive Division (property of Prine and Boykin); thence Eastwardly along the said South line of Lot 4 to a point 380 feet, 8 inches West of the East line of said Section 7; thence South 836.88 feet to a point; thence East 66½ feet to a point; thence South 627.66 feet to the place of beginning; containing 50 acres, more or less;

having acquired the same by Warranty Deed from R. M. Willis & Company, Inc., a corporation, dated June 8, 1944, and of record in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Deed Book 85 NS, page 184; that the title to said lands stands on the record of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, the County in which said lands lie, in the name of R. M. Willis; that no person is known to have paid taxes upon, or to have been in possession of said lands, or any part thereof, within 10 years next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint, except R. M. Willis and those through whom he claims by mesne conveyance.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, and notice is hereby given, that the said Respondents, Eliza Grigsby Williams, and Austeen Grigsby, or any other person, firm, or corporation, claiming any right, title to, interest in, or encumbrance upon said lands herein described, or any part or parcel thereof, appear in this court and plead, answer, or demur

to the bill of complaint in this cause, file on or before the 25th day of June, 1945, or upon their having failed to do so at the expiration of 30 days from said date, a decree pro confesso be taken against them.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order and notice be published in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for 4 consecutive weeks.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, R. S. Duck, Register, have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 24 day of May, 1945.

R. S. Duck
Register, Circuit Court of
Baldwin County, Alabama.

BEEBE & HALL

Solicitors for the Complainant.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

I, R. S. Duck, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, hereby certify that the above is a full, true, correct and complete copy of the notice given by publication in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette, Alabama, in the cause of R. M. Willis, Complainant, vs. Eliza Grigsby Williams, et al, Respondents, and filed in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, the County in which said lands lie, in accordance with the provisions of the statutes of the State of Alabama.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office on this the 24 day of May, 1945.

R. S. Duck
Register, Circuit Court of Baldwin County,
Alabama.

STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY

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W. R. Stewart
Judge of Probate

By L. S. W.

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STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY

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R. M. WILLIS,
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VS.

ELIZA GRIGSBY
WILLIAMS, et al,
RESPONDENTS.

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

And now comes H. E. Smith, guardian ad litem for Austeen Grigsby, a minor, and denies each and every allegation contained in the bill of complaint and demands strict proof of the same.

Dated this the 4th day of August, 1945.

H. E. Smith

Guardian ad litem

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is vested absolutely in the Complainant, R. M. Willis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that a certified copy of this decree be recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the direct index in the names of Eliza Grigsby Williams, Austeen Grigsby and J. F. Grigsby, and in the indirect index in the name of R. M. Willis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Register shall within thirty days from the rendition of this decree, file a certified copy thereof in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, for record, and that the cost thereof be taxed in the cost of this cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Complainant pay the cost of this cause, for which execution may issue.

Dated at Monroeville, Monroe County, Alabama, on this the th10 day of August, 1945.



Judge

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R. M. WILLIS,

COMPLAINANT,

VS.

ELIZA GRIGSBY WILLIAMS,
et al,

RESPONDENTS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF


BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN EQUITY.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY:

This cause is submitted on behalf of the Complainant upon the following:

1. Original summons and complaint.
2. Decrees pro confesso.
3. Lis pendens notice.
4. Request for appointment of commissioner.
5. Notice of time of taking testimony on behalf of the Complainant.
6. Copy of notice in Baldwin Times, a newspaper published at Bay Minette, Alabama.
7. Proof of publication of notice in Baldwin Times.
8. Request for taking testimony;
9. Appointment of commissioner.
10. Testimony of R. M. Willis, with exhibits attached.
11. Testimony of J. F. Smallwood.
12. Testimony of Della S. Lovett.
13. *Request for decree pro Confesso*


Register

Notes of Testimony
of Complainant

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R. V. WILLIS,
COMPLAINANT,

VS.

ELIZA GRIGSEY WILLIAMS,
et al,

RESPONDENTS.

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

TO HONORABLE R. S. DUCK, REGISTER OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,
ALABAMA:

The Complainant wishes to take orally the testimony on behalf of
the Complainant of the following witnesses:

R. M. Willis, Mobile, Alabama,

J. F. Smallwood, Daphne, Alabama,

Della S. Lovett, Daphne, Alabama.

It is hereby requested that you give proper and legal notice and
that Lillian Patterson be duly appointed as special commissioner to take the
testimony of said witnesses, and that due and legal notice of said appoint-
ment be given as required by law.

Dated this the 1st day of August, 1945.

BEEBE & HALL

By: *Thurston*

Solicitors for the Complainant.

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Request for Oral Examination
and Appointment of Commissioner

Filed Aug 1, 1945
W. J. Wel
Register

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA - GREETINGS:

WE COMMAND YOU that you summon ELIZA GRIGSBY WILLIAMS, and AUSTEEN GRIGSBY, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, exercising Chancery Jurisdiction, within thirty days after the service of summons, and there to plead, answer or demur, without oath, to a bill of complaint lately exhibited by R. M. WILLIS, against the said Eliza Grigsby Williams and Austeen Grigsby, and further to do and perform what the said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf, and this the Respondents shall in no wise omit under penalty of the law. And we further command that you return this writ with your execution thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.


Register

R. M. WILLIS,
COMPLAINANT,
VS.
ELIZA GRIGSBY WILLIAMS, et al,
RESPONDENTS.

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

TO HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,
IN EQUITY:

Comes your Complainant R. M. Willis, and presents this his bill of complaint against the following described lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commencing at a point 2112 feet, more or less North and $31\frac{1}{2}$ feet, more or less, West from the Southeast corner of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 2 East, which point is the Southwest corner of the Abe Crane Lot, for a point of beginning; run thence West along the North line of Section 38 (property of Prine and Boykin) 850 feet, more or less, to the center of the South fork of Yancey Creek; thence Northwestwardly along the center of said South fork of Yancey Creek to its confluence with the North fork of Yancey Creek; thence Northeastwardly along the center of the said North fork of Yancey Creek to a point where it crosses the South line of Lot 4 of the D'Olive Division (property of Prine and Boykin); thence Eastwardly along the said South line of Lot 4 to a point 380 feet, 8 inches West of the East line of said Section 7; thence South 836.88 feet to a point; thence East $66\frac{1}{2}$ feet to a point; thence South 627.66 feet to the place of beginning; containing 50 acres, more or less.

and against Eliza Grigsby Williams, and Austeen Grigsby, the unknown heirs and devisees of J. F. Grigsby, and against any and all other persons, firms,

or corporations, claiming any title to, interest in, lien, or encumbrance upon the said lands, or any part or parcel thereof, and respectfully represents and shows unto your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1. That your Complainant is over twenty-one years of age and a bona fide resident of Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama, his address being 312 Wilson Building;

2. That Eliza Grigsby Williams is over twenty-one years of age and a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama; that Austeen Grigsby is a minor, fifteen years old, living with his mother, Eliza Williams, near Daphne in Baldwin County, Alabama;

3. That your Complainant is the owner in fee simple and in the actual possession of the lands described herein, in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commencing at a point 2112 feet, more or less North and $312\frac{1}{2}$ feet, more or less, West from the Southeast corner of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 2 East, which point is the Southwest corner of the Abe Crane Lot, for a point of beginning; run thence West along the North line of Section 38 (property of Prince and Boykin) 850 feet, more or less, to the center of the South fork of Yancey Creek; thence Northwestwardly along the center of said South fork of Yancey Creek to its confluence with the North fork of Yancey Creek; thence North-eastwardly along the center of the said North fork of Yancey Creek to a point where it crosses the South line of Lot 4 of the D'Olive Division (property of Prince and Boykin); thence Eastwardly along the said South line of Lot 4 to a point 380 feet, 8 inches West of the East line of said Section 7; thence South 836.88 feet to a point; thence East $66\frac{1}{2}$ feet to a point; thence South 627.66 feet to the place of beginning; containing 50 acres, more or less;

4. That no suit is pending to protest the Complainant's title to, interest in, or his rights to the possession of said lands;

5. That your Complainant obtained title to said lands by conveyance from R. M. Willis & Company, Inc., by deed dated June 8, 1944, and of record in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Deed Book 85 NS, page 184;

6. That the title to said lands claimed by the Complainant, stands upon the record in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the name of R. M. Willis;

7. That no one has at anytime within 10 years next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint, paid any taxes upon, or had any possession of said lands, or any part thereof, except R. M. Willis, and those through whom he claims by mesne conveyances;

8. That the only persons known by your Complainant, to claim said lands, or any part thereof, or any interest therein, are, R. M. Willis, your Complainant, Eliza Grigsby Williams, and Austeen Grigsby.

WHEREFORE, your Complainant prays that this Honorable Court will by proper process make the said Eliza Grigsby Williams and Austeen Grigsby and each of them, and the unknown heirs, devisees, of J. F. Grigsby, and any other person, firm, or corporation claiming any right, title to, interest in, or encumbrance upon the said lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

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or any part thereof, to be parties Respondents to this bill of complaint and by appropriate process require them and each of them, separately and severally, to plead, answer, or demur to the same, within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing of this cause, this Honorable Court will make and enter a decree ascertaining and decreeing that the fee simple title, free of encumbrance, to the said lands and to each part and parcel thereof, is vested in your Complainant, R. M. Willis, and that Eliza Grigsby Williams, Austeen Williams, the unknown heirs and devisees of J. F. Grigsby and any and all persons, firms, or corporations claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance upon the said lands, or any part thereof, and that any and all doubts and disputes concerning the same be cleared up.

Your Complainant prays for such other, further, different, or general relief as in equity and good conscience shall seem mete and proper.

BEEBE & HALL

BY: John H. Beebe
Solicitors for the Complainant

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared Hubert M. Hall, who is known to me, and having been by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a member of the Firm of Beebe & Hall, Solicitors of Record and Agent for the Complainant, R. M. Willis, in the above styled cause and duly authorized by him to make this affidavit, and the facts stated in the foregoing bill of complaint, from all information obtainable, are true and from such information obtained he verily believes and so states that the same are true.

Hubert M. Hall

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 24 day of May, 1945.

John H. Beebe
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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Executed 26th day of May 1945
by serving copy of within Summons and
Complaint on

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BILL OF COMPLAINT.

R.M. WILLIS
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ELIZA GRISBY WILLIAMS ET ALS.

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7th day of May 24th 1945
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C.E. Garrett Sheriff
By Fried Walter Deputy Sheriff

R. M. WILLIS,
COMPLAINANT,

VS.

ELIZA GRIGSBY WILLIAMS,
et al,
RESPONDENTS.

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

It being known to the Court that due notice of the time and place set for the taking of testimony on behalf of the Complainant in the above styled cause has been duly given; that Austeen Grigsby is a minor; that no one has been nominated to the Court as a suitable person as guardian ad litem to represent and protect the interest of the said Austeen Grigsby.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that H. E. Smith, who is deemed by the Court, a fit and proper person and who is not of kin to said Complainant, nor in anyway interested in the proceeding, be appointed such guardian ad litem of Austeen Grigsby, and that he have notice of this appointment.

Dated this the 4th day of August, 1945.



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Order appointing Guardians
of the Estate

Filed Aug 4, 1945
Richard
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R. M. WILLIS,
COMPLAINANT,

VS.

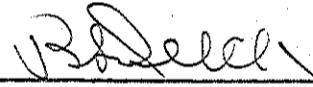
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et al,
RESPONDENTS.

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

TO HONORABLE H. E. SMITH, ATTORNEY, BAY MINETTE, ALABAMA:

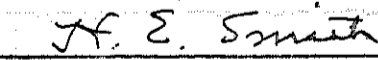
You are hereby notified that you have been appointed guardian ad litem for Austeen Grigsby, a minor interested in a certain matter and proceeding in the above court entitled as appears in the caption hereof and which comes up for hearing on the 4th day of August, 1945.

WITNESS my hand and seal on this the 4th day of August, 1945.


Register

I, H. E. Smith, hereby consent to act as guardian ad litem for Austeen Grigsby, upon the hearing of the above cause.

WITNESS my hand this the 4th day of August, 1945.


Guardian ad litem

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Notice to and acceptance
of Guardian ad Litem

Maid Aug 4, 1945

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R. M. WILLIS,
COMPLAINANT,

VS.

ELIZA GRIGSBY WILLIAMS,
et al,
RESPONDENTS.

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

Notice is hereby given that the Complainant will on the 4th day of August, 1945, before Lillian Patterson, as special commissioner, take the testimony orally of the following witnesses, on behalf of the Complainant, R. M. Willis, Mobile, Alabama; J. F. Smallwood, Daphne, Alabama; and Della S. Lovett, Daphne, Alabama.

Dated this the 1st day of August, 1945.

BEEBE & HALL

By: *W. S. Beebe*
Solicitors for the Complainant.

Lillian Patterson
Special Commissioner

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Notice of taking testimony

Filed Aug 1, 1945
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

Circuit Court

To Lillian Patterson

KNOW YE: That we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, at such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine R. M. Willis, J. F. Smallwood and Della S. Lovett

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant, R. M. Willis in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein R. M. Willis

Complainant

and Eliza Grigsby Williams, et al

Respondent

on oath, to be by you administered, upon R. M. Willis, J. F. Smallwood, and Della S. Lovett to take and certify the deposition of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 7 day of Aug, 1945

[Signature]

Register

Commissioner's Fee, \$ _____

Witness' Fees, \$ _____

No. 1345

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT

VS. Complainant

Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

COMMISSIONER:

WITNESSES:

R. M. Willis

J. F. Smallwood

Della S. Lovitt

W. R. STUART

PROBATE JUDGE

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Judge of Probate.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

R. M. WILLIS

Complainant

VS.

ELIZA GRIGSBY WILLIAMS, et al

Respondent

I, Lillian Patterson

as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me R. M. Willis, J. F. Smallwood, and
Della S. Lovett.

witnesses named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 4th day of August
1945, at the office of Beebe & Hall
in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witnesses to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said R. M. Willis, J. F. Smallwood
and Della S. Lovett doth depose and say as follows:

My name is R. M. Willis. I am over twenty-one years of age and a bona fide resident
of Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama. My address is 312 Wilson Building.
The Respondent Eliza Grigsby Williams is over twenty-one years of age and a resident
of Baldwin County, Alabama. Austeen Grigsby is a minor fifteen years and living with
his Mother Eliza William near Daphne, in Baldwin County, Alabama.
I am the owner in fee simple of the land described in the bill of complaint in this
cause. There is no suit pending to test my title to, interest in, of rights of posses-
ion of said land.
I obtained title to said lands by conveyances from R. M. Willis & Company, Inc., by
deed dated June 8th, 1944, and of record in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin
County, Alabama, in Deed Book 85 NS page 184.
The title to said lands stands upon the records in the Probate Court of Baldwin
County, Alabama, in the name of R. M. Willis.
No one has at any time within ten years next preceding the filing of the bill of
complaint in this cause, paid any taxes upon, or had any possession of said lands
except the Complainant, and those through whom he claims by mesbe conveyances.
The only persons known by the Complainant, to claim said lands, or any part thereof
or any interest therein, are the Complainant, R. M. Willis, and Eliza Grigsby
William and Austeen Grigsby.

Cross examination by H. E. Smith, Guardian ad litem for Austeen Williams:
Austeen Grigsby is a Grand son of J. F. Grigsby, otherwise known as Fletcher Grigsby
who at one time owned a part of the land. There has been no claim whatever on the
part of said minor or any of his people to the said lands. In fact, the Mother of
the said Minor, and also Mr. Rickarby, Attorney at law representing them have has
stated that neither the Minor, nor his Mother wished to make any claim to the
property. I am attaching a copy of Mr. Rickarby's letter hereto.

R. M. Willis

J. F. Smallwood, a witness for the Complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes and
says:

My name is J. F. Smallwood. I am 76 years of age and a resident of Daphne, In
Baldwin County, Alabama. I am personally acquainted with the lands described in
the bill of complaint in this cause, and have lived near them, practically all my
life.
I am well acquainted with the Grigsby family; that Liberty Grigsby, the Father of
J. F. or Fletcher Grigsby lived on a part of the lands described in the bill of
complaint, and known as the Valerio place in the forks of Yancey Creek since prict
to the civil war and until his death; that Fletcher Grigsby was born there and lived
there until his death.
That he well remembers the purchase of said land by Fletcher Grigsby from Valerio
as it was at or about that time that Mr. Crane bought his land from Valerio, and I
think that it was about the year 1891, however, Fletcher Grigsby had been living
there some time prior thereto.
Fletcher Grigsby claimed, farmed, and a house upon, and otherwise exercised undisputed
possession for a long time and until his death; that no one has at any time made any
~~claim to or attempted to exercise any possession to said lands other than Fletcher~~
Grigsby and his family since 1891, until it was sold to the Complainant.

That at the time of the sale of the property to the Complainant the only heirs of
Fletcher Grigsby were, his widow Susan Grigsby, three daughters, Ruben, Eva dna Mabel,
and a Grand-son Austeen Grigsby, the son of a deceased son, Fletcher Grigsby.
That the widow and the Daughter Rubens lived on the place until it was sold to the
Complainant, when the house was torn down

Cross examination by H. E. Smith, Guardian Ad Litem:

The minor son of Fletcher Grigsby has never made any claim to the land, and his
Mother has stated that they do not make a ny claim thereto. They have never lived
on the said lands

J. F. Smallwood

Della S. Lovett, a witness for the Complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes and
says:

I live at Daphne in Baldwin County, Alabama. I am personally acquainted with the
lands described in the bill of complaint in this cause.

I have carefully read over the testimony of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and it is sub-
stantially correct.
The land lies between the forks of Yancey creek or branch. I know that no one has
ever at any time attempted to exercise any possession to said lands adversely to
the Grigsbys.

The property is now in the possession of Mr. R. M. Willis of Mobile. It is
generally known as his and no person has made any claim to the property adversely.

Mrs. Della S. Lovett

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Lillian Patterson, as ~~Register and~~ Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition—on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and H. M. Hall at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness es; that I am not of counsel or of kin to any of the parties to said cause, or any manner interested in the result thereof

I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register of said Court.

Given under my hand and seal, this 4th day of August, 1945.

Lillian Patterson (L. S.)

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

vs.

Complainant

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filed Aug 8, 1945
[Signature], Register.

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CIRCUIT COURT COMPLAINT

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R. M. WILLIS

Complainant,

Vs. Eliza Grigsby Williams, et al

Respondent.

In the Circuit Court.

In Equity No. 1342

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE.

In this cause, it appears to the Register, that service was had on the Respondent

Eliza Grigsby Williams

by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, on the 26th day of May, 1945.

And it further appears to the Register, that the said Eliza Grigsby Williams

the Respondent, having to the date hereof, failed to plead, demur to or answer the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause, it is now, therefore,

on motion of Beebe & Hall Solicitors

for Complainant, ordered, and decreed by the Register that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be,

and it hereby is, in all things taken as confessed against the said Eliza Grigsby Williams

This 30th day of July, 1945

[Handwritten Signature]

Register.

No. _____

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

R. M. Weese

Complainant,

Vs.

Eugene Gregory Williams et al

Respondent.

**DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON
PERSONAL SERVICE.**

Issued this *30* day of *July*,
194*5*.

Register.

JAMES H. FAULKNER
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

The BALDWIN Times

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

LIS PENDENS NOTICE

R. M. WILLIS, Complainant,
vs.
ELIZA GRIGSBY WILLIAMS, et al,
Respondents.

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

It having been made to appear in the above cause, by the affidavit of Hubert M. Hall, Solicitor for the Complainant, that the Complainant owns in fee simple, the lands in Baldwin County, Alabama, described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a point 2112 feet, more or less North and 313 1/2 feet, more or less West from the Southeast corner of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 2 East, which point is the Southwest corner of the Abe Crane Lot, for a point of beginning; run thence West along the North line of Section 38 (property of Prine and Boykin) 350 feet, more or less, to the center of the South Fork of Yancey Creek; thence Northwestwardly along the center of said South Fork of Yancey Creek to its confluence with the North Fork of Yancey Creek; thence Northeastwardly along the center of the said North Fork of Yancey Creek to a point where it crosses the South line of Lot 4 of the D'Olive Division (property of Prine and Boykin); thence Eastwardly along the said South line of Lot 4 to a point 330 feet, 8 inches West of the East line of said Section 7; thence South 326.88 feet to a point; thence East

66 1/2 feet to a point; thence South 627.66 feet to the place of beginning; containing 50 acres, more or less;

having acquired the same by Warranty Deed from R. M. Willis & Company, Inc., a corporation, dated June 8, 1944, and of record in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Deed Book 85NS, page 184; that the title to said lands stands on the record of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, the County in which said lands lie, in the name of R. M. Willis; that no person is known to have paid taxes upon, or to have been in possession of said lands, or any part thereof, within 10 years next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint, except R. M. Willis and those through he claims by mesne conveyance; It is therefore ordered and notice is hereby given that the said Respondents, Eliza Grigsby Williams and Austeen Grigsby, or any other person, firm, or corporation, claiming any right, title to, interest in, or encumbrance upon said lands hereing described, or any part of parcel thereof, appear in this Court and plead, answer to or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause, file on or before the 25th day of June, 1945, or upon their having failed to do so at the expiration of 30 days from said date, a decree pro confesso be taken against them.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order and notice be published in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for 4 consecutive weeks.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, R. S. DUCK, Register, have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 24th day of May, 1945.

R. S. DUCK, Register,
Circuit Court of Baldwin
County, Alabama.
HEEBE & HALL

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Cook, being duly sworn, deposes and says
THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published in Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

R. M. Willis

vs.

Eliza Grigsby

COST STATEMENT

4 1/2 cents \$ 23.81

correct, due and unpaid (paid).

Ford Cook

Publisher.

Was published in said newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks in the following issues:

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Date of 2nd publication " 31, 1945 Vol. 56 No. 18

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Date of 4th publication " 14, 1945 Vol. 56 No. 20

Subscribed and sworn before the undersigned this _____ day of _____ 194____.

Notary Public, Baldwin County.

Ford Cook
Publisher.

JAMES H. FAULKNER
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Ford Cook, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the PUBLISHER of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

R. M. Gillies

vs.

Elizabeth Grigsby

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY

No. 1342 Circuit Court, In Equity.

R. M. Willis

Complainant

Vs.

Eliza Grigsby Williams

Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Eliza Grigsby Williams

Defendant

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of summons upon said Defendant; and that said summons was duly served according to law, and that said Defendant ha failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This 26 day of July 19 45

BEEBE & HALL

BY *H. H. Steele*

Solicitor.

The State of Alabama,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

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Vs.

Ernie Gough Williams et al

Motion for Decree Pro Confesso on
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