

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

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FIRST: THAT Complainant is a resident of Baldwin County, over the age of twenty-one years and owns and is in actual, peaceable possession of ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY acres of land in Baldwin County, more particularly described as:

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SECOND: That the BALDWIN COUNTY COLONIZATION COMPANY and the PERDIDO BAY LUMBER COMPANY are Corporations, formerly doing business in Baldwin County, Alabama, but the present location of said Corporations and the names and addresses of the officers or representatives if any, are unknown to Complainant; that J. E. LUDWIG is over the age of twenty-one years and a non-resident of the State of Alabama, that LOUIS SALA and J.E. LUDWIG, formerly residents of this County, have been dead for a number of years, that the names and addresses of their heirs, devisees and next of kin are unknown to Complainant but they are to the best of Complainant's knowledge, information and belief, over the age of twenty-one years and non-residents of the State of Alabama.

THREE: That the parties Defendant are reputed to own or claim some right, title, interest or claim in and to the lands above described; or some lien or encumbrance thereon and no suit is pending to enforce or test the validity of such title, claim or encumbrance to or on said lands.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Complainant prays that the BALDWIN COUNTY COLONIZATION COMPANY, THE PERDIDO BAY LUMBER COMPANY, J. E.

their officers, representatives, successors and assigns, J.E. LUDWIG, and the unknown heirs, devisees and next of kin of LOUIS SALA, and J.E. LUDWIG deceased, be made parties Defendant to this cause, and by publication notified to plead, answer or demur to this Bill Of Complaint within the time prescribed by law and abide by such orders and decrees as may be made in the premises.

Complainant further prays that upon the hearing of this cause a decree be rendered forever quieting title in Complainant to the lands above described, and further decreeing that the BALDWIN COUNTY COLONIZATION COMPANY, THE PERDIDO BAY LUMBER COMPANY, J.E. LUDWIG, and the unknown heirs, devisees and next of kin of LOUIS SALA and J.E. LUDWIG, deceased, have no right, title, interest or claim in or to said lands, also granting to Complainant such other, further or different relief as to Equity may seem meet.

*Elliott G. Rickarby*  
Solicitor for Complainant.

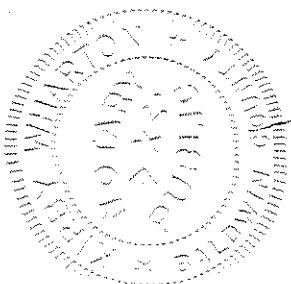
STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared this day, ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY, who being sworn, says that he is Solicitor for the Complainant in the above styled cause; that he and the Complainant have made diligent search and inquiry without success to ascertain the names and whereabouts of J.E. Ludwig, the heirs, devisees and next of kin of Louis Sala and J.E. Ludwig, deceased; but is informed and believes and from said information now states that all of said parties are non-residents of the State of Alabama, and over the age of twenty-one, and is informed and believes and on such information and belief states that after diligent search and inquiry, he is unable to ascertain the place of business of the BALDWIN COUNTY COLONIZATION COMPANY or the PERDIDO BAY LUMBER COMPANY or the names or addresses of their officers, agents, successors or assigns.

*Elliott G. Rickarby*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this thirteenth day of October, Nineteen Hundred Forty-five.



*Elliott G. Rickarby*  
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

DANA Z. GROVE,  
Complainant

vs

LOUIS SALA, ET AL  
Defendants

E Q U I T Y  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

In this cause it appears to the Register by the affidavit on file in this cause that the Order of Publication heretofore made was published for four consecutive weeks commencing October 18, 1945 and ending November 8, 1945 in the Fairhope Courier, a newspaper published in Baldwin County, Alabama; that a copy of said order was posted on the Court House door of said county on the 20th day of November, 1945 and that the residences of the Defendants being unknown, no notice was sent to them by mail, but it further appearing that said Defendants have, to the date hereof, failed to plead, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause;

IT IS THEREFORE on motion of the Complainant ordered and decreed that said Bill of Complaint be, and it hereby is, in all things, taken as confessed against the Defendants: J. E. Ludwig, Baldwin County Colonization Company, Perdido Bay Lumber Company and their successors and assigns and the unknown heirs, distributees and next of kin of Louis Sala and J. E. Ludwig.

This 20th day of December, Nineteen Hundred Forty-five.



Register.

EQUITY, No. 1428.

DANA Z. GROVE,  
Complainant

vs

LOUIS SALA et al.

DECREE PRO CONFESSO.  
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Is the Plaintiff  
J. E. LUDWIG, et al  
Deceased  
BY  
DWAYNE S. CHOATE  
COMMISSIONER  
1945

Solicitor for Complainant.

STATE OF ALABAMA  
BALDWIN COUNTY

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Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama

Fairhope, Alabama

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Legal notice of  
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# THE FAIRHOPE COURIER

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ESTABLISHED 1894

FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

This is to certify that the attached legal notice appeared in the Fairhope Courier, a newspaper published in Fairhope Baldwin County, on the dates of October 18, 25 and Nov 1. & 8. 1945

*Frances G. Crawford*  
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Frances G. Crawford, Editor.

State of Alabama  
Baldwin County

Subscribed and sworn to this 3rd day of December, 1945, before me.

*E. Crowell*  
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Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity.

Register's office, October 1945.  
Dana Z. Grove Complainant vs. J. E. Ludwig, et al Defendants.

In this cause it appearing from an affidavit on file that the Defendant, J. E. Ludwig, is over the age of twenty-one years and a non-resident of the State of Alabama; names and addresses of the officers or representatives of the Baldwin County Colonization Company, and the Perdido Bay Lumber Company, Corporations, or of their successors and assigns, are unknown to Complainant, and that the names and addresses of the unknown heirs, distributees and next of kin of Louis Sala and J. E. Ludwig are also unknown to Complainant, but according to his best information and belief all are non-residents of the State of Alabama;

It is ordered that said Defendants plead, answer or demur to the allegations of the Bill of Complaint, filed against them in this cause, on or before the 20th day of November, 1945, or upon the expiration of thirty days from said date, the same will be taken as confessed against them.

It is further ordered that notice of this order be published in the "Fairhope Courier", a newspaper published in the City of Fairhope,



CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY.

Register's Office, October

1945.

DANA Z. GROVE  
Complainant

vs

J.E. LUDWIG, et al  
Defendants

In this cause it appearing from an affidavit on file that the Defendant J.E. LUDWIG, is over the age of twenty-one years and a non-resident of the State of Alabama; <sup>that the</sup> names and addresses of the officers or representatives of the Baldwin County Colonization Company, and the Perdido Bay Lumber Company, Corporations, or of their successors and assigns, are unknown to Complainant and that the names and addresses of the unknown heirs, distributees and next of kin of Louis Sala and J.E. Ludwig are also unknown to Complainant, but according to his best information and belief all are non-residents of the State of Alabama;

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ELLIOTT G. RICKARBY  
Solicitor for Complainant.

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Dana Z. Grove

vs.

J. E. Ludwig et al.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, <sup>Affidavit as to</sup> ~~Non-resident~~  
Order Publication, Decree Pro Confesso on Publication

and in behalf of Defendant upon \_\_\_\_\_

Elliott G. Rickarby  
Solicitor for Complainant.



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No. 1428

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Baldwin County

IN EQUITY  
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

Dana Z. Grove

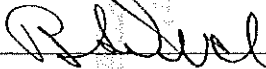
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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 31st

day of December, 1945



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The State of Alabama, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Term, 192\_\_\_\_\_

DANA Z. GROVE

Complainants

vs.

LOUIS SALA, et al

Defendants

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against J. E. LUDWIG, BALDWIN COUNTY

COLONIZATION COMPANY and PERDIDO BAY LUMBER COMPANY Defendant

in the annexed stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of publication was made under the order of this Court; and it having been shown by due proof to the Court that said Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and has failed to answer, plead or demur to the Bill in this cause, to the date hereof.

This 20th day of December 19245

746 Code.

*Elmer S. Pritchard*

Solicitor.

No. 1438

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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

DANA Z. GROVE

Complainants.

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MOTION FOR DECREE PRO  
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# W. R. STUART

PROBATE JUDGE

No. 3883

Bay Minette, Ala.,

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, 1946

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R. A. Duck

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Judge of Probate.

DANA Z. GROVE,  
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No.

E Q U I T Y

vs

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

J. E. LUDWIG, ET AL  
Defendants

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted for decree on the pleading and the decree pro confesso, as noted, and it appearing to the Court that notice has been given to all Defendants by registered mail and that none have either pleaded or demurred to the Bill within the time prescribed by law: NOW, upon consideration thereof, the Court is of the opinion that the Complainant, DANA A. GROVE, is entitled to the relief prayed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Defendants J. E. LUDWIG, BALDWIN COUNTY COLONIZATION COMPANY, PERDIDO BAY LUMBER COMPANY and the unknown heirs, distributees and next of kin of LOUIS SALA and J. E. LUDWIG, have no estate or interest in or encumbrances on the following described land or any part thereof, namely:

The North half of the Southeast quarter and the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 7 South of Range 5 East; also

The Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 6 South of Range 6 East in Baldwin County, Alabama.

It is FURTHER ADJUDGED and DECREED that the full fee simple title to said land as against the said Defendants is fixed absolutely in the Complainant, DANA Z. GROVE.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Register of this Court, within thirty days of the rendition of this decree, file same in the office of the Probate Judge of Baldwin County for record therein, the cost thereof to be taxed as a part of the costs of this cause.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that Complainant pay the costs of this cause, for which execution may issue.

Done at Monroeville, Alabama, this the *first* day of

*January* ~~December~~, Nineteen Hundred Forty-*six*

*J. M. Lare*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge



No.  
E Q U I T Y .

DANA Z. GROVE,  
Complainant,

vs

J. E. LUDWIG, et al.  
Defendants.

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*Filed January 1st 1946*  
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*[Signature]*