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HENRY SLEDGE, WESLEY SLEDGE,
JOSHUA SLEDGE, ARTHUR LEE
SLEDGE, LUBERTA WILLIAMS
AND
OSCA CLOPTON JR., MARIE
CLOPTON, ADA CLOPTON, THERESA
CLOPTON, CHARLOTTE CLOPTON
AND LUVENIA CLOPTON, MINORS
BY THEIR FATHER AND NEXT OF
FRIEND, OSCA CLOPTON SR.
PETITIONERS.

VS.

NORBORNE STONE AS ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM SLEDGE,
DECEASED, ADOLPH SLEDGE, AND
ALINE ARMISTEAD.
RESPONDENTS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

TO THE HONORABLE FRANCIS W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID COURT
SITTING IN EQUITY.

Come the petitioners in the above style cause and
present to your Honor this petition to remove the administration
of the Estate of William Sledge, which is now pending in the
Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to his Honor's Court.
As grounds therefor and as a basis for relief hereafter prayed,
the petitioners show unto your Honor the following facts:

1. The petitioners, Henry Sledge, Wesley Sledge,
Joshua Sledge, Arthur Lee Sledge, Luberta Williams are all
resident citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama and are over the
age of twenty-one years. That Osea Clopton Jr., Marie Clopton,
ada Clopton, Theresa Clopton, Charlotte Clopton and Luvenia Clop-
ton are minors, under the age of twenty-one years and reside with
their father Osea Clopton Sr., in Baldwin County, Alabama.
That said minors have no legal guardian.

2. That the respondent Norborne Stone, the administrator
of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased, is a resident citizen
of Baldwin County, Alabama and over the age of twenty-one years.

That the respondent, Aline Armistead is a resident cit-
izen of Baldwin County, Alabama and over the age of eighteen years
and married.

That the respondent Adolph Sledge is a resident of
St. Louis, Missouri, and over the age of twenty-one years.

3. Petitioners allege that William Sledge departed this life on, to-wit, the 25th day of October, 1918, and aver that the respondent, Norborne Stone, was duly and lawfully appointed Administrator of the Estate of the said William Sledge, deceased, by the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama on the 19th day of December, 1918. The petitioners further aver that the administration of the aforesaid estate is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

4. The petitioners allege that the respondent, Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased, has in his possession or under his control certain monies, the estate of said decedent, *derived from a New York Insurance Policy on life of decedent.*

5. The petitioners aver that the only heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of the aforesaid decedent, together with their relationship are as follows:

Henry Sledge, father; Wesley Sledge, brother; Joshua Sledge, brother; Arthur Lee Sledge, brother; Lubuntu Williams, sister; Aline Armistead, sister; Adolph Sledge, brother; Oscar Clopton, Jr., Marie Clopton, Ada Clopton, Theresa Clopton and Luvonia Clopton, all are nephews and nieces of said decedent, being the children of Virginia Clopton, deceased, a sister of the said Deceased William Sledge.

6. The petitioners further allege that they are heirs at law of William Sledge, deceased, that the administration of the Estate of William Sledge is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, that the Estate has not been finally settled, and that it is the opinion of the petitioners that such estate can be better administered in His Honor's Court, than in the Probate Court.

WHEREFORE, THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, The petitioners pray the following:

1. That your Honor will take jurisdiction of this cause under and by virtue of Section 6475 of the 1923 Code of Alabama, and that appropriate process issue out of his Honor's Court, directed to Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate

of William Sledge, Deceased, Adolph Sledge and Aline Armstead, requiring them to plead, answer or demur to the within petition within thirty days, the time allowed and provided by law, to then and there answer and singular the premises, and to stand and abide by such orders and decrees therein made as his Honor's Court shall deem meet.

2. That your Honor shall appoint a competent attorney at law as guardian ad litem to represent the interests of the above named minors, interested in the settlement of the Estate.

3. The petitioners further pray that your Honor order, (under and by virtue of Section 5919 of the 1923 Code of Alabama) the aforesaid Horborne Stone as Administrator of the estate of William Sledge, deceased, to file all his accounts, vouchers, other and all papers pertinent to the financial condition of the estate of the said decedent. That the amount of monies of which the aforesaid estate consists be determined. Further, that after deducting the expenses of administration that your Honor order, adjudge and decree the amount of money which each of the above named heirs are entitled to receive according to law, and that it be further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the sums so determined be paid to such heirs by Horborne Stone, as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased.

4. The petitioners further pray that your Honor will cause such reference to be had by the Register of the Court as may be necessary to ascertain all material facts necessary for entering the relief prayed.

5. The petitioners further pray for such other, further and different relief as the nature of the cause may justify or your Honor shall deem meet and proper.

6. The petitioners offer to do equity as follows:-- The petitioners submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the Court and offer to do whatever the Court may consider necessary to be done on their part toward making the decree which they seek, just and equitable with regard to the other parties to the suit.


ROGERS FOR PETITIONERS.

FOOT NOTE:

The respondents are required to answer all the allegations of the foregoing petition, but not under oath, oath to said answers being hereby expressly waived.

Daniel J. Gray
SOLICITORS FOR PETITIONERS

Before me, A. L. West, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Henry Sledge, Wesley Sledge, ~~Jessie Sledge~~, Arthur Lee Sledge and Luberta Williams, who have, in my presence, had the above petition read to them and who, after being first duly sworn by me, affirm that the allegations contained therein are true and correct, to their personal knowledge.

Henry Sledge
Luberta Williams
Arthur Lee Sledge

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 26 day of Nov, 1929.

A. L. West
Notary Public for Georgia
J. P.

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County. Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Norborne Stone as Administrator
of the estate of William Sledge, deceased, ~~and Aline Armistead~~ and Aline
Armistead,

of Baldwin
County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court
of Baldwin County, exercising Chancery jurisdiction, within thirty days after the service of Sum-
mons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by
Henry Sledge, et al,

against said Norborne Stone as Administrator of the estate of
William Sledge ,deceased,and Aline Armistead.

and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the
said Defendant shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return
this writ with your endorsement thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 9th
December 192 9

T. W. Richerson Register

William Sledge, Deceased, | In the Probate Court of Baldwin County
Estate of | Alabama,
 | December 19th, 1928.

Comes Norborne Stone, and files in Court his application in writing and under oath praying the Court to appoint him administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased. Which application is as follows:
Sledge, William Deceased, | In the Probate Court, State of Alabama,
Estate of | Baldwin County.

Petition for Letters of Administration:

To the Honorable the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama and the Hon. G.W. Humphries, Judge thereof:

Comes your petitioner, Norborne Stone and filed in his petition for letters of administration on the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased and shows:

That your petitioner is over the age of 21 years and is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Bay Minette, Alabama;

That the above named decedent departed this life intestate on, to-wit: October 25th, 1928, while in the military service of the United States of America, his death taking place in France; that said decedent left property consisting of the United States War Risk Policy in the sum of \$10,000.00 with his mother, Nancy Sledge and his sister Aliene Sledge (now Aliene Armistead) named as beneficiaries thereunder, each to the extent of one-half thereof; that upon the death of the said Nancy Sledge, which occurred during the month of January, 1927, the balance of the one-half of said policy under which the said Nancy Sledge was named as beneficiary, passed to the estate of the said William Sledge so that he now has an estate consisting of monies due by the United States Government of approximately \$2,000.00 the exact amount being unknown and yet to be ascertained by the United States Government; that at the time of the death of the said William Sledge he was a resident and citizen of Baldwin county, Alabama, residing near Bromley where he lived at the time of entering the military service of the United States, Bromley, Alabama, being his legal residence.

The estate of the said decedent is limited as above set out he having no other real or personal property known to your Petitioner.

That the several heirs and next of kin of said decedent as hereinafter named have been and are unable to qualify as administrator on said estate and that your Petitioner has been and is now requested by certain such next of kin to qualify and act as such Administrator.

That the heirs, next of kin and distributees of said decedent, together with their relationship, ages and places of residence are as follows:

Ella Noise Sledge, wife, whose whereabouts are unknown, have not been known for over ten years and cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry made.

Henry Sledge, father, over the age of 21 years, Fairhope, Alabama.

Wesley Sledge, a brother, over the age of 21 years, Bromley, Alabama.

Adolph Sledge, a brother, over the age of 21 years, Stapleton, Alabama;

Joshua Sledge, a brother, over the age of 21 years, Bromley, Alabama.

Arthur Lee Sledge, a brother, over the age of 21 years, Bromley, Alabama.

Luberta Williams, a sister, over the age of 21 years, Fairhope, Alabama.

Aline Armistead, over the age of 18 years and married, a sister Hurricane, Alabama.

Junior Clopton, age 20 years; Marie Clopton, age 18 years; Ada Clopton, age 16 years; Theresa Clopton, age 14 years; Charlotte Clopton, age 12 years; Luvenia Clopton, age 8 years, all are nephews and nieces of said decedent (being the children of Virginia Clopton, deceased, a sister of said decedent and Oscar Clopton Jr.,) whose addresses are Bay Minette, Alabama, and who reside with Oscar Clopton, Jr., their father, they having no legal guardian.

That of the persons who have prior right to administer on this Estate none have qualified or petitioned for letters within the time required to assert such preferential right.

Wherefore, the premises considered, your Petitioner prays that letters of administration issued to him upon said estate on his en-

therin into bond with sufficient sureties as required by law.
Norborne Stone, Petitioner"

And it appearing to the Court, that the allegations of said application are true; that none of the parties having a prior right to the appointment of administrator have applied within the time required to assert their rights and that said Norborne Stone is a person over the age of 21 years and a fit and competent person to administer said Estate; that said decedent died leaving property in this County valued at approximately \$2000.00 and not probably more and that more than 5 days have elapsed since the death of said intestate;

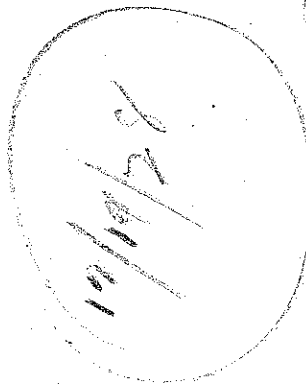
It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that said Norborne Stone, be and he is hereby appointed administrator of the Estate of said decedent William Sledge, upon his entering into bond within sufficient sureties, payable to, and to be approved by the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the penal sum of \$500.00, and conditioned to perform all the duties which are or may be required of him as such administrator.

And now again comes the said Norborne Stone, and files in Court, his bond as the Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased, payable and conditioned as prescribed by law, in the sum of \$4500.00.

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that said bond is in the amount, prescribed by the Court, that it is conditioned as prescribed by law, and that the sureties thereon are sufficient.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said bond be and the same is hereby approved, and that letters of administration upon the Estate of William Sledge, deceased, issue to said Norborne Stone. It is further ordered that said petition and bond be recorded.

Judge of Probate.



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Circuit Court of Baldwin County
In Equity.

No. _____

SUMMONS

Henry Sledge et al,

vs.

~~Norborne Stone as Administrator of the~~

Estate of William Sledge, deceased

and Aline Armistead,

Dozier and Gray

Solicitor for Complainant

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this 9th

day of December 1929

Sheriff.

Executed this 2nd day of

January 30 1930

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

Aline Armistead

Defendant.

Amrin

Sheriff.

By *M.H. Wilkins*

Deputy Sheriff.

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*Give copy on Norborne Stone (Raymond
and Aline Armistead (near Browley
or Harrison))*

*Copy served on Stone
12/14*

Petition

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J. W. Pickens
Clerk.

BAY MINETTE, ALA.

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M. J. W. Richardson Clerk

THE BALDWIN TIMES

Dozier Gray

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R. B. VAIL
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR

BAY MINETTE, ALA.

ALFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

R. B. Vail, 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 _____

Henry Sledge et al

vs

Adolph Sledge

Was published in said Newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks in the following

Date of first publication December 12 1929 Vol. 40 No. 45

Date of second publication December 19 1929 Vol. 40 No. 46

Date of third publication December 26 1929 Vol. 40 No. 47

Date of fourth publication January 2 1930 Vol. 40 No. 48

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned this 7th day of

January 1930

T. W. Richerson Publisher.

Clark Circuit Court

Henry Sledge, et al.
STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY,
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.
This, the 12th day of December, 1929
In this cause it being made to ap-
pear to the Register of this Court by
the affidavit of Henry Sledge, Luberta
Williams and Arthur Lee Sledge, that
the Defendant Adolph Sledge, is a
non-resident of the State of Alabama
and resides in St. Louis, Missouri, and
further, that, in the belief of said Affi-
dant, the Defendant is over 21 years; it
is therefore ordered that publication
be made in the Baldwin Times, a news-
paper published in Bay Minette, Ala-
bama, Baldwin County, Alabama, once
a week for four consecutive weeks, re-
quiring the said Adolph Sledge, to
Answer or demur to the Bill of Com-
plaint in this cause by the 12th day
of January, 1930, or after thirty days
therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may
be taken against him.
T. W. RICHERRSON,
Register.
DOZIER & GRAY,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR
SLEDGE, WILLIAM, Deceased, ES-
TATE OF 1928, Vol 14, p 111
Letters of Administration upon the
Estate of William Sledge, Deceased,
having been granted to the under-
signed on the 19th day of December,
1928, by the Probate Court of Bal-
dwin County, Alabama, in case
No. 10,000, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
all persons having claims against said
Estate will be required to present the
same within the time allowed by law,
or same will be barred.
NORBORNE STONE
Attorney for William Sledge, De-
ceased, Administrator of the Estate
of William Sledge, Deceased.
JOHN CHASON
Attorney for Administrator

*Received
Office 1/3/29*

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HENRY SLEDGE ET AL.,
Complainants,
vs.

NORBORNE STONE, as Adminis-
trator of the estate of
William Sledge, deceased,
ET AL.,
Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.
STATE OF ALABAMA.
BALDWIN COUNTY.

Comes the Respondent, Norborne Stone, as Administrator of the estate of William Sledge, deceased, and for answer to the Petition or Bill of Complaint in this cause, and to each paragraph thereof, separately and severally, says:

1. This Respondent admits the allegations of the first paragraph of the Petition or Bill of Complaint.

2. This Respondent admits that he is the Administrator of the estate of William Sledge, deceased; is a resident and citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, and over the age of twenty-one years.

That as to the residences and ages of the other respondents, this Respondent has no knowledge and neither admits nor denies, but demands strict proof of the allegations relative thereto.

3. This Respondent admits the allegations of the third paragraph of the Petition or Bill of Complaint.


4. This Respondent denies the allegations of the fourth paragraph of the Petition or Bill of Complaint and says that he does have in his possession or under his control the sum of One Hundred Ten and 25/100 Dollars (\$110.25), same being on deposit in the Baldwin County Bank of Bay Minette, Alabama, and in addition thereto holds as such Administrator Collateral Form of Note from W. D. Stapleton, Bay Minette, Alabama, of date August 29, 1929, in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), payable to the order of the estate of William Sledge, deceased, Norborne Stone, Administrator, six months after date, with interest at eight per cent. (8%) per annum from date, and to secure the payment of which


there has been pledged with this Respondent as collateral security for the payment of said note three hundred fifty (350) shares of the Bankers' Credit Life Insurance Company of Birmingham, Alabama, as evidenced by Certificate Number 241, issued to W. D. Stapleton, under date of July 12, 1929, and attached to said note; that said note and security and the One Hundred Ten and 25/100 Dollars (\$110.25) cash on hand represents the entire estate of the said William Sledge, deceased, which consisted of moneys due under a United States Government War Risk Insurance Policy the worth of which was Three Thousand Three Hundred Ten and 25/100 Dollars (\$3,310.25), which amount was received by this Respondent on June 14, 1929, and out of which he has expended in connection with the administration of said estate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) as attorneys' fees for the qualifying of Administrator, giving notice and other necessary legal services to the date hereof, and the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) paid to the complainant, Henry Sledge, by way of partial distribution.

5. Answering the fifth paragraph of the Petition or Bill of Complaint, this Respondent neither admits nor denies, but demands strict proof thereof, and answering further says that at the time of the filing by this Respondent of his Petition for appointment as Administrator of the estate of William Sledge, deceased, he was informed that the said William Sledge left surviving him a widow, one Ella Noise Sledge, whose whereabouts were then unknown and had not been known for over ten (10) years and could not at that time be ascertained after diligent inquiry made, and Respondent alleges and avers that although said estate, by reason of it consisting of proceeds of the War Risk Insurance Policy which are not subject to the payment of any debts, has been ready for final settlement in all respects, that this Respondent has stood and now stands ready to make final settlement and distribution among the heirs at law and next of kin, but such final settlement and distribution has been and is now withheld on account of the uncertainty in connection with the said widow and as to whether she be dead or alive, and this Respondent, although he cannot and

does not allege that she is alive, suggests the survivorship of the said Ella Noise Sledge as the surviving widow of above named decedent and her right to said money as such surviving widow.

6. Answering the sixth paragraph of the Petition or Bill of Complaint, this Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations thereof, but demands strict proof thereof.


As Administrator of the estate of
William Sledge, deceased, Respondent.


As Solicitors for Respondent,
Norborne Stone, as Administrator
of the estate of William Sledge,
deceased.

STATE OF ALABAMA.

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND.

BALDWIN COUNTY.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:- That the undersigned, Norborne Stone, as principal, and the Maryland Casualty Company, a corporation, by Norborne Stone as its Attorney in Fact, as surety are held and firmly bound unto C. W. Humphries, as Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and his successors in office, in the penal sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars, (\$ 4,500.00); for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we, jointly and severally, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and successors.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 19th. day of December, 1928.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that whereas, the above bounden, Norborne Stone has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased; now, if the said Norborne Stone shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be required of him as such Administrator, then the above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Norborne Stone SEAL

MARYLAND CASUALTY COMPANY,
A Corporation,

By Norborne Stone SEAL
As its Attorney in Fact.

Taken, approved and ordered to
be recorded this December 20th
1928.

C. W. Humphries
Probate Judge, Baldwin County,
Alabama.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

(
OF

)
WILLIAM SLEDGE, DECEASED.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY,

ALABAMA.

(
IN EQUITY.

I, J. B. Blackburn, do herewith file this, my consent in writing to act as guardian ad litem for Oscar Clopton, Jr., Marie Clopton, Ada Clopton, Theresa Clopton and Luvenia Clopton. I herewith pledge that if appointed in such capacity, I will do all things necessary to be done in furtherance of their interests in the above styled matter.

J. B. Blackburn

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Acceptance of
Guarantee
and title

Filed Mar 19th / 1930
J. W. Williams
Register

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
 (
CITY OF SAINT LOUIS.)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, Adolph Sledge, of the City of Saint Louis, State of Missouri, do hereby constitute and appoint Henry Sledge, of the City of Fairhope, of the County of Baldwin in the State of Alabama, a true and lawful attorney-in-fact for me, and in my name and behalf, to demand, recover and receive all moneys, debts, merchandise, etc., belonging, due, or which may become due or belonging to me through and by virtue of the settlement of the Estate of my brother, William Sledge, deceased, the administration of which is now pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity. I hereby grant unto said Henry Sledge full power and authority to do and perform all acts necessary and proper to effectuate all or any part of the premises; giving and granting also unto said Henry Sledge full power to substitute one attorney, or more, under him, to act in accordance with the premises, and the same at his pleasure to revoke. I hereby ratify and confirm whatsoever my said attorney-in-fact shall and may do in the premises by virtue hereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal, this 10 day of March, A. D., 1930.

Adolph Sledge (SEAL)

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
 (
CITY OF SAINT LOUIS.)

I, E. G. Riley, a Notary Public in and for aforesaid State and City, hereby certify that Adolph Sledge, whose name is signed to the foregoing Power of Attorney, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of said Power of Attorney, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this 10 day of March, A. D., 1930.

E. G. Riley
NOTARY PUBLIC

My term expires May 30-1930.

Estate of William Sledge, Deceased | in the Probate Court of Bald-
 | win county, Ala.,
 | February 25, 1930.

Comes Henry Sledge, one of the Heirs and next of kin of
William Sledge, Deceased, by Hon. T.W. Richerson, Register, and
filed the following notice of removal:

"Henry Sledge, et al., Petitioners vs. Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased, et al. Respondents.	in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity.
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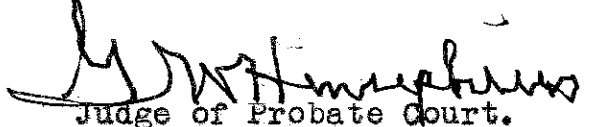
To the Honorable G.W. Humphries, Judge of Probate:

In pursuance to a decree rendered in the above styled matter
ordering the removal of the administration of the Estate of William
Sledge, Deceased, you are hereby commanded to transmit and deliver
to the Register of this Court all documents and papers in your
possession pertaining to the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased.

Witness my hand this the 28 day of February, 1930.

T.W. Richerson, Register."

It is ordered by the Court that the file in this cause, con-
sisting of Petition for Letters of Administration, Administrator's
Bond, Order of Court appointing Administrator, Letters of Adminis-
tration and notice of Appointment of Administrator, which are all
of the papers constituting the file in this cause be delivered to
the Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in
Equity, as required by Decree of the said Circuit Court.


Judge of Probate Court.

Order on Removal
of
Equity Sub Commit Order

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The State of Alabama,

Baldwin COUNTY.

PROBATE COURT.

Letters of Administration on the estate of

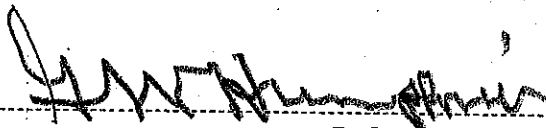
WILLIAM SLEDGE

deceased, are hereby granted to

NORBORNE STONE

who has duly qualified and given bond as such, and is authorized to administer such Estate.

Dated this 20th day of December, A.D., 1928. 191-



Judge of Probate.

The State of Alabama,

Baldwin COUNTY.

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of

William Sledge

Deceased.

Norborne Stone

Administrator.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

Issued *20th* day of

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G. W. Humphries

Judge of Probate.

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Henry Sledge, Wesley Sledge,
Joshua Sledge, Arthur Lee Sledge
Luberta Williams, Oscar Clopton
Jr., Marie Clopton, Ada Clopton
Theresa Clopton, Charlotte Clopton
and Luvenia Clopton .

Vs.

Norborne Stone as Administrator
of the Estate of William Sledge
Deceased, Adolph Sledge, and
Aline Armistead .

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

It appearing from the Register's report in this cause that the 7th day of April 1930 was set down and appointed as the day to hear and pass the accounts heretofore filed by Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge , Deceased , for final settlement of his administration hereof, and

It appearing from the Register's report that due notice of the time and the nature of the settlement was given as required by law and formal order of the Court, and ,

It appearing from the Register's report that J B Blackburn was duly and lawfully appointed to, and did, act as guardian ad litem for and to represent the interest of Oscar Clopton, Jr., Marie Clopton, Ada Clopton, Theresa Clopton, Charlotte Clopton and Luvenia Clopton, the only minors heirs interested in this proceeding and settlement, and,

It further appearing from the Register's report that the said Administrator heretofore filed with the Register an account between himself and the said Estate as required by law, and from a careful consideration thereof the Register finds that Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge , Deceased, has in his possession or under his control Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six and 25/100 (\$ 3,256.25) Dollars. That said sum of money constitutes the entire and complete assets of the said estate after the deduction of all credits as shown by the Administrator's account, and,

It further appearing from the Register's report that Henry Sledge, one of the heirs of the decedent has heretofore received from the said Administrator in the way of partial settlement the sum of One Hundred (\$ 100.00) Dollars, and ,

It further appears from the Register's report that it has found by the Register that Norborne Stone as Administrator of the said Estate is entitled to the sum of One Hundred and Thirty Seven & 90/100 (\$ 137.90) Dollars . That said sum of money was computed on ~~two and one~~ one half per cent of the total assets of the said Estate plus two and one half percent of the distribusements heretofore made, together with the further and additional sum of fifty & 00/100 (\$ 50.00) Dollars for attorney's fees incurred in defending this proceeding .

Upon this cause being submitted for final decree upon the Register's report and the Decree heretofore rendered , upon consideration thereof it is ordered , adjudged, and decreed that the accounts heretofore filed by the administrator, be, and the same are, hereby passed and allowed .

Further, that the Said Henry Sledge have and recove of the said Norborne Stone ^{Five Hundred,} One Thousand/Nine & 17/100 (\$ 1,509.17) Dollars That the said Wesley Sledge, Joshau Sledge, Arthur Lee Sledge, Adolph Sledge, Luberta Williams and Aline Armistead have and recover of the Said Norborne Stone the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Nine & 88/100 each. (\$ 229.88) Dollars, That all the minors herein aboved named have and recover of the said Norborne Stone the sum of Thirty Eight & 31/100 (\$ 38.31) Dollars each.

It is further ordered that the said Norborne Stone pay said sums of money to the adult heirs herein above named ~~in the amounts~~ that they are decreed entitled to and that the monies which the minors are entitled to receive be paid to the Register of this court pending the appointment of a legal guardian, and upon the appointment of such guaridan that the said monies be paid to him after deduction of the proper amount of court cost.

It is further ordered adjudged and decreed that the payment of the sums of money in the manner above stated shall operate as a discharge of the said Norborne Stone as duties ^{from} as administrator of the said estate.

It is further ordered , adjudged and decreed that all vouchers and other evidence and statements on file relating to this or any other settlement, and all papers and writings on file respecting the said estate be recorded.

It is further ordered adjudged and decreed that the cost of the proceeding incurred in this and the Probate Court be paid by the distributees herein named. Said cost to be taxed to each distributee in the same proportion as they received the assets of the said estate,

And now comes the said Norborne Stone, and shows to the satisfaction of the Court that he has paid and satisfied the several judgments hereinabove rendered against him, and paid into Court the monies belonging to the above named minors distributees, and that all his duties as such Administrator have been performed, it is ordered that he be, and hereby is, discharged from further duties and liabilities as such Administrator.

Done in term time this 14th day of April 1930 A. D.

J. W. Nare

Judge .

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Petitioners, (

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

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vs.)

NORBORNE STONE AS ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM SLEDGE, (DECEASED,
ADOLPH SLEDGE and
ALINE ARMISTEAD,

Respondents.)

IN EQUITY.

It appearing from the Register's report that Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased, has in his possession and under his control Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six and 25/100 (\$3,256.25) Dollars, property of the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased, and that said sum of money constitutes the entire and complete assets of the aforesaid Estate, and that the said Administrator is entitled to ** \$137.90** Dollars for services rendered in the administration of said Estate, and that Henry Sledge, one of the distributees hereafter named, has previously received a partial distribution in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and,

Whereas, it appears from the decree previously rendered in this cause on the 21st day of February, 1930, that the only heirs of William Sledge, Deceased, who are entitled to share in the distribution of said Estate, together with their relationship to the decedent, and the portions of the Estate which each heir is entitled to receive, according to law, is as follows:

Henry Sledge, Father, One-Half (1/2)

Wesley Sledge, Brother, One-Fourteenth (1/14)

Joshua Sledge, Brother, One-Fourteenth (1/14)

Arthur Lee Sledge, Brother, One-Fourteenth (1/14)

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In this cause the Register reports to the Court that under and by virtue of a decree rendered in this cause on the 21st day of February, 1930, he has caused citation to issue commanding the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama to transmit and deliver to the Register of the Circuit Court of said County and State all documents and papers in his possession pertaining to the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased, that said citation was duly, regularly and lawfully service on said Judge of Probate and that he has complied with the mandate thereof in accordance with the law.

That he issued citation directed to Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased, commanding him to make out and file with the Register an account, verified by his oath, between himself and the Estate of the said decedent, charging himself with all assets of the decedent which have come in to his possession and crediting himself with all the credits he is by law entitled to. That said citation was duly, regularly and lawfully served upon the aforesaid Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased. The said Administrator has duly complied with the mandate of said citation and did file on, to-wit, the 19th day of March, 1930, an account between himself and the aforesaid Estate.

Further, that upon the filing of the account between the Administrator and the Estate, I appointed and set down the 7th

day of April, 1930 at my office in Bay Minette, Alabama, as the day and place for the final settlement of the Estate of the aforesaid decedent. That notice of the same was duly and lawfully given by publication in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in the aforesaid County and State for three consecutive weeks. That further notice was given to every adult distributee thereof of the day set for making settlement as aforesaid by written notice thereof being duly and legally served upon them by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, and / or the written acceptance of service of such notice by the attorneys of record for the respective distributees.

Further, that J. B. Blackburn having filed his consent in writing to act as guardian ad litem for all minor parties interested in the settlement of the Estate, I have appointed the said J. B. Blackburn, a competent attorney at law as guardian ad litem to represent the interests of Oscar Clopton, Jr., Marie Clopton, Ada Clopton, Theresa Clopton, Charlotte Clopton, and Luvenia Clopton, minors interested in the settlement of the aforesaid Estate.

Further, that on the day appointed for final settlement of the Estate as aforesaid came before me Henry Sledge, Wesley Sledge, Joshua Sledge, Arthur Lee Sledge, Luberta Williams, through their attorneys, Dozier & Gray, Oscar Clopton, Jr., Marie Clopton, Ada Clopton, Theresa Clopton, Charlotte Clopton, and Luvenia Clopton through their guardian ad litem, J. B. Blackburn, Norborne Stone, the Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, in person, and Aline Armistead

Upon a careful consideration of the accounts and vouchers filed as aforesaid, I find that Norborne Stone as the Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased, has in his possession and under his control moneys, the property of the Estate, in the amount of Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Six and 25/100 (\$3,256.25) Dollars, and that said moneys are entire and complete assets of the said Estate, after the payment of One

Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for attorney's fees and expenses in connection with collecting and securing said moneys, and after the partial distribution of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to Henry Sledge, one of the distributees. Further, that the aforesaid Norborne Stone, as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased, is entitled to ** \$137.90** Dollars as compensation for services rendered in the administration of said Estate.

Dated April 7th 1930

J. M. Richardson (REGISTER)

The State of Alabama }
Baldwin County

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,
(In Equity)

Henry Sledge et al

COMPLAINANT

VS.

Norborne Stone et al ,

RESPONDENT S

I, T.W. Richerson,

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Henry Sledge , Oscar Clopton,

for Complainant and Norborne Stone for Respondents

witness .. named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 14th day of February

1930, at the office of Register

in Bay Minette, , Alabama, and having first sworn said witness to speak the

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said witnesses,

doth depose and say as follows:

ORAL EXAMINATION

I, T.W. Richerson,, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify
that the foregoing deposition on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by Stenographer
by agreement of Counsel

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at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said
witnesses or had proof 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.

Given under my hand and seal, this 21st day of February 19 30.

T. W. Richerson (L.S.)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

AT BAY MINETTE, ALA.

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HENRY SLEDGE, ET AL., :
Complainants, :
vs. : NO. EQUITY SIDE.
NORBORNE STONE, ET AL., :
Respondents. :
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TESTIMONY TAKEN ORALLY BEFORE REGISTER ON FEB. 14, 1930.

APPEARANCES:

Appearing for Complainants, Dozier & Gray through John T. Gray.

Appearing for Respondents, Norborne Stone as Administrator, R. C. Heard.

AGREEMENT AS TO WAIVER OF SIGNATURES OF WITNESSES.

It is agreed between Dozier & Gray as Solicitors of Record for Complainants and R. C. Heard as Solicitor of Record for Respondent, Norborne Stone as Administrator, that the testimony of the witnesses this day examined be taken down in shorthand by Miss Louise McLeod for T. W. Richerson, as Register and by her transcribed, and filed with the Register and that the reading over of such testimony after transcription and the signatures of the witnesses to their respective testimony be and the same hereby is waived.

DOZIER & GRAY,

By John T. Gray,
as Solicitors for Complainants.

R. C. Heard,
as Solicitor for Norborne Stone as Administrator.

HENRY SLEDGE, ONE OF THE COMPLAINANTS AND A WITNESS FOR COMPLAINANTS, BEING DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: -

DIRECT EXAMINATION

I am Henry Sledge, father of one William Sledge, now deceased. I live in Baldwin County, Alabama, in the town of Fairhope. My son, William Sledge, during the year of 1916 resided in Baldwin

County, at or near Bay Minette, Alabama. On or about June 5, 1916 my son, William Sledge, married one Illinois (or Ella Noise) Rogers. William and his bride resided in Baldwin County, Alabama, near the town of Bay Minette with the sister of William, Virginia Clopton. To my knowledge, William provided adequate and sufficient support and protection, and so far as I could observe, they lived a peaceful, contented life.

During the first part of 1917, the aforesaid Illinois Sledge left and deserted her home and husband without notice and without cause, leaving no address, and, so far as diligent search can ascertain, has never been seen or heard of since. Some time after the United States of America declared war against Germany, my son, William, enlisted in the United States army, was sent to France where it is reported by government authorities he died October 25, 1918. He left surviving him the following: -

Nancy Mosley Sledge, mother; Henry Sledge, father;
Wesley Sledge, brother; Joshua Sledge, brother;
Arthur Lee Sledge, brother; Luberta Sledge (now
Luberta Williams), sister; Aline Sledge (now Aline
Armistead), sister; Adolph Sledge, brother; Virginia
Clopton, sister,

which constitute all the heirs of my son, William. Since the death of William, his sister, Virginia Clopton, has died and left surviving her the following minor children, all nieces and nephews of the deceased William: -

Oscar Clopton, Jr., Marie Clopton, Ada Clopton,
Theresa Clopton and Luvenia Clopton.

As stated before, I have made diligent search and inquiries in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of Illinois Sledge. Such efforts have been made by me for many years, and especially of late. Upon being informed that the profits of The War Risk Insurance Policy on the life of my son, William, were being held for the rightful heirs of his body, I have made

search for Illinois in the following manner: -

I have asked Mr. M. F. Northrop, the President of the Bank at Fairhope, if he could give me any information that might tend in any way whatsoever to ascertain the whereabouts of Illinois Sledge. I have given Mr. Norborne Stone the name of the party for whom Illinois' father worked, T. L. Taylor of Bromley, Alabama, and understand that Mr. Stone had made inquiry through Mr. Taylor. I have inquired at the postoffice at Bay Minette, Alabama and at the postoffice at Fairhope and Bromley, Alabama, but have found no information whatsoever concerning the whereabouts of Illinois. On one occasion, I requested Mr. Carlyle McDavid to help me find Illinois, and to inquire throughout his collection route in order that some information might be obtained. Mr. McDavid reported to me that he did make many inquiries, but he found no one that had heard from Illinois since she departed. I was advised by my attorneys that this matter would have to be handled in the Circuit Court, on account of the necessity of making proof that the wife of William Sledge was no longer his heir.

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CROSS EXAMINATION BY R. C. HEARD

I was acquainted with Illinois Rogers before she married my son, and, of course, came to know her better after her marriage. We were always on the best of terms up to the time that she left. After she left, neither I, nor my wife, who was also on good terms with her, received any word or communication in any way. We understood that she went to Texas from here and we made inquiries of other people who had known her in an effort to find out if she had written them, but all information was that no one had heard from or of her.

Through Stone & Stone, and then later through Mr. Norborne Stone, attorney of Bay Minette, my daughter, Aline Catherine Sledge, now Aline Armistead, my wife, Nancy Mosley Sledge, who is now dead, and I had lots of correspondence with the Veterans Bureau and other departments which had to do with ex-soldiers or deceased veterans in connection with insurance, compensations

and the like, and none of us were at any time advised or informed that any claim of any kind had been made by Illinois Sledge for any compensation, pay, or otherwise, as the wife of William Sledge, deceased.

I really think that Illinois Sledge died when the flu was so bad, for it was right after she left that it became so bad over the whole country and so many people died. I also base this on information received by me from Fannie Curtis, who knew Illinois quite well and Willie Lee, who was also acquainted with her and her family, each of whom told me that they learned that she died out in Texas shortly after leaving here. No, I have not heard from or of Illinois during the past thirteen years, nor have I ever seen or heard of any one who has heard from or of her, except Fannie Curtis and Willie Lee, and it is the general belief in the communities where she lived or was known that she is dead and has been dead for many years.

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NORBORNE STONE, A WITNESS FOR THE RESPONDENT, NORBORNE STONE AS ADMINISTRATOR, UPON BEING DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: -

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY R. C. HEARD

My name is Norborne Stone. I am one of the Respondents in this cause, being sued as the Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased, having been appointed by and having duly qualified in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama as such Administrator on December 19, 1928. I am, and have been for many years, in my capacity as attorney, the counsel for Henry Sledge, his wife, Nancy Sledge, now deceased, and Aline Armistead, who was formerly Aline Sledge, for whom I also served for several years as guardian, while she was under age. During all of this period, I have had to do with the affairs of William Sledge, deceased, in connection with insurance, compensation and like matters handled by this department of the said government. I have personal knowledge that the allegations of paragraph One of the bill are true, and that the allegations of the first paragraph or section of the second paragraph of the bill are true

but as to the residences and ages of the other Respondents named therein, I do not know. I also admit the allegations of paragraph Three. As to the assets now in my control as Administrator of the estate of William Sledge, deceased, they are as set out in my answer, under paragraph designated Four.

I do not have any direct knowledge that the wife of William Sledge is an heir at law or entitled to share in his estate, for I do not know whether she is living or dead, and if dead, how long she has been dead. It is by reason of this question as to the existence of Illinois Sledge not being a matter of record and not being definite that I have withheld, under advice, making distribution of this estate, although this is the only matter holding it up, since the monies in hand are not liable for the payment of any debts or obligations, other than the costs of administration. The only information that I have as to Illinois Sledge I gain from the relatives of William Sledge, the Complainants in this case and that was to the effect that he did have at one time a wife by this name, but who disappeared and had not been heard from or of in over ten years. At my instance, Henry Sledge, the father of William Sledge, deceased, and one of the Complainants made inquiries of people in various communities who would have been likely to have had knowledge on the question of whether this woman was dead or alive. Among those so inquired of was T. L. Taylor, who is now and has been for many years a naval stores operator in the Bromley section and for whom the family of Illinois Sledge had worked prior to and were working at the time of her leaving for Texas. Mr. Taylor on inquiries made by me stated that he had not heard of or from this woman or from any of her people and had no information concerning them at all, but understood that they left for Texas or Missouri and that certain of the people in his employ understood that this woman was dead.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. GRAY

No, there is no reason why this estate should not be wound up as soon as this question is settled. There are no debts for which the monies in hand could be made liable, nor are there any legal obstacles in the way of making final settlement.

I have no objection and know of no valid objection that

could be made to an immediate settlement as soon as it was as-
certained to whom the money should be distributed. Although

I have no personal knowledge by reason of the circumstances

of the case, it is my personal belief from the facts that have
been ascertained and from the other facts which could not be

ascertained that this wife of William Sledge must have died

shortly after leaving this County. Yes, I am an attorney, having

been in the active practice for thirteen years and am fully ac-
quainted with all of the efforts made by the Respondents to

locate or ascertain whether or not Illinois Sledge was living or

dead. I can state as a fact that they have been not only diligent,

but in my belief, most diligent, this especially when they were in-
formed by me that this fact would have to be definitely estab-

lished one way or the other before distribution could be made.

OSCAR CLOPTON, A WITNESS FOR COMPLAINANTS, BEING DULY
SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: -

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. GRAY

My name is Oscar Clifton. I live in Baldwin County, Alabama,

near the town of Bay Minette. I am the husband of Virginia Clip-

ton who was, before she married me, Virginia Sledge. My wife is

now dead. I have the following children: -

Oscar Clifton, Jr., Marie Clifton, Ada Clifton,

Theresa Clifton and Luvenia Clifton,

who are the children of my wife, Virginia.

I knew William Sledge before he married Illinois Rogers, and

after William and Illinois were married, they lived at my house un-

til William's wife left him and until William went to war. I know that William supported, loved and protected his wife and apparently they lead a happy and contented married life. William worked at Stockton Mill and one day while he was at work, his wife left him and went away with her mother and her father. William lived with me several months longer, and I know that he never received any word or letter from his wife and I haven't seen or heard of his wife or her family since they left. Illinois and her father and mother knew a number of people in and around Bay Minette and had lots of friends. I have seen many of the people who knew Illinois, but, so far as I can find out, no word or letter from Illinois has been received by them.

Illinois Sledge was small and poorly and had considerable lung trouble, often suffering with colds and fever.

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CROSS EXAMINATION BY R. C. HEARD

Yes, after she left I asked different people if they had ever heard from or of Illinois and they all answered no. No, I have never written her any letter as I had no way of addressing one to her. Yes, Illinois and William were on the best of terms and I believe that if she were living, William would have received some word from her. No, no letters came to my house addressed to William from her after he was sent to war. No, none of the people who knew Illinois believe that she will ever return and it is the common belief that she died many years ago.

SLEDGE, WILLIAM,

IN THE PROBATE COURT.

Deceased.

STATE OF ALABAMA.

ESTATE OF,

BALDWIN COUNTY.

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

TO THE HONORABLE THE PROBATE COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,
ALABAMA, AND THE HON. G. W. HUMPHRIES, JUDGE THEREOF.

Comes your Petitioner, Norborne Stone and filed this his
Petition for Letters of Administration on the Estate of William Sledge,
deceased and shows:-

That your Petitioner is over the age of 21 years and is a
bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, residing at Bay Min-
ette, Alabama;

That the above named decedent departed this life intestate
on, to-wit: October 25th., 1918, while in the Military Service of
the United States of America, his death taking place in France; that
said decedent left property consisting of the United States War Risk
Policy in the sum of \$10,000.00 with his mother, Nancy Sledge and his
sister, Aline Sledge (now Aline Armistead) named as beneficiaries
thereunder, each to the extent of one-half thereof; that upon the
death of the said Nancy Sledge, which occurred during the month of
January, 1927, the balance of the one-half of said policy under which
the said Nancy Sledge was named as beneficiary, passed to the estate
of the said William Sledge so that he now has an estate consisting
of monies due by the United States Government of approximately
\$2,000.00 the exact amount being unknown and yet to be ascertained
by the United States Government; that at the time of the death of the
said William Sledge he was a resident and citizen of Baldwin County,
Alabama, residing near Bromley where he lived at the time of entering
the Military Service of the United States, Bromley, Alabama, being
his legal residence.

The estate of the said decedent is limited as above set out
he having no other real or personal property known to your Petitioner.

That the several heirs and next of kin of said decedent as
hereinafter named have been and are unable to qualify as Administra-
tor on said estate and that your Petitioner has been and is now re-
quested by certain of such next of kin to qualify and act as such
Administrator.

That the heirs, next of kin and distributees of said decedent, together with their relationship, ages and places of residence are as follows:-

Ella Noise Sledge, wife, whose whereabouts are unknown, have not been known for over ten years and cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry made.

Henry Sledge, father, over the age of 21 years, Fairhope, Alabama.

Wesley Sledge, a brother, over the age of 21 years, Bromley, Alabama.

Adolph Sledge, a brother, over the age of 21 years, Stapleton, Alabama.

Joshua Sledge, a brother, over the age of 21 years, Bromley, Alabama.

Arthur Lee Sledge, a brother, over the age of 21 years, Bromley, Alabama.

Luberta Williams, a sister, over the age of 21 years, Fairhope, Alabama.

Aline Armistead, over the age of 18 years and married, a sister, Hurricane, Alabama.

Junior Clopton, age 20 years; Marie Clopton, age 18 years; Ada Clopton, age 16 years; Theresa Clopton, age 14 years; Charlotte Clopton, age 12 years; Luvenia Clopton, age 8 years, all are nephews and nieces of said decedent (being the children of Virginia Clopton, deceased, a sister of said decedent and Oscar Clopton Jr.) whose addresses are Bay Minette, Alabama, and who reside with Oscar Clopton Jr. their father, they having no legal guardian.

That of the persons who have prior right to administer on this estate none have qualified or petitioned for Letters within the time required to assert such preferential right.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Petitioner prays that Letters of Administration issued to him upon said Estate on his entering into Bond with sufficient sureties as required by law.

Norman Horn
Petitioner.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public whose seal is hereto affixed, this 19th day of December, 1928.

John Shagan
Notary Public, Baldwin County,
Alabama.

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The estate of the said decedent is limited as above set out
he having no other real or personal property known to your Petitioner.

That the several heirs and next of kin of said decedent as
hereinafter named have been and are unable to qualify as Administrator
on said estate and that your Petitioner has been and is now requested
by certain of such next of kin to qualify and act as such
Administrator.

Henry Sledge et al

vs.

Adolph Sledge et al,

vs.

STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County,

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

This the 12th day of
December 1929

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register of this Court by the affidavit of
Henry Sledge, Luberta Williams and Arthur Lee Sledge,
that the Defendant Adolph Sledge,

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and resides in St Louis Missouri,

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant is over the age of 21
years; it is, therefore ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin Times,
a newspaper published in Bay Minette Alabama,

Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring
the said Adolph Sledge,

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 12th day of
January 1930, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may
be taken against him

D. W. McCreary
Register.

Attorneys for Plaintiff.
Dozier & Gray.

HENRY SLEDGE, WESLEY SLEDGE,
JOSHUA SLEDGE, ARTHUR LEE
SLEDGE, LUBERTA WILLIAMS,
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ALINE ARMISTEAD

Respondents. (

IN EQUITY.

Comes the Complainant in the above styled cause
and moves the Court to enter a decree pro confesso against the
Respondents, Adolph Sledge and Aline Armistead, and as grounds
therefor, alleges the following:

FIRST, that publication requiring the Respondent,
Adolph Sledge, to answer, plead or demur to the Bill of Complaint
has been regularly completed, and the said Respondent, Adolph
Sledge, having failed, to this date, to answer, plead or demur,
is now in default.

SECOND, that the Respondent, Aline Armistead, has
been regularly and personally served with Process of Subpoena,
requiring her to answer, plead or demur to the within Bill of
Complaint, within thirty days from the service of said Subpoena,
and that more than thirty days have elapsed since the service of
the Subpoena aforesaid, and the said Respondent has wholly failed
to answer, plead or demur to the allegations of the Bill of Com-
plaint.


SOLICITORS FOR COMPLAINANTS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)

OF (

WILLIAM SLEDGE, DECEASED.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY,

ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY. (

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register by the allegations of the complaint of Henry Sledge, et al, that Oscar Clopton, Jr., Marie Clopton, Ada Clopton, Theresa Clopton and Luvenia Clopton are minors and that they are interested in the distribution of the above styled estate; and that no one has been nominated by said minors to act as guardian ad litem for them; and it further appearing that J. B. Blackburn is in all respects a suitable person to act as guardian ad litem for such infants; and the said J. B. Blackburn, having filed his consent, in writing, to act as such,

Now, therefore, it is ordered by the Register that the said J. B. Blackburn, be and hereby is appointed guardian ad litem in this cause for said infants.

Witness my hand this 19 day of March, 1930.

T. W. Blackburn (REGISTER)

RECORDED

Ridge

Appointment of
Resident
Ad Litem

Filed March 19th / 43
J W McKeen
Clerk.

No. _____

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY,

ALABAMA.

IN

HENRY SLEDGE, et al,
PETITIONERS,

vs.

NORBORNE STONE AS ADMR. OF
ESTATE OF WM. SLEDGE, DE-
CEASED, et al,
RESPONDENTS.

Received in office and filed
this 13th day of February, 1930.

T. W. Rimmer
REGISTER

BAY MINETTE, ALA. 8-29

192 9 No.

BALDWIN COUNTY BANK

61-258

Pay to the
order of

W. D. Stapleton

\$ 3000⁰⁰

Three thousand

$\frac{75}{100}$

Dollars

*Norborn Stone, As Admin
Estate Wm Sledge decd.*

BAY MINETTE, ALA.

June 27

192 9 No.

BALDWIN COUNTY BANK

61-258

Pay to the
order of

W. Stone, Attorney

\$ 100⁰⁰

One hundred

$\frac{100}{100}$

Dollars

*Legal Services Administrator
Estate Wm Sledge and
Sewers first year.*

*Norborn Stone
Administrator*

BAY MINETTE, ALA.

June 27

192 9 No.

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Pay to the
order of

Henry Sledge

\$ 100⁰⁰

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Dollars

*Partial
Distribution*

*Norborn Stone
Administrator*

Arthur Stone

Henry Edge
C. H. Williams

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
 ANY BANK, BANKER OR TRUST CO.
 ALL PRIOR ENDORSEMENTS GUARANTEED
 JUL 3 1929
 The Mechanics National Bank of Mobile
 61-79 MOBILE, ALA.
 61-79
 1054 N. GARDEN ST. MOBILE, ALA.

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
 ANY BANK, BANKER, BANKING OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
 AT THE BANK OF AMERICA
 JUL 1 1928
 BANK OF AMERICA
 61-401 OF 1928
 JOHN F. MARTIN & COMPANY
 ATTORNEYS AT LAW
 NEW YORK, N. Y.

HENRY SLEDGE ET AL,

Complainants.

vs.

NORBORNE STONE, As Adminis-
trator of the Estate of
William Sledge, Deceased,
et al.

Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,
EQUITY SIDE, AND TO THE HON. FRANCIS W. HARE, JUDGE THEREOF, SITTING
IN EQUITY:

Comes the Respondent, Norborne Stone, as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased, and under and pursuant to the decree rendered on the 21st day of February, 1930 in this cause, wherein and whereby this Respondent, as such Administrator, was ordered to make out and file with the Register of this Court an account verified by oath, between such Respondent, as such Administrator, and the said estate, charging respondent with the assets of the estate which have come into his possession as such Administrator and crediting him with all credits to which he may be entitled by law.

Respondent files this his petition for final settlement and discharge, as such Administrator, together with all accounts, vouchers, statements and cancelled checks relating to said administration and shows unto this Court and your Honor as follows:-

That Respondent was heretofore on the 19th day of December, 1929 appointed as Administrator of said estate by the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and that he duly qualified as such; that on December 20th, 1928 and within the time prescribed by law, he gave notice of such appointment in the form prescribed by law and that such notice was duly published in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in this County in which the letters were issued, said publication appearing for three successive weeks.

That after Respondent was appointed Administrator, he received from the United States Veterans Bureau the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Ten and 25/100 Dollars (\$3310.25), being the then present worth of a War Risk Insurance Policy of William Sledge,

Deceased; that of said amount, \$3,000.00 was loaned by Respondent to W. D. Stapleton on July 12th, 1929, which said loan together with \$146.00, representing the interest thereon at 8% from July 12th, 1929 to February 21, 1930, was repaid by W. D. Stapleton on the 21st day of February, 1930; that said \$3310.25, together with \$146.00 interest, is the amount with which your Respondent is chargeable; that a statement of all monies, together with the ~~dates~~ and amounts, as received by Respondent, is hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A" and made a part of this petition.

That of the monies coming into Respondent's hands, as Administrator, there has been expended the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for attorneys fees in connection with securing said money from the United States Veterans Bureau and the administration of said estate, and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) by way of partial distribution to Henry Sledge, all as shown by statement attached hereto, marked Exhibit "B" and made a part of this petition, and by vouchers evidencing the same in the form of cancelled checks which are filed hereto.

That there now remains in Respondent's hands the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-six Dollars (\$3256.25), the amount with which he is chargeable after crediting him with all the credits to which he is entitled by law.

That no claims have been filed against said estate although the time for so filing has elapsed; that there remains unpaid reasonable commissions due Respondent, as such Administrator, on his receipts and disbursements, and also there remains unpaid attorneys fees incurred in connection with the defense of this cause and in connection with the final settlement of this administration.

Your Petitioner alleges that he has administered said estate and handled said monies to the best of his ability and has not at any time used the same or any part thereof for his personal benefit.

That the names, relationship, ages and addresses of the heirs and next of kin of such estate are as follows:-

Henry Sledge, father, over the age of 21 years, Bromley, Alabama;

Adolph Sledge, a brother, over the age of 21 years, Stapleton, Alabama;

Joshua Sledge, a brother, over the age of 21 years, Bromley, Alabama;


Arthur Lee Sledge, a brother, over the age of 21 years, Bromley, Alabama;

Luberta Williams, a sister, over the age of 21 years, Fairhope, Alabama;

Aline Armistead, over the age of 18 years and married, a sister, Hurricane, Alabama;

Junior Clopton, age 20 years; Marie Clopton, age 18 years; Ada Clopton, age 16 years; Theresa Clopton, age 14 years; Charlotte Clopton, age 12 years; Luvenia Clopton, age 8 years, all are nephews and nieces of said decedent (being the children of Virginia Clopton, deceased, a sister of said decedent and Oscar Clopton Jr.) whose addresses are Bay Minette, Alabama, and who reside with Oscar Clopton Jr., their father, they having no legal guardian; the said Oscar Clopton Jr. having the maintenance and charge of all of said minors.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that this Court take jurisdiction of this petition and that all necessary orders and decrees be made and entered and notices issued as are necessary in the premises to effectuate a final settlement of the administration of Respondent on above estate; that upon such hearing the accounts of Respondent, as filed herewith, be passed and allowed and that all accounts incurred or paid be allowed, including reasonable attorneys fees in connection with the defense of this cause and the administration of said estate and this final settlement, and that the commissions to which Respondent is entitled according to law be allowed and that upon Respondent, as such Administrator, complying with said decree, he and the Sureties on his bond be discharged.


Respondent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
a Notary Public whose seal is here-
to affixed, this 24th day of
February, 1930.


Notary Public, Baldwin
County, Alabama.

EXHIBIT "A"

RECEIPTS FROM DECEMBER 19, 1928 TO FEBRUARY 24, 1930.

RECEIPTS.

6/14/29	received from U.S. Veterans Bureau check	\$3310.25
2/21/30	Repayment of loan by W. D. Stapleton	3000.00
2/21/30	Interest on W. D. Stapleton Loan	<u>146.00</u>
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	6456.25
2/21/30	Total Disbursements as shown by Exhibit "B"	3200.00
		<u>\$3256.25</u>

EXHIBIT "B"
DISBURSEMENTS.

DATE	VOUCHER NO.	PAYEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT.
6/27/29	1	Henry Sledge	Partial dis- tribution	\$100.00
6/27/29	2	N. C. Stone, Atty.	Legal services	100.00
8/29/29	3	W. D. Stapleton	Loan	<u>3,000.00</u>
		Total Disbursements		\$3200.00

HENRY SLEDGE, ET AL

Complainants,

-vs-

NORBORNE STONE, Administrator,
ET AL,

Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY.

TESTIMONY TAKEN ORALLY IN OPEN COURT ON HEARING OF PETITION
FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE OF ADMINISTRATOR.

W. C. Beebe, witness for Petitioner, being duly sworn,
testifies as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY R. C. HEARD.

"My name is W. C. Beebe. I am a practicing Attorney at Law at Bay Minette, Alabama, where I have been engaged in the practice of law continuously for more than fifteen years. I am not related by blood or marriage to any of the wards or parties interested in this estate, Norborne Stone, Administrator, R. C. Heard, M. F. Dozier or John D. Gray. I have examined the file and all papers on file in this estate and those in connection with this suit, including the Petition for Final Discharge and Settlement, and I am fully and intimately acquainted with all of the procedure and work involved and know the responsibility incident to a defense of the suit pending herein.

Basing my answer upon my experience and knowledge of this particular estate and the suit in connection therewith, I state that ~~\$750.00~~ is a reasonable Attorneys fee for services rendered in connection with the defense of such suit, such services of an attorney being, in my opinion, not only proper but absolutely necessary in order that the Administrator be properly protected upon his final settlement.

A fair, reasonable and just fee to be paid a Guardian Ad Litem for representing the wards interested in this estate in connection with this final settlement is, in my opinion, based on my experience and knowledge of this matter, the sum of ~~\$750.00~~.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY JOHN T. GRAY, SOLICITOR FOR
HENRY SLEDGE, ET AL.

I base my answer with respect to fees upon the time necessarily involved and the responsibility falling upon an Attorney in connection with the defense of such suit.

I not only think that the Administrator should have employed a Counsel for the handling of the defense in this suit, but feel that if he had not done so, he would not have been properly protected in his final settlement.

The figures above named are based upon the customary and prevailing rate of charges for similar services in this section and with which I am fully acquainted.

H. C. Beebe

Sworn to and subscribed before
me, this 12th day of April,
1930.

D. W. Rice

Register, Circuit Court,
Baldwin County, Alabama.

No. 86 In the Matter of Estate of William Sladger, Deceased
W.C. Stone Administrator, Executor or Guardian. Residence _____

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BAY MINETTE, ALA.,

Dec 20 1928

IN ACCOUNT WITH

G. W. Humphries**JUDGE OF PROBATE, BALDWIN COUNTY**

Please Return Bill With Remittance

Privilege Tax

Rec. Fee

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17/20 To Prep. Cert. Copy of Petition, Bonds and
Letter to Admin. Est. of William Slagg
Alcohol

165

No. 869 In the Matter of Estate of William Sledge, Deceased
N.C. State Administrator, Executor or Guardian. Residence _____

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No. 869

No

Benny

County

IN THE MATTER OF

Ex. William Dodge
Received

PROBATE FEE BILL

Received of

Dollars

in payment of the above, this.....

day of _____ 19____

Judge of Probate.

(Box 591-2) MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

Date	FEEES OF SHERIFF	Amount	Date	FEEES OF WITNESSES	Amount
	Serving and Returning Citations, @ \$1 50				
	Summoning Witness, @ .65				
	Collecting Execution for Cost, 1 50				
	Serving Application to Perpetrate Testimony, 1 00				
	Impaneling Jury, 75				
	Serving Notices, @ 1 50				
	Summoning Jury Dower, per day, 5 00				
	Serving Writs, @ 50				
	Sheriff's Commission,				
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	FEEES OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM				
	FEEES OF COMMISSIONERS				

No. 0009

PROBATE COURT

PROBATE FEE BILL

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Judge of Probate.

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HENRY SLEDGE, WESLEY SLEDGE,
JOSHUA SLEDGE, ARTHUR LEE
SLEDGE, LUBERTA WILLIAMS

AND

OSCA CLOPTON JR., MARIE
CLOPTON, ADA CLOPTON, THERESA
CLOPTON, CHARLOTTE CLOPTON
AND LUVENIA CLOPTON, MINORS
BY THEIR FATHER AND NEXT OF
FRIEND, OSCA CLOPTON SR.

PETITIONERS.

VS.

NORBORNE STONE AS ADMINISTRATOR*
OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM SLEDGE*
DECEASED, ADOLPH SLEDGE, AND
ALINE ARMISTEAD.

RESPONDENTS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

TO THE HONORABLE FRANCIS W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID COURT
SITTING IN EQUITY.

Come the petitioners in the above style cause and present to your Honor this petition to remove the administration of the Estate of William Sledge, which is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to his Honor's Court. As grounds therefor and as a basis for relief hereafter prayed, the petitioners show unto your Honor the following facts:

1. The petitioners, Henry Sledge, Wesley Sledge, Joshua Sledge, Arthur Lee Sledge, Luberta Williams are all resident citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama and are over the age of twenty-one years. That Osca Clopton Jr., Marie Clopton, Ada Clopton, Theresa Clopton, Charlotte Clopton and Luvenia Clopton are minors, under the age of twenty-one years and reside with their father Osca Clopton Sr., in Baldwin County, Alabama. That said minors have no legal guardian.

2. That the respondent Norborne Stone, the administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased, is a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama and over the age of twenty-one years.

3. That the respondent, Aline Armistead is a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama and over the age of eighteen years and married.

That the respondent Adolph Sledge is a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, and over the age of twenty-one years.

3. Petitioners allege that William Sledge departed this life on, to-wit, the 25th day of October, 1918, and aver that the respondent, Norborne Stone, was duly and lawfully appointed Administrator of the Estate of the said William Sledge, deceased, by the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama on the 19th day of December, 1918. The petitioners further aver that the administration of the aforesaid estate is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

4. The petitioners allege that the respondent, Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased, has in his possession or under his control certain monies, the estate of said decedent, *derived from a War Risk Insurance policy on life of decedent*

5. The petitioners aver that the only heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of the aforesaid decedent, together with their relationship are as follows:

Henry Sledge, father; Wesley Sledge, brother; Joshua Sledge, brother; Arthur Lee Sledge, brother; Luberta Williams, sister; Aline Armistead, sister; Adolph Sledge, brother; Oscar Clopton, Jr., Marie Clopton, Ada Clopton, Theresa Clopton and Luvenia Clopton, all are nephews and nieces of said decedent, being the children of Virginia Clopton, deceased, a sister of the said Deceased William Sledge.

6. The petitioners further allege that they are heirs at law of William Sledge, deceased, that the administration of the Estate of William Sledge is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, that the Estate has not been finally settled, and that it is the opinion of the petitioners that such estate can be better administered in His Honor's Court, than in the Probate Court.

WHEREFORE, THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, The petitioners pray the following:

1. That your Honor will take jurisdiction of this cause under and by virtue of Section 6478 of the 1923 Code of Alabama, and that appropriate process issue out of his Honor's Court, directed to Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate

of William Sledge, Deceased, Adolph Sledge and Aline Armstead, requiring them to plead, answer or demur to the within petition within thirty days, the time allowed and provided by law, to then and there answer and singular the premises, and to stand and abide by such orders and decrees therein made as his Honor's Court shall deem meet.

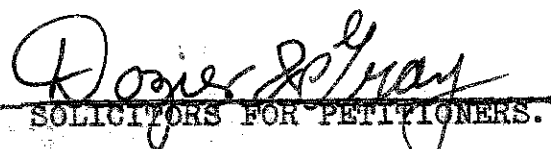
2. That your Honor shall appoint a competent attorney at law as guardian ad litem to represent the interests of the above named minors, interested in the settlement of the Estate.

3. The petitioners further pray that your Honor order, (under and by virtue of Section 5919 of the 1923 Code of Alabama) the aforesaid Norborne Stone as Administrator of the estate of William Sledge, deceased, to file all his accounts, vouchers, ether and all papers pertinent to the financial condition of the estate of the said decedent. That the amount of monies of which the aforesaid estate consists be determined. Further, that after deducting the expenses of administration that your Honor order, adjudg e and decree the amount of money which each of the above named heirs are entitled to receive according to law, and that it be further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the sums so determined be paid to such heirs by Norborne Stone, as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased.

4. The petitioners further pray that your Honor will cause such reference to be had by the Register of the Court as may be necessary to ascertain all material facts necessary for entering the relief prayed.

5. The petitioners further pray for such other, further and different relief as the nature of the cause may justify or your Honor shall deem meet and proper.

6. The petitioners offer to do equity as follows:--
The petitioners submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the Court and offer to do whatever the Court may consider necessary to be done on their part toward making the decree which they seek, just and equitable with regard to the other parties to the suit.


SOLICITORS FOR PETITIONERS.

FOOT NOTE:

The respondents are required to answer all the allegations of the foregoing petition, but not under oath, oath to said answers being hereby expressly waived.

Dozier & Gray
SOLICITORS FOR PETITIONERS

Before me, B. L. West, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Henry Sledge, ~~Wesley Sledge~~, ~~Joshua Sledge~~, Arthur Lee Sledge and Luberta Williams, who have, in my presence, had the above petition read to them and who, after being first duly sworn by me, affirm that the allegations contained therein are true and correct, to their personal knowledge.

Henry ^{his} Sledge
Luberta Williams
Arthur Lee Sledge

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 26 day of Nov, 1929.

B. L. West
Notary Public Ex officio, J. R.

HENRY SLEDGE, WESLEY SLEDGE,
JOSHUA SLEDGE, ARTHUR LEE
SLEDGE, LUBERTA WILLIAMS

AND

OSCA CLOPTON JR., MARIE
CLOPTON, ADA CLOPTON, THERESA
CLOPTON, CHARLOTTE CLOPTON
AND LUVENIA CLOPTON, MINORS
BY THEIR FATHER AND NEXT OF
FRIEND, OSCA CLOPTON SR.

PETITIONERS.

Vs.

NORBORNE STONE AS ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM SLEDGE,
DECEASED, ADOLPH SLEDGE, AND
ALINE ARMISTEAD.

RESPONDENTS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

TO THE HONORABLE FRANCIS W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID COURT
SITTING IN EQUITY.

Come the petitioners in the above style cause and present to your Honor this petition to remove the administration of the Estate of William Sledge, which is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to his Honor's Court. As grounds therefor and as a basis for relief hereafter prayed, the petitioners show unto your Honor the following facts:

1. The petitioners, Henry Sledge, Wesley Sledge, Joshua Sledge, Arthur Lee Sledge, Luberta Williams are all resident citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama and are over the age of twenty-one years. That Osea Clopton Jr., Marie Clopton, ada Clopton, Theresa Clopton, Charlotte Clopton and Luvonia Clopton are minors, under the age of twenty-one years and reside with their father Osea Clopton Sr., in Baldwin County, Alabama. That said minors have no legal guardian.

2. That the respondent Norborne Stone, the administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased, is a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama and over the age of twenty-one years.

3. That the respondent, Aline Armistead is a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama and over the age of eighteen years and married.

That the respondent Adolph Sledge is a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, and over the age of twenty-one years.

3. Petitioners allege that William Sledge departed this life on, to-wit, the 28th day of October, 1918, and aver that the respondent, Horberne Stone, was duly and lawfully appointed Administrator of the Estate of the said William Sledge, deceased, by the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama on the 19th day of December, 1918. The petitioners further aver that the administration of the aforesaid estate is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

4. The petitioners allege that the respondent, Horberne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased, has in his possession or under his control certain

monies, the estate of said decedent, *derived from a war Risk Insurance Policy on life & interest*

5. The petitioners aver that the only heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of the aforesaid decedent, together with their relationship are as follows:

Henry Sledge, father; Wesley Sledge, brother; Joshua Sledge, brother; Arthur Lee Sledge, brother; Lubuntu Williams, sister; Aline Armistead, sister; Adolph Sledge, brother; Oscar Clopton, Jr., Marie Clopton, Ada Clopton, Theresa Clopton and Lavenia Clopton, all are nephews and nieces of said decedent, being the children of Virginia Clopton, deceased, a sister of the said Deceased William Sledge.

6. The petitioners further allege that they are heirs at law of William Sledge, deceased, that the administration of the Estate of William Sledge is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, that the Estate has not been finally settled, and that it is the opinion of the petitioners that such estate can be better administered in His Honor's Court, than in the Probate Court.

WHEREFORE, THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, The petitioners pray the following:

1. That your Honor will take jurisdiction of this cause under and by virtue of Section 6473 of the 1933 Code of Alabama, and that appropriate process issue out of his Honor's Court, directed to Horberne Stone as Administrator of the Estate

of William Sledge, Deceased, Adolph Sledge and Aline Armstead, requiring them to plead, answer or demur to the within petition within thirty days, the time allowed and provided by law, to then and there answer and singular the premises, and to stand and abide by such orders and decrees therein made as his Honor's Court shall deem meet.

2. That your Honor shall appoint a competent attorney at law as guardian ad litem to represent the interests of the above named minors, interested in the settlement of the Estate.

3. The petitioners further pray that your Honor order, (under and by virtue of Section 5919 of the 1933 Code of Alabama) the aforesaid Norborne Stone as Administrator of the estate of William Sledge, deceased, to file all his accounts, vouchers, other and all papers pertinent to the financial condition of the estate of the said decedent. That the amount of monies of which the aforesaid estate consists be determined. Further, that after deducting the expenses of administration that your Honor order, adjudg e and decree the amount of money which each of the above named heirs are entitled to receive according to law, and that it be further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the sums so determined be paid to such heirs by Norborne Stone, as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased.

4. The petitioners further pray that your Honor will cause such reference to be had by the Register of the Court as may be necessary to ascertain all material facts necessary for entering the relief prayed.

5. The petitioners further pray for such other, further and different relief as the nature of the cause may justify or your Honor shall deem meet and proper.

6. The petitioners offer to do equity as follows:-- The petitioners submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the Court and offer to do whatever the Court may consider necessary to be done on their part toward making the decree which they seek, just and equitable with regard to the other parties to the suit.


DIXIE J. GRAY
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONERS.

FOOT NOTE:

The respondents are required to answer all the allegations of the foregoing petition, but not under oath, oath to said answers being hereby expressly waived.

Dozier & Gray
COLLECTORS FOR PETITIONERS

Before me, A. L. West, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Henry Sledge, ~~Barley Sledge~~, ~~John Sledge~~, Arthur Lee Sledge and Luberta Williams, who have, in my presence, had the above petition read to them and who, after being first duly sworn by me, affirm that the allegations contained therein are true and correct, to their personal knowledge.

Henry ^{him} Sledge
Luberta Williams

Arthur Lee Sledge

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 26 day of Nov, 1929.

A. L. West
Notary Public & Ex-officio
J. J.

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
(
COUNTY OF BALDWIN.)

By virtue of a decree rendered on the 21st day of February, 1930, in a cause pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in which Henry Sledge, et al, are Petitioners and Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased, et al, are Respondents, and

Whereas, the said Administrator has filed with the Register of aforesaid Court his accounts and vouchers and all written evidence in his possession on which he relies to sustain the credit side of such account,

I hereby appoint the 17th day of March, 1930, at the hour of ten o'clock, A. M., as the time proceedings will be had before the Register of aforesaid Court, at his office in Bay Minette, on the final settlement of the Estate of said Decedent.


REGISTER

*To be published in a newspaper, which paper is published in Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for three consecutive weeks.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)

OF (

WILLIAM SLEDGE, DECEASED.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY,

ALABAMA.

TO NORBORNE STONE, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
ESTATE OF WILLIAM SLEDGE.....GREETINGS:

Under and by virtue of a decree rendered on the 21st day of February, 1930 in a cause pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in equity, in which Henry Sledge, et al., are Petitioners and Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased, et al., are Respondents, you are hereby ordered to make out and file with the Register of said Court on or before the 26th day of February, 1930, an account, verified by your oath, between yourself and the aforesaid Estate, charging yourself with all the assets of the Deceased which have come into your possession, and crediting yourself with all the credits you are by law entitled to, and

To do all other and additional acts as required by law.

Witness my hand this 28 day of February 1930.

J. W. Richardson
REGISTER

HENRY SLEDGE, ET AL.,

Petitioners,

vs.

NORBORNE STONE AS ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM SLEDGE,
DECEASED, ET AL.,

Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF

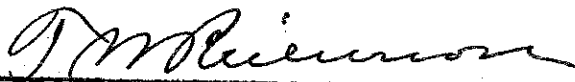
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

TO THE HONORABLE G. W. HUMPHRIES, JUDGE OF PROBATE

In pursuance to a decree rendered in the above styled matter ordering the removal of the administration of the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased, you are hereby commanded to transmit and deliver to the Register of this Court all documents and papers in your possession pertaining to the Estate of William Sledge, Deceased.

Witness my hand this the 28 day of February, 1930.



REGISTER

HENRY SLEDGE, WESLEY SLEDGE,
JOSHUA SLEDGE, ARTHUR LEE
SLEDGE, LUBERTA WILLIAMS,
OSCAR CLOPTON, JR., MARIE
CLOPTON, ADA CLOPTON, THERESA
CLOPTON, CHARLOTTE CLOPTON,
and LUVENIA CLOPTON,

Petitioners,

vs.

NORBORNE STONE AS ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM SLEDGE,
DECEASED, ADOLPH SLEDGE and
ALINE ARMISTEAD,

Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

It appearing from the allegations of the Petitioners' complaint, verified by their oath, that they are heirs of William Sledge, Deceased, that the administration of the Estate of said decedent is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, that the administration of the said Estate has not been finally settled and that it is the belief of the Petitioners that the Estate of said William Sledge, Deceased, can be better administered in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, than in the Probate Court of said County and State, and,

It further appearing that a decree pro confesso was duly and regularly rendered against the Respondents, Adolph Sledge and Aline Armistead, and,

Upon the allegations of the bill of complaint, confessed as aforesaid against the Respondents, Adolph Sledge and Aline Armistead, upon the answer of the Respondent, Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge and upon the testimony of Henry Sledge, Oscar Clopton and Norborne Stone, the cause is submitted for decree.

UPON CONSIDERATION THEREOF, the Court is of the opinion the Petitioners are entitled to the relief prayed.

Now therefore, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the administration of the Estate of William Sledge, now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama be, and hereby is, removed from the said Probate Court to the Equity side

and served on Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased, requiring him to make out, and file with the Register, an account, verified by his oath, between himself and the Estate of the said decedent, charging himself with all the assets of the decedent which have come into his possession and crediting himself with all the credits he is by law entitled to.

With such account he must also file the vouchers and written evidence in his possession on which he relies to sustain the credit side of such account.

It is further ordered that the Register appoint a competent attorney at law ^{as guardian ad litem} to represent the interest of all minor persons interested in the settlement of the aforesaid Estate.

It is further ordered that upon the filing of such account, vouchers, evidence and statement, the Register must appoint a day for final settlement, and must give notice of the same by publication in some newspaper published in the aforesaid County and State, for three consecutive weeks. The Register must further give notice to every adult distributee, resident of this State, of the day for making the settlement.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the Register as Master on the day of final settlement ascertain the persons entitled to share in the distribution of the Estate and the amount each is to receive, and make report thereof to this Court for final decree.

Done at Chambers at Monroeville, Alabama, this, the 21 day of February, 1930.

F. W. Hare
JUDGE

HENRY SLEDGE, WESLEY SLEDGE,
JOSHUA SLEDGE, ARTHUR LEE
SLEDGE, LUBERTA WILLIAMS,
OSCAR CLOPTON, JR., MARIE
CLOPTON, ADA CLOPTON, THERESA
CLOPTON, CHARLOTTE CLOPTON
AND LUVENIA CLOPTON,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF

Petitioners, (

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

vs.

NORBORNE STONE AS ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM SLEDGE, (DECEASED, ADOLPH SLEDGE and
ALINE ARMISTEAD,

IN EQUITY.

Respondents.)

In this cause it appears to the Register that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, requiring the Respondent, Adolph Sledge, to answer, plead, or demur to the Bill of Complaint filed herein on or before the 12 day of Feb, 1930, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 12 day of Dec, 1930 in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Baldwin County, Alabama. That a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in the aforesaid County and State, on the 12 day of Dec, 1930, and that a copy was deposited in the post office, on the 12 day of Dec, 1930, directed to said Adolph Sledge at his place of residence, and it further appearing to the Register that said Adolph Sledge has 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, adjudged and decreed by the Register that the Bill of Complaint be and it hereby is, in all things taken as confessed against the said Adolph Sledge.

Further, in this cause it being made to appear to the Register that Process of Subpoena was served on the Respondent, Aline Armistead, by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 9 day of Dec, 1930, requiring her to appear and answer, plead or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause, within thirty days from service of said Subpoena, and the said

The State of Alabama,

Baldwin County.

} Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity,

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

Norborne Stone as Administrator

of the estate of William Sledge, deceased, ~~and Aline Armistead~~ and Aline Armistead,

of Baldwin County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, exercising Chancery jurisdiction, within thirty days after the service of Summons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by Henry Sledge, et al,

against said Norborne Stone as Administrator of the estate of William Sledge, deceased, and Aline Armistead.

and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the said Defendant shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ with your endorsement thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 9th day of

December

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T W Richerson Register

N. B.—Any party defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill upon application to the Register.

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SERVE ON _____

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY**

**Circuit Court of Baldwin County
In Equity.**

Received in office this 9th

day of December 1929

No. _____

C. Irwin
Sheriff.

SUMMONS

Executed this 9th day of

Dec 1929

by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

Norborne Stone as
adm'r of Est of Wm
Sledge deceased
C. Irwin
Defendant.

vs.

Sheriff.

Norborne Stone as administrator of the
estate of William Sledge deceased,

Deputy Sheriff.

and Aline Armistead,

Exler and Cox
Solicitor for Complainant

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HENRY SLEDGE, WESLEY SLEDGE,
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SLEDGE, LUBERTA WILLIAMS,
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CLOPTON, CHARLOTTE CLOPTON
AND LUVENIA CLOPTON,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF

Petitioners, (

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

vs.)

NORBORNE STONE AS ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM SLEDGE, (
DECEASED, ADOLPH SLEDGE and
ALINE ARMISTEAD,)

IN EQUITY.

Respondents. (

In this cause it appears to the Register that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, requiring the Respondent, Adolph Sledge, to answer, plead, or demur to the Bill of Complaint filed herein on or before the 12 day of Feb, 1930, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 12 day of Dec, 1930 in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Baldwin County, Alabama. That a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in the aforesaid County and State, on the 12 day of Dec, 1930, and that a copy was deposited in the post office, on the 12 day of Dec, 1930, directed to said Adolph Sledge at his place of residence, and it further appearing to the Register that said Adolph Sledge has 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, adjudged and decreed by the Register that the Bill of Complaint be and it hereby is, in all things taken as confessed against the said Adolph Sledge.

Further, in this cause it being made to appear to the Register that Process of Subpoena was served on the Respondent, Aline Armistead, by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 2 day of Dec, 1930, requiring her to appear and answer, plead or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause, within thirty days from service of said Subpoena, and the said

Respondent having failed to answer, plead or demur to the date hereof: It is now, therefore, on motion of the Complainant ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the Bill of Complaint be, and hereby is, in all things taken as confessed against the said Aline Armistead, Respondent, aforesaid.

WITNESS my hand, this 13th day of February, 1930.

T. W. Pearson
REGISTER

HENRY SLEDGE, WESLEY SLEDGE,
JOSHUA SLEDGE, ARTHUR LEE
SLEDGE, LUBERTA WILLIAMS,
OSCAR CLOPTON, JR., MARIE
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NORBORNE STONE AS ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM SLEDGE, (DECEASED,
ADOLPH SLEDGE and
ALINE ARMISTEAD,

Respondents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

It appearing from the allegations of the Petitioners' complaint, verified by their oath, that they are heirs of William Sledge, Deceased, that the administration of the Estate of said decedent is now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, that the administration of the said Estate has not been finally settled and that it is the belief of the Petitioners that the Estate of said William Sledge, Deceased, can be better administered in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, than in the Probate Court of said County and State, and,

It further appearing that a decree pro confesso was duly and regularly rendered against the Respondents, Adolph Sledge and Aline Armistead, and,

Upon the allegations of the bill of complaint, confessed as aforesaid against the Respondents, Adolph Sledge and Aline Armistead, upon the answer of the Respondent, Norborne Stone as Administrator of the Estate of William Sledge and upon the testimony of Henry Sledge, Oscar Clopton and Norborne Stone, the cause is submitted for decree.

UPON CONSIDERATION THEREOF, the Court is of the opinion the Petitioners are entitled to the relief prayed.

Now therefore, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the administration of the Estate of William Sledge, now pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama be, and hereby is, removed from the said Probate Court to the Equity side

Of the Circuit Court of aforesaid County and State.

It is further ordered that the Judge of said Probate Court transmit and deliver to the Register of said Circuit Court in Equity all documents and papers in his possession pertaining to said Estate.

The Register of this Court is hereby directed to forthwith issue a citation to be served on the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, commanding said Judge to transmit and deliver to the Register of aforesaid Circuit Court all documents and papers in his possession pertaining to the aforesaid Estate, a copy of said citation is to be served on the Administrator of said decedent.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the monies, property of the Estate of William Sledge, deceased, are not subject to the payment of any debts or claims against the Estate, other than the costs of administration, as provided for by law.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the only heirs of William Sledge, deceased, who are entitled to share in the distribution of said Estate, together with their relationship to the said decedent, and the portion of the Estate which each heir is entitled to receive, according to law, is as follows:

Henry Sledge, Father, One-Half (1/2)

Wesley Sledge, Brother, One-Fourteenth (1/14)

Joshua Sledge, Brother, One-Fourteenth (1/14)

Arthur Lee Sledge, Brother, One-Fourteenth (1/14)

Luberta Williams, Sister, One-Fourteenth (1/14)

Aline Armistead, Sister, One-Fourteenth (1/14)

Adolph Sledge, Brother, One-Fourteenth (1/14)

Oscar Clopton, Jr., Nephew, One-Eighty-Fourth (1/84)

Marie Clopton, Niece, One-Eighty-Fourth (1/84)

Ada Clopton, Niece, One-Eighty-Fourth (1/84)

Theresa Clopton, Niece, One-Eighty-Fourth (1/84)

Charlotte Clopton, Niece, One-Eighty-Fourth (1/84)

Luvenia Clopton, Niece, One-Eighty-Fourth (1/84)

Now therefore, it is ordered that the cause be referred to the Register as Master and that citation be issued