APPLICATION TO PROBATE WILL.

STATE OF ALABAMA, }
COUNTY OF BALDWIN. } * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

TO THE HONORABLE G. W. HUMPHRIES, JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Your petitioner, Raymond Crosby, who is a resident of Mobile, in the County of Mobile and State of Alabama, and who is over the age of twenty-one years, respectfully represents unto your Honor:

FIRST.

That on to-wit; the 27th day of October, 1929, Albert Brown Crosby, who was also known as and generally called A. B. Crosby, and who resided in Baldwin County, Alabama, departed this life in the town of Stockton, County of Baldwin and State of Alabama, leaving a last will and testament and codicil thereto which petitioner herewith produces to your Honor and propounds for Probate and record in this court as the last will and testament of the said decedent. The said will is witnessed by Vernol R. Jansen and R. P. Roach who reside at Mobile, Alabama and the said codicil is witnessed by Murphy M. McMillan and Lillie McMillan, who reside at Stockton, Alabama.

SECOND.

That under the provisions of said will and testament your petitioner was nominated by the said testator executor of his estate and as such said testator expressly exempted your petitioner from giving any bond. Your petitioner is a son of the said decedent and is a resident citizen of Mobile County, Alabama and is over the age of twenty-one years.

THIRD.

The said decedent was a widower at the time of his death and his next of kin so far as known to your petitioner are as follows; towit:-

1. Lillie M. McMillan, wife of Murphy M. McMillan, a daughter of said decedent, who resides at Stockton in Baldwin County, Alabama;

2. J. Raymond Crosby, (petitioner) a son of said decedent, who resides at Mobile in Mobile County, Alabama;

3. J. Dougald Crosby, a son of said decedent who resides at Bay

Minette in Baldwin County, Alabama;

3. Samuel N. Crosby, a son of said decedent, who resides at Ozark in Dale County, Alabama; and

Martha Mason, a minor, who is over the age of fourteen years and Margaret Mason, Serena M. Mason, Pierce Mason, Jr., Lillie Mason, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, minors, who are under the age of fourteen years.

All of said minors are the children of Serena Crosby Mason, deceased, who was a daughter of said decedent and all of said minors reside with their father, Pierce Mason, at Stockton, in Baldwin County, Alabama.

All of said next of kin of the said decedent except the minor children of the said Serena Crosby Mason, are over the age of twenty-one years and all of the said next of kin are of sound mind.

FOURTH.

All of said adult next of kin have accepted service of notice of the filing of this petition and have waived further forms and notices in writing filed with this petition.

The premises considered petitioner prays that a day be set for the hearing of this petition and that due notice as required by law be given to the next of kin of the said decedent as required by law and that such other proceedings, orders and decrees may be had and made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due probate and recording of said will according to law and petitioner further prays that if and when the said will and testament and codicil thereto have been admitted to probate according to law that letters testamentary be issued to petitioner as executor of the estate of said decedent.

Raymond Crosby

STATE OF ALABAMA, }
COUNTY OF MOBILE. } Before me, Ruth Macdonald, a Notary Public in and for said State and County personally appeared Raymond Crosby who is known to me and who being sworn says on oath that the allegations of the foregoing petition are true.

Raymond Crosby

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of November, 1929.

Ruth Macdonald
Notary Public, Mobile County, Ala.

The State of Alabama,

Baldwin County.

I,A.B.Crosby,of Stockton,in said State and County,over the age of twenty one years,being of sound mind and disposing memory, knowing the uncertainty of this earthly life and trusting in the Providence of Almighty God,do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament,revoking all former wills which may have been made at any time heretofore by me.

First, I will that all my just debts,subscriptions to Church and benevolent causes,if any,and my funeral expenses,be paid by my executor as soon after my decease as practicable.

Second, I will devise and bequeath to my five beloved children namely:-Lillie M.McMillan,wife of Murphy McMillan,Raymond Crosby, Serena A.Mason,wife of I.P.Mason,John Dougal Crosby, and Sam Crosby all of my property,real,personal and mixed of which I may die seized or possessed or to which I may be entitled at the time of my death, share and share alike. In case of the death of any of my children before my death,it is my will that the share of such deceased child go to the surviving spouse,if any,of such deceased child and the children of such deceased child,share and share alike,except that the share of the spouse shall only be a life estate in such property, the same at his or her death to go to his or her children. In case of the death of any of my children before my death,leaving surviving neither wife,husband or children,the share of such deceased child shall go to the surviving brothers and sisters and the children of any other deceased child,such children to take only the share that would have gone to the parent had he or she been living.In case of the death before my death,of any one of said children,leaving surviving,only a husband or wife,and no children,the share of such deceased child go to the surviving husband or wife thereof for life, and at his or her death,to my surviving children and grandchildren the grandchildren to take only the share of their deceased parent.

Third. Seeing that my real purpose in making this will is to prevent unnecessary court proceedings and expense in connection with my estate, and having the utmost confidence in the integrity and ability of my beloved son,Raymond Crosby, I do hereby appoint and constitute him the executor of this my last will and testament and of

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and of my estate, and direct that he be relieved from giving any bond as such executor, and that after the will is probated and he is appointed executor he need not file any inventory, or make any report to any Court of the trust devolved upon him, as he is hereby relieved from any and all court proceedings in and about the management of this estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereunto set my hand and seal, and declare this to be my last will and testament, in the presence of the witnesses whose names are signed hereto, on this, the 12th day of July, 1924.

A B Crosby (SEAL)

Signed and declared to be his last will and testament by A. B. Crosby, in our presence, and we in his presence and in the presence of each other, and at his request, have hereunto set our names as witnesses on the day the same bears date.

Vernol R. Cussen

R. O. Roach

State of Alabama,
Baldwin County. Probate Court.

I, G.W.Humphries, Judge of the Court of Probate in and for said county and State, do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing, has this day in said Court and before me, as the Judge thereof, been duly proven, by the proper testimony, to be the genuine last Will and Testament of A.B.Crosby, Deceased; and that said will, together with said proof thereof, has been recorded in my office in Book "C" of Wills, at page 500 and 501.

In witness of all which, I have hereto set my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this 6th day of December, A.D., 1929.

G W Humphries
Judge of Probate.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

A. B. CROSBY.

R. PERCY ROACH,
Attorney.

CODICIL TO WILL DATED JULY 12th, 1924.

I, A. B. Crosby of Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and declare this to be my codicil to my last will and testament dated the 12th day of July, 1924, and attested by Vernol R. Jansen and R. P. Roach as subscribing witnesses, hereby revoking any other codicil heretofore made to said will by me.

FIRST:

Since the making of my said will my daughter, Serena Crosby Mason, referred to in the second paragraph of my said will as Serena A. Mason, has departed this life leaving minor children surviving her and I now will and declare that any money or property that would otherwise or will go to or for the use of any or all of said children under my said will shall, during the minority of such children be paid over by my executor named in my said will to I. P. Mason, husband of my said deceased daughter and father of her children, without any order of court and without requiring any bond or other security from him, for the support and maintainance of the said minor children, as in the judgment of my executor their needs require, but he shall not be required to pay over more of the money or property coming into his hands for the use of and during the minority of the said children than in his judgment is proper, it being my intention to leave the amounts to be so paid out absolutely to the judgment and discretion of my executor and I do hereby expressly declare that he shall not be liable to anyone or in any way for any monies or property so paid out to the said I. P. Mason by him.

SECOND:

I further will and declare that if any other of my said children should die before my death leaving minor children, my said executor shall be clothed with the same rights, authority and immunities to pay out to the surviving spouse monies and property of such minor children for their support and maintainance during their minority as in the case of the children of my deceased daughter, Serena Crosby Mason.

THIRD:

I further will and declare that during the minority of any child or children of any of my children mentioned in the second paragraph of my will, my administrator shall have the right and power to invest any money and sell any property belonging to them or held by my executor for their use, for reinvestment for them and he shall not be liable for any error in judgment in the performance of such act.

FOURTH:

I will and declare that my said will, dated July 12th, 1924 and hereinabove referred to shall remain in full force and effect except insofar as the same is changed or modified by this codicil to my said will and I hereby declare that said will together with this codicil is my last will and testament.

A B Crosby

Signed and declared to be this and the only codicil to his last will and testament dated the 12th day of July, 1924 and witnessed by Vernol R. Jansen and R. P. Roach, by A.B.Crosby in our presence, and we in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request, have hereunto set our names as witnesses on the day the same bears date.

Murphy McMillian — Stockton Ala
Residence,

Lillie McMillan, — Stockton Ala
Residence,

CODICIL TO THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF A. B. CROSBY, DATED JULY 18th, 1924

* * *

B.F.McMillan,Jr.,
Attorney. - - Mobile.

We, the undersigned, next of kin of Albert Brown Crosby, also known as and generally called A. B. Crosby, deceased, being all of the adult next of kin of the said decedent, do hereby accept service of notice of the filing of petition by Raymond Crosby to Probate the will of the said decedent and do waive all further forms and notices in writing. We do further respectfully join in the petition for the Probate of the said Will and testament as prayed for and that letters testamentary on the said estate be issued to Raymond Crosby as prayed for.

Dated this 15th day of November, 1929.

Lillian M. McMillan

J. R. Crosby

~~J. D. Crosby~~

Samuel N. Crosby

Witness:

R. J. McMillan Jr.

Ruth Macdonald

ESTATE OF ALBERT BROWN CROSBY,
Deceased.

STATE OF ALABAMA; COUNTY OF BALDWIN.

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Will and

APPLICATION TO PROBATE WILL AND
AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY.

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Recorded in Will Record "C"

Probate Judge
Baldwin County
Alabama

STATE OF ALABAMA,) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID COUNTY

COUNTY OF BALDWIN.) IN EQUITY. NUMBER 1123.

ESTATE OF A. B. CROSBY, DECEASED.

REPORT FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT.

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE:

Your petitioner, J. Raymond Crosby, as executor of the estate of A. B. Crosby, deceased, does hereby make and file this report as such executor for final settlement of the said estate as follows, viz:

FIRST

The will of said decedent and codicil thereto were duly probated in the Probate Court of this County and letters testamentary on the said estate were granted to petitioner on to-wit December 5th, 1929, by the Honorable G. W. Robertson, Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama, and by order subsequently made by Your Honor the administration of the said estate was removed into this court where it is now pending.

SECOND

The heirs, distributees and next of kin of the said decedent are all of sound mind and all of them, except as hereinafter stated, are over the age of twenty-one years and their names and postoffice addresses are as follows, viz:

Lilly M. McMillan, a daughter of said decedent, who resides at Stockton, Alabama;
J. Raymond Crosby, a son of said decedent, who resides at Mobile, Alabama;
John Dougald Crosby, a son of said decedent, who resides at Bay Minette, Alabama;
Samuel N. Crosby, a son of said decedent, who resides at Ozark, Alabama.

And the children of Serena A. Mason, a daughter of said decedent, whose names and residences are as follows, viz:

Martha Mason Earle, who resides at Blacksher, Alabama;
Serena Mae Mason, who resides at Stockton, Alabama;
Margaret Mason, who resides at Stockton, Alabama.

(All of the aforesaid children of the said Serena Mason are over the age of twenty-one years)

Pierce Mason, who resides at Stockton, Alabama, and is nineteen years of age;
Lilly Mason, who resides at Stockton, Alabama, and is sixteen years of age;
Mary Mason, who resides at Stockton, Alabama, and is fourteen years of age;
Albert Brown Mason, who resides at Stockton, Alabama, and is twelve years of age.

(All of the aforesaid minor heirs of the said Serena Mason reside with their father, I. P. Mason, at Stockton, Alabama.

THIRD

Promptly upon issuance of letters testamentary your petitioner collected together all of the personal property belonging to the said estate and by agreement between all of the parties the said personal property was distributed among the said several heirs by agreement.

FOURTH

By the second paragraph of his will which was duly executed by the said A. B. Crosby on to-wit July 12th, 1924, the said will of A. B. Crosby provided:

> Second. I will, devise and bequeath to my five beloved children, namely:- Lillie M. McMillan, wife of Murphy McMillan, Raymond Crosby, Serena A. Mason, wife of I. P. Mason, John Dougal Crosby and Sam Crosby all of my property, real, personal and mixed of which I may die seized or possessed or to which I may be entitled at the time of my death, share and share alike. In case of the death of any of my children before my death, it is my will that the share of such deceased child go to the surviving spouse, if any, of such deceased child and the children of such deceased child, share and share alike, except that the share of the spouse shall only be a life estate in such property, the same at his or her death to go to his or her children.

After the aforesaid will was made the daughter of the said decedent, Serena A. Mason, departed this life and the said decedent by a codicil to his will provided:

> Since the making of my said will my daughter, Serena Crosby Mason, referred to in the second paragraph of my said will as Serena A. Mason, has departed this life leaving minor children surviving her and I now will and declare that any money or property that would otherwise or will go to or for the use of any or all of said children under my said will shall, during the minority of such children be paid over by my executor named in my said will to I. P. Mason, husband of my said deceased daughter and father of her childrem, without an order of court and without requiring any bond or other security from him, for the support and maintainance of the said minor children, as in the judgment of my executor their needs require, but he shall not be required to pay over more of the money or property coming into his hands for the use of and during the minority of the said children than in his judgment is proper, it being my intention to leave the amounts to be so paid out absolutely to the judgment and discretion of my executor and I do hereby expressly declare that he shall not be liable to anyone or in any way for any monies or property so paid out to the said I. P. Mason by him.

Both the said will and codicil were duly probated in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and are now part of the records of this court in the file of the cause sent to this court by the Probate Judge of said Courty pursuant to order made by Your Honor.

FIFTH

After collecting together the personal property belonging to the said estate all of the heirs and distributees of said estate met together and agreed on a division of the property among themselves and the property was divided among the said several heirs as follows, viz:

To Lilly M. McMillan:

Due		Rate	Int. Due	Face Value	Price	
1934	Franklin Mtge. Co.	6%	Jun-Dec.	2,000.00	1,000.00	2014.6
1948	Yaarah Temple Bldg.	6¼%	" "	3,000.00	1,000.00	3022.9
9/8/30	Mrs. Ella White Mrtge.	8%	9/8/30 & Mar.	1,250.00	1,250.00	1281.1
	Cash to equalize					420.4
						6739.1

To J. Raymond Crosby:

1940	Central Trust Company	6%	Jan-July	1,000.00	1,000.00	1002.33
1930	Govt. St. M. E. Church	6%	" "	1,000.00	1,000.00	1002.33
	Cert. of Dept. P & M Bk, Ozark, due 2/9/30			637.00		647.00
9/8/31	Mtge. Chas. G. Bitzer	7%	Semi-ann.	4,000.00	4,000.00	4087.5
						6739.16

To John Dougald Crosby:

1940	Ala. By-Products	6%	Jan-July	2,000.00	1,000.00	2004.66
1948	Aluminum Ltd.	5%	" "	2,000.00	975.00	1953.88
	Mtge. Mrs. G. W. Godbolt, Miss N. E. Winter	8%	11/1/30	1,800.00		1824.00
	Cert. of Dep. P & M Bk, Ozark, due 4/4/30			690.00		710.40
	Cash to equalize					246.22
						6739.16

To Samuel N. Crosby:

1938	Mtge. Guaranty Co	6%	Mar-Sept.	2,000.00	968.50	1981.66
1945	Govt. of Argentine	6%	" "	2,000.00	990.00	2024.66
1937	1st Bapt. Ch. Bghm, Ala	6%	Feb-Aug.	2,000.00	1000.00	2054.66
1940	Central Trust Co.	6%	Jan-July	500.00	500.00	501.17
	Cash to equalize					177.01
						6739.16

To I. P. Mason for the heirs of Serena Mason:

1941	Govt. of French Rep.	7½%	Jun-Dec.	3,000.00	1,180.00	3567.51
1949	Mobile & Bay Sh. Ry. Co.	5%	" "	3,000.00	900.00	2718.33
	Cash to equalize					453.32
						6739.16

And petitioner avers that the statement of said division was before the division was finally made submitted to bankers and experts as to the division and was agreed upon by them as fair and equitable; The heirs of the said estate are satisfied with the division, attach their receipts hereto and join in the request that petitioner be discharged as executor.

SIXTH

Petitioner further shows that all debts and estate taxes due by the said estate have been paid and that there is no valid reason why the estate cannot now be closed leaving title to the real property vested in the several heirs according to the terms and provisions of the will.

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED petitioner prays that Your Honor will set a date for the hearing of this petition, that such notices as may be necessary be given; That this petition be heard and approved on the date to be named by Your Honor and that the said estate as to the personal property be closed and petitioner be discharged from all further liability as such executor.

J. R. Crosby

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of October, 1938.

Ira S. Stranger
Notary Public, Mobile County, Alabama.

I, the undersigned, being one of the heirs and distributees of the estate of A. B. Crosby, deceased, acknowledge receipt from J. Raymond Crosby as executor of the following property:

1934	Franklin Mtge. Co.	6%	Jun-Dec.	2,000.00	1,000.00	2014.66
1948	Yaarah Temple Bldg.	6¼%	" "	3,000.00	1,000.00	3022.92
9/8/30	Mrs. Ella White Mtge.	8%	9/8/30 and March	1,250.00	1,250.00	1281.11
	Cash to equalize					420.47
						6739.16

I further acknowledge notice of the filing of petition by the said J. Raymond Crosby for final settlement of the said estate and discharge as executor, waive further forms and notices and join in the petition that he be discharged from further liability as such executor. Dated this 12th day of October, 1938.

Filed

Lillie C. McMillan

I, the undersigned, being one of the heirs and distributees of the estate of A. B. Crosby, deceased, acknowledge receipt from J. Raymond Crosby as executor of the following property:

1940	Central Trust Company	6%	Jan-July	1,000.00	1,000.00	1002.33
1930	Govt. St. M. E. Ch.	6%	" "	1,000.00	1,000.00	1002.33
	Cert. of Dept. P & M Bk, Ozark, due 2/9/30			637.00		647.00
9/8/31	Mtge. Chas. G. Bitzer	7%	Semi-ann.	4,000.00	4,000.00	4087.50
						6739.16

I further acknowledge notice of the filing of petition by the said J. Raymond Crosby for final settlement of the said estate and discharge as executor, waive further forms and notices and join in the petition that he be discharged from further liability

as such executor. Dated this 11th day of October, 1938.

Raymond

J R Crosby

I, the undersigned, being one of the heirs and distributees of the estate of A. B. Crosby, deceased, acknowledge receipt from J. Raymond Crosby as executor of the following property:

1940	Ala. By-Products	6%	Jan-July	2,000.00	11,000.00	2004.66
1948	Aluminum Ltd.	5%	" "	2,000.00	975.00	1953.88
	Mtge. Mrs. G. W. Godbolt Miss N. E. Winter	8%	11/1/30	1,800.00		1824.00
	Cert. of Dep. P & M Bk., Ozark, due 4/4/30			690.00		710.40
	Cash to equalize					246.22
						6739.16

I further acknowledge notice of the filing of petition by the said J. Raymond Crosby for final settlement of the said estate and discharge as executor, waive further forms and notices and join in the petition that he be discharged from further liability as such executor. Dated this 12th day of October, 1938.

Joseph

J D Crosby Jr.

I, the undersigned, being one of the heirs and distributees of the estate of A. B. Crosby, deceased, acknowledge receipt from J. Raymond Crosby as executor of the following property:

1938	Mtge. Guaranty Co.	6%	Mar-Sept.	2,000.00	968.50	1981.66
1945	Govt. of Argentine	6%	" "	2,000.00	990.00	2024.66
1937	1st Bapt. Ch. Bghm, Ala	6%	Feb-Aug.	2,000.00	1000.00	2054.66
1940	Central Trust Co.	6%	Jan-July	500.00	500.00	501.17
	Cash to equalize					177.01
						6739.16

I further acknowledge notice of the filing of petition by the said J. Raymond Crosby for final settlement of the said estate and discharge as executor, waive further forms and notices and join in the petition that he be discharged from further liability as such executor. Dated this 13th day of October, 1938.

Serena

Serena N. Crosby

I, I. P.

I, I. P. Mason, widower and former husband of Serena A. Mason, acknowledge that I have received from J. Raymond Crosby as executor of the estate of A. B. Crosby, deceased, under the terms and provisions of the will of the said A. B. Crosby and codicil thereto attached of the following property:

1941	Govt. of French Rep.	7½%	Jun-Dec.	3,000.00	1,180.00	3567.51
1949	Mobile & Bay Sh. Ry. Company	5%	" "	3,000.00	900.00	2718.33
	Cash to equalize					453.32
						6739.16

I acknowledge notice of the filing of petition by the said J. Raymond Crosby for his discharge as executor and waive further forms and notices and join in the request that the said petition be granted and that he be discharged from further liability as executor. Dated this 12th day of October, 1938.

Mason

I. P. Mason

ESTATE
OF
A. B. CROSBY, DECEASED.

PETITION FOR

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Filed October 18, 1938
R. S. DUCK
clerk, - register
By Pauline Thompson,
Deputy

In the Matter of: Petition of Raymond Crosby for Appointment as Trustee of and for the Minors, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, under Last Will and Testament of A. B. Crosby, Deceased.	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY.

DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon the original bill of complaint; nomination, appointment, acceptance and answer of J. B. Blackburn, guardian ad litem for the minors, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason; waiver of notice and consent of I. P. Mason; and testimony as noted by the register and as given orally in open Court at the hearing of this cause; and upon consideration thereof, the Court is of the opinion that petitioner, Raymond Crosby, is entitled to the relief prayed for in said bill of complaint,

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that Raymond Crosby be, and he is hereby, named and appointed trustee to receive, have and hold the real estate and personal property devised and bequeathed under the last will and testament of A. B. Crosby, deceased, the said will being of record in this Court, to Mary Mason, a minor, and Brown Crosby Mason, a minor.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said Raymond Crosby, as trustee hereunder for said minors, be, and he is hereby vested with full power and authority, under the terms and provisions of said will and in accordance therewith, to sell and convey for reinvestment any property, real or personal, devised and bequeathed to said minors, or either of them, under and by the said last will and testament. It is further ordered and decreed that the said Raymond Crosby be and he is not required to give any bond for the faithful performance of his duties hereunder.

DONE this the 31st day of January, 1944.

F. W. Hare
Judge.

Petition)

of)

Raymond Crosby, Executor,)

This cause is submitted upon the petition of Raymond Crosby, executor of the Estate of Albert B. Crosby, deceased, to remove the administration of the said Estate of Albert B. Crosby from the Probate Court to this Court and it appearing from said petition, which is verified, that no final settlement of said estate has been had and that the petitioner is an heir of Albert B. Crosby, upon consideration it is ordered adjudged and decreed by the Court that said petition be and hereby is granted, and that the administration of the estate of Albert B. Crosby be and hereby is removed to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, from the Probate Court of said County and State.

In term time April 28th, 1931.

F. W. Hare

Judge

STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY. } INTHE PROBATE CCOURT.
} ESTATE OF A.B.CROSBY.DECEASED.

DECREE ON FINAL SELTTLEMENT.

This day having beeen regularly set to hear and determine all matters heretofore filed by J Raymond Crosby as the executor of the estate of A B Crosby Deceased. for final settlement of his said administration, now comes the said J Raymond Crosby, as exexutor amd movesthis honorable Courtthat his said accounts may be passed and allowedas the same has been filed by him as aforesaid, and it appearing that due notice of the nature of and of the time set to make such settlement has been given in all respects according to law and strickle in pursuance of the order of the court in said estate made and entered in the premises on the 31st day of March 1939 and, the Honorable Leslie Hall, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ a practising attorney of the bar of Baldwin County, Alabama. who was heretofore duly appointed by the court to act as guardian Ad Litem to represent and protect the interests of Pierce Mason. Lilly Mason. Mary Mason. Albert Brown Mason, the only Minors concerned in the proceedings and settlement now appearing and in open court consenting to act and proceeding to contest said settlement, The Court proceeds to hear the matter pertaining to said ~~XXXXXXXXXXX~~ accounts and to consider the evidence submitted relating thereto,,

And it appearing to the court that the only persons interested in said final settlement other thab the minors set out hereinabove under said willare, Lilly M McMillan who resides at Stockton Alabama. J Raymond Crosby who resides at Mobile Alabama. John Dougald Crosby who resides at Bay Minette Alabama, Samuel M Crosby who resides at Ozark, Alabama. and I PMason acting as agent and Guardian for the Heirs of Serena Mason.Deceased, and , itfurther appearing that the said lagatees have joined in petition that said accounts be in all things passed ans allowed and said executor finally discharged and have waived notice and publication in a news paper of said final settlement, and it further appearing to the courtthat notice of the final settlement has been duly given by personal service on the minor heirs hereinabove and on all the parties that did not specifically waive suchxx notice,, the court proceeds to examine said accounts and vouchers filed therein with and consider proof relating thereto.

WHEREUPON, it appearing to the court that all of tha claims filed against said estate either with said executor or in this court have been paid in full; and, it a~~XXXXXXXX~~ further appearing to the court that the amounts received by the said executor and the amounts disbursed by said executor are fully and completely accounted for by receipts and notices incorporated in the final report; and it further appearing that there are now no fundsin the hands of the executor; and, it further appearing that there are no other ~~XXXXXXX~~ assets belonging to the estate in the hands of the executor; and, it further appearing tothe court that said executor; has in all respects complied with the law in such cases made and provided; it is considered by the court and so

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.:

That said accounts of the said executor be and the same is in all things passed and allowed, and that the said estate is hereby declared to be finally settled, and the said executor is hereby finally discharged.

Given under my hand this 11th day of May. 1939.

F W HARE.
Judge.

L R S Duck register of the circuit court of Baldwin County Alabama. do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original decree rendered by the Judge of the circuit court in the above stated cause which decree is on file and enrolled in my office,

Witness my hand and seal this 5th February 1944.

R S Duck
~~Register Circuit Court Baldwin County~~
Alabama.

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

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Your petitioner, Raymond Crosby, who is a resident of Mobile County, Alabama, and is over the age of twenty-one years, alleges and represents unto your Honor and the Court as follows:

1. On the 27th day of October, 1929, A. B. Crosby resided and departed this life in Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama, leaving a last will and testament and codicil thereto, a copy of which is hereto annexed, marked Exhibit "A" pages 1, 2 and 3, and made a part hereof as if set out in full herein in this paragraph.

2. The said last will and testament was admitted to probate and record in, and letters testamentary issued to your petitioner by, the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, on December 5, 1929. The said estate and administration thereof was, by order of your Honor, removed to this Court from the said Probate Court on the date of April 28th, 1931. An order or decree of final settlement of the personal property of said estate was made by your Honor on the date of May 11th, 1939. The said will and the said codicil and all proceedings hereinabove referred to are filed in and a part of the records of this Court.

3. All of the devisees and distributees of the said estate are of full and legal age and completely capable of handling their own estates, including real and personal property, with the exception of Mary Mason, who is a minor of the age of nineteen years, and Brown Crosby Mason, who is a minor of the age of sixteen years, and are children and heirs at law of the said Serena Crosby Mason, deceased, mentioned in the said last will and testament. The said minors reside at Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama. I. F. Mason, also mentioned in said last will and the said codicil, who is the surviving husband of the said

Serena Crosby Mason, deceased, is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama, and is named in said will and codicil as one of the distributees of the said estate of A. B. Crosby, deceased.

4. The remaining estate of the said A. B. Crosby, deceased, now consists of a large amount or quantity of real estate situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, and that the said estate may be properly handled and disposed of or kept to the best interests of all of the owners thereof, including the said minors, it is necessary that usufructs thereof, interests therein and said real estate be sold and conveyed, the said real estate having no other income. The said minors have no guardian and no other authority or power to join with the other owners of said estate in any agreement or sale of lands belonging to said estate or any interest therein than is given and granted to petitioner by said last will and said codicil.

5. By the provisions of the said probated will, including the said codicil, petitioner was executor of the said Will and estate and was devised and bequeathed in trust the part or portion of said estate devised and bequeathed to minor grandchildren by the said A. B. Crosby, deceased, under his said last will, including said codicil.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, petitioner prays that the court will take jurisdiction hereof and will issue to the said Mary Mason, to the said Brown Crosby Mason and the said I. P. Mason such notice as may be proper, in accordance with the rules of law and the practice of this court, and make each of them proper parties hereto. And petitioner prays that on the final hearing hereof your Honor will make and enter a decree construing the said will and will declare the petitioner is the trustee under the last will and testament, and codicil thereto, of A. B. Crosby, deceased, and that said petitioner has full power and authority to sell and convey any property, real or personal, or any interest therein, devised and bequeathed to

the said Mary Mason and to the said Brown Crosby Mason, minors, and to the part, or portion, thereof, devised and bequeathed to the said I. P. Mason, insofar as concerns the said minors. And petitioner prays for such other, further and different relief as he may be entitled to, the premises considered, etc.

Raymond Crosby
Petitioner.

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
MOBILE COUNTY.) Personally appeared before me, _____, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, Raymond Crosby, who, being first by me duly sworn, deposes and says as follows: My full name is Joseph Raymond Crosby, I customarily sign my name as J. R. Crosby, and I have read over the allegations of the foregoing petition and all of the allegations contained in the foregoing petition are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Raymond Crosby

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 17th day of January, 1944.

Blanche M. Smith
Notary Public, Mobile County, Alabama.

H. E. Smith
Solicitor.

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.) I, I. P. Mason, the father of the minors, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, all of us being mentioned in the will of A. B. Crosby, deceased, have read over the allegations of the foregoing petition, know that such allegations are true and hereby join in said petition. I further waive all notice of the filing of the same and request and agree that that the same be submitted and heard without any notice to me. SIGNED this the 18th day of January, 1944.

I. P. Mason

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.) I, Winnie B. Scarborough, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, hereby certify that I. P. Mason, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand this the 18 day of January, 1944.

Winnie B. Scarborough
Notary Public, Baldwin County, Alabama.

The State of Alabama,

Baldwin County.

I, A. B. Crosby, of Stockton, in said State and County, over the age of twenty one years, being of sound mind and disposing memory, knowing the uncertainty of this earthly life and trusting in the Providence of Almighty God, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, revoking all former will which may have been made at any time heretofore by me.

First, I will that all my just debts, subscriptions to Church and benevolent causes, if any, and my funeral expenses, be paid by my executor as soon after my decease as practicable.

Second, I will devise and bequeath to my five beloved children namely:-Lillie M. McMillan, wife of Murphy McMillan, Raymond Crosby, Serena A. Mason, wife of I. P. Mason, John Dougal Crosby, and Sam Crosby, all of my property, real, personal and mixed of which I may die seized or possessed or to which I may be entitled at the time of my death, share and share alike. In case of the death of any of my children before my death, it is my will that the share of such deceased child go to the surviving spouse, if any, of such deceased child and the children of such deceased child, share and share alike, except that the share of the spouse shall only be a life estate in such property, the same at his or her death to go to his or her children.
In case of the death of any of my children before my death, leaving surviving neither wife, husband or children, the share of such deceased child shall go to the surviving brothers and sisters and the children of any other deceased child, such children to take only the share that would have gone to the parent had he or she been living. In case of the death before my death, of any one of said children, leaving surviving, only a husband or wife, and no children, the share of such deceased child shall go to the surviving husband or wife for life, and at his or her death, to my surviving children and grandchildren the grandchildren to take only the share of their deceased parent.

Third. Seeing that my real purpose in making this will is to prevent unnecessary court proceedings and expense in connection with my estate, and having the utmost confidence in the integrity and ability of my beloved son, Raymond, Crosby, I do hereby appoint and constitute him the executor of this my last will and testament and of

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and of my estate, and direct that he be relieved from giving any bond as such executor, and that after the will is probated and he is appointed executor he need not file any inventory, or make any report to any Court of the trust devolved upon him, as he is hereby relieved from any and all court proceedings in and about the management of this estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereunto set my hand and seal, and declare this to be my last will and testament, in the presence of the witnesses whose names are signed hereto, on this, the 12th day of July, 1924.

A B Crosby (SEAL)

Signed and declared to be his last will and testament by A. B. Crosby, in our presence, and we in his presence and in the presence of each other, and at his request, have hereunto set our names as witnesses on the day the same bears date.

Vernol R. Jansen

R. P. Roach

CODICIL TO WILL DATED JULY 12th, 1924.

I, A. B. Crosby of Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and declare this to be my codicil to my last will and testament date the 12th day of July, 1924, and attested by Vernol R. Jansen and R. P. Roach as subscribing witnesses, hereby revoking any other codicil heretofore made to said will by me.

FIRST:

Since the making of my said will my daughter, Serena Crosby Mason, referred to in the second paragraph of my said will as Serena A. Mason, has departed this life leaving minor children surviving her and I now will and declare that any money or property that would otherwise or will go to or for the use of any or all of said children under my said will shall, during the minority of such children be paid over by my executor named in my said will to I. P. Mason, husband of my said deceased daughter and father of her children, without any order of court and without requiring any bond or other security from him, for the support and maintainance of the said minor children, as in the judgment of my executor their needs require, but he shall not be required to pay over more of the money or property coming into his hands for the use of and during the minority of the said children than in his judgment is proper, it being my intention to leave the amounts to be so paid out absolutely to the judgment and discretion of my executor and I do hereby expressly declare that he shall not be liable to anyone or in any way for any monies or property so paid out to the said I. P. Mason by him.

SECOND:

I further will and declare that if any other of my said children should die before my death leaving minor children, my said executor shall be clothed with the same rights, authority and immunities to pay out to the surviving spouse monies and property of such minor children for their support and maintainance during their minority as in the case of the children of my deceased daughter, Serena Crosby Mason.

THIRD:

I further will and declare that during the minority of any child or children of any of my children mentioned in the second paragraph of my will, my administrator shall have the right and power to invest any money and sell any property belonging to them or held by my executor for their use, for reinvestment for them and he shall not be liable for any error in judgment in the performance of such act.

FOURTH:

I will and declare that my said will, dated July 12th, 1924 and hereinabove referred to shall remain in full force and effect except insofar as the same is changed or modified by this codicil to my said will and I hereby declare that said will together with this codicil is my last will and testament.

/s/ A. B. CROSBY

Signed and declared to be this and the only codicil to his last will and testament dated the 12th day of July, 1924 and witnessed by Vernol R. Jansen and R. P. Roach, by A.B.Crosby in our presence, and we in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request, have hereunto set our names as witnesses on the day the same bears date.

/s/ Murphy M McMillan — Stockton, Ala.
Residence,

/s/ Lillie McMillan — Stockton, Ala.
Residence

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Executed Jan-21st 1944
by serving copy of within Summons and ~~Complaint~~ on

Brown Crosby MASON.

W.R. Stuart Sheriff
By B.H. Fucera Deputy Sheriff

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RECORDED

In the Matter of Petition of Raymond Crosby for Appointment as Trustee of for Minors, Brown Crosby Mason & Mary Mason, under Will of A. B. Crosby, deceased

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

Final Record

Filed Jan 18 1944
R. Burch
Register

ESTATE OF A,B,CROSBY , Deceased.	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA. IN EQUITY,

ANSWER.

NOW come Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, minors. by J B Blackburn, as their Guardian ad Litem, and for answer to the petition filed in this cause by Raymond Crosby deny each and all of the allegations thereof and demand strict proof of same.

J B Blackburn

Guardian al Litem for Mary Mason and BrownCrosby Mason, Minors.

I; R.S.Duck. Register of the Circuit Court. of Baldwin.County hereby certify that the feregoing is a true and correct copy of the Consent to act as Guardian ad Litem and Note of testimony and Answer of J B Blackburne Guardian ad Litem. as the original appears on record in the office of the register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County Alabama.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of February 1944.

R S Duck

Register. Circuit Court, Baldwin County Alabama.

In the matter of the petition of Raymond Crosby for appointment as trustee under the last will and testament of A B Crosby, deceased, for the Minors Mary Mason. an Brown crosby Mason. and I P Mason.

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

CONSENT TO ACT AS GUARDIAN AD LITEM,

I, J B BLackburn, Esq, a Practising Attorney hereby consent to act. as Guardian ad Litem for Mary Mason. and Brown Crosby Mason, over the age of Fourteen Years, upon hearing of the above cause,

Witness my hand this 28th day of January 1944

J B Blackburn

Guardian ad Litem.

Estate of A.B.Crosby, Deceased | In the Probate Court of Baldwin county, Ala.
| December 5th, 1929.

In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said decedent:-

This day having been regularly appointed for hearing the application of Raymond Crosby, which was heretofore filed in this Court, for the probate of an instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said decedent, and the Codicil to said Will, Now comes the said applicant, by his attorneys, and also comes H.M.Hall, Esq., who was heretofore duly appointed by the court, and who now consents to act, as the guardian ad litem for Martha Mason, Margaret Mason, Serena M. Mason, Pierce Mason, Jr., Lillie Mason, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, minors all of whom are grandchildren of said deceased; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the notice of said application, and of the time appointed for hearing the same, has been given in pursuance of law, and in strict accordance with the former order of this Court, made and entered in the premises, on the 18th day of November, 1929, by personal service, as directed in said former order, now on motion of attorneys for said petitioner, the Court proceeds to hear said application. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the court by the testimony of R.P.Roach, a witness examined in open court, that ~~on~~ A.B.Crosby on the 12th day of July A.D., 1924, in said county and State, in the presence of Vernal R. Jansen and R.P.Roach, the said decedent did sign his name in writing to the instrument of writing that purpots to be his last Will and Testament, and which was propounded for probate and record in this court on the 18th day of November, A.D., 1929; and that at the time of the signing of the same, the said A.B.Crosby was over the age of twenty-one years and of sound mind, and that he signed said instrument as and for his las Will and Testament; and that at the time and place of signing said Vernol R. Jansen and R.P. Roach did sign their names to said instrument in writing as attesting witnesses thereto, at the request of the said A.B.Crosby, and in the presence of each other and in his presence. And it further appearing to the satisfaction of the court, by the testimony of Murphy M. McMillan, a witness examined in open Court that A.B.Crosby in said county and State, in the presence of Murphy McMillan and Lillie McMillan, the said decedent did sign his name in writing to an instrument of writing which purports to be a Codicil to his last will and testament, and which was and which is propounded for probate and record in this Court on the 18th day of November, A.D., 1929; and that at the time of the signing of the same, the said A.B.Crosby was over the age of twenty-one years, and of sound mind, and that he signed said instrument as and for a Codicil to his last will and testament, of date July 12th, 1924; that at the time and place of signing, said Murphy M. McMillan and Lillie McMillan did sign their names to said instrument in writing as attesting witnesses thereto, at the request of the said A.B.Crosby, and in the presence of each other, and in his presence; and that the said A.B.Crosby died on or about the 27th day of October A.D., 1929, and that he was an inhabitant of the county of Baldwin, at the time of his death.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the petition in this cause be and the same is hereby granted, and that the instruments in writing which was propounded for probate and record on the 18th day of November, A.D., 1929, which purports to be the last Will and Testament of said A.B.Crosby, Deceased, which is dated July 12th, 1924, and signed by Vernal R. Jansen and R.P.Roach, as witnesses and the instrument of writing which was propounded for probate and record on the 18th day of November, A.D., 1929, which purports to be a Codicil to the last Will and Testament of said A.B. Crosby, Deceased, dated July 12th, 1924, is hereby declared to be the last Will and Testament of said A.B.Crosby, Deceased and a Codicil to said Will.

It is further ordered that said last Will and Testament of said A.B.Crosby, deceased and the Said Codicil to said Will, with the

proof thereof, be recorded,

Judge of Probate Court.

Clerk Commissioners Court
Divide to Record

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Recorded in
Probate Minutes
of Page 216-217

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In the Matter of petition of Raymond Crosby for Appointment as trustee under last will and testament of A B Crosby Deceased,

Vs.

Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, minors.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, Nomination, appointment, acceptance and answer, of J B Blackburn Esq, Guardian ad Litem: Testimony as noted by ~~XXX~~ register and oral testimony of witness, H E Smith in open Court; last Will and testament of A.B Crosby deceased.

and in behalf of Defendant upon Answer.

R S Duck, Register.

No. _____

The State of Alabama,

BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

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NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 31st

day of January 1944

R S Duck,

Register.

Moore Printing Co.

Original

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY. IN EQUITY.

TO ANY SHERIFF IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Mary Mason, a minor over the age of fourteen years, to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the bill of complaint filed in this court, and hereinafter set out, by Raymond Crosby against her.

HEREIN fail not, and make due return, as the law directs.

WITNESS my hand this the 18th day of January, A.D., 1944.

R. S. Duck
R. S. DUCK, Register,

By R. S. Duck
as Deputy Register.

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

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Your petitioner, Raymond Crosby, who is a resident of Mobile County, Alabama, and is over the age of twenty-one years, alleges and represents unto your Honor and the Court as follows:

1. On the 27th day of October, 1929, A. S. Crosby resided and departed this life in Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama, leaving a last will and testament and codicil thereto, a copy of which is hereto annexed, marked Exhibit "A" pages 1, 2 and 3, and made a part hereof as if set out in full herein in this paragraph.

2. The said last will and testament was admitted to probate and record in, and letters testamentary issued to your petitioner by, the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, on December 5, 1929. The said estate and administration thereof was, by order of your Honor, removed to this Court from the said Probate Court on the date of April 28th, 1931. An order or decree of final settlement of the personal property of said estate was made by your Honor on the date of May 11th, 1939. The said will and the said codicil and all proceedings hereinabove referred to are filed in and a part of the records of this Court.

3. All of the devisees and distributees of the said estate are of full and legal age and completely capable of handling their own estates, including real and personal property, with the exception of Mary Mason, who is a minor of the age of nineteen years, and Brown Crosby Mason, who is a minor of the age of sixteen years, and are children and heirs at law of the said Serena Crosby Mason, deceased, mentioned in the said last will and testament. The said minors reside at Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama. I. F. Mason, also mentioned in said last will and the said codicil, who is the surviving husband of the said

Serena Crosby Mason, deceased, is over the age of twenty-one years and is a resident of Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama, and is named in said will and codicil as one of the distributees of the said estate of A. B. Crosby, deceased.

4. The remaining estate of the said A. B. Crosby, deceased, now consists of a large amount or quantity of real estate situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, and that the said estate may be properly handled and disposed of or kept to the best interests of all of the owners thereof, including the said minors, it is necessary that usufructs thereof, interests therein and said real estate be sold and conveyed, the said real estate having no other income. The said minors have no guardian and no other authority or power to join with the other owners of said estate in any agreement or sale of lands belonging to said estate or any interest therein than is given and granted to petitioner by said last will and said codicil.

5. By the provisions of the said probated will, including the said codicil, petitioner was executor of the said will and estate and was devised and bequeathed in trust the part or portion of said estate devised and bequeathed to minor grandchildren by the said A. B. Crosby, deceased, under his said last will, including said codicil.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, petitioner prays that the court will take jurisdiction hereof and will issue to the said Mary Mason, to the said Brown Crosby Mason and the said I. P. Mason such notice as may be proper, in accordance with the rules of law and the practice of this court, and make each of them proper parties hereto. And petitioner prays that on the final hearing hereof your Honor will make and enter a decree construing the said will and will declare the petitioner is the trustee under the last will and testament, and codicil thereto, of A. B. Crosby, deceased, and that said petitioner has full power and authority to sell and convey any property, real or personal, or any interest therein, devised and bequeathed to

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Raymond Crosby
Petitioner.

STATE OF ALABAMA, }
MOBILE COUNTY. } Personally appeared before me, _____, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, Raymond Crosby, who, being first by me duly sworn, deposes and says as follows: My full name is Joseph Raymond Crosby, I customarily sign my name as J. R. Crosby, and I have read over the allegations of the foregoing petition and all of the allegations contained in the foregoing petition are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Raymond Crosby

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 17th day of January, 1944.

Blanche M. Dempsey
Notary Public, Mobile County,
Alabama.

H. E. Smith
Solicitor.

STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY. } I, I. P. Mason, the father of the minors, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, all of us being mentioned in the will of A. R. Crosby, deceased, have read over the allegations of the foregoing petition, know that such allegations are true and hereby join in said petition. I further waive all notice of the filing of the same and request and agree that that the same be submitted and heard without any notice to me. SIGNED this the 18th day of January, 1944.

I. P. Mason

STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY. } I Winnie G.Scarborough, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, hereby certify that I. P. Mason, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand this the 18 day of January, 1944.

Winnie G. Scarborough
Notary Public, Baldwin County,
Alabama.

The State of Alabama,

Baldwin County.

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In case of the death of any of my children before my death,leaving surviving neither wife,husband or children,the share of such deceased child shall go to the surviving brothers and sisters and the children of any other deceased child,such children to take only the share that would have gone to the parent had he or she been living.In case of the death before my death,of any one of said children,leaving surviving,only a husband or wife,and no children,the share of such deceased child shall go to the surviving husband or wife for life, and at his or her death,to my surviving children and grandchildren the grandchildren to take only the share of their deceased parent.

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and of my estate, and direct that he be relieved from giving any bond as such executor, and that after the will is probated and he is appointed executor he need not file any inventory, or make any report to any Court of the trust devolved upon him, as he is hereby relieved from any and all court proceedings in and about the management of this estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereunto set my hand and seal, and declare this to be my last will and testament, in the presence of the witnesses whose names are signed hereto, on this, the 12th day of July, 1924.

A B Crosby (SEAL)

Signed and declared to be his last will and testament by A. B. Crosby, in our presence, and we in his presence and in the presence of each other, and at his request, have hereunto set our names as witnesses on the day the same bears date.

Vernol R. Jansen

R. P. Roach

In the Matter of:)

Petition of Raymond Crosby)
for Appointment as Trustee)
of and for the Minors,)
Mary Mason and Brown Crosby)
Mason, under Last Will and)
Testament of A. B. Crosby,)
Deceased.)

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

D E C R E E

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon the original bill of complaint; nomination, appointment, acceptance and answer of J. B. Blackburn, guardian ad litem for the minors, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason; waiver of notice and consent of I. P. Mason; and testimony as noted by the register and as given orally in open Court at the hearing of this cause; and upon consideration thereof, the Court is of the opinion that petitioner, Raymond Crosby, is entitled to the relief prayed for in said bill of complaint.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that Raymond Crosby be, and he is hereby, named and appointed trustee to receive, have and hold the real estate and personal property devised and bequeathed under the last will and testament of A. B. Crosby, deceased, the said will being of record in this Court, to Mary Mason, a minor, and Brown Crosby Mason, a minor.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said Raymond Crosby, as trustee hereunder for said minors, be, and he is hereby vested with full power and authority, under the terms and provisions of said will and in accordance therewith, to sell and convey for reinvestment any property, real or personal, devised and bequeathed to said minors, or either of them, under and by the said last will and testament. It is further ordered and decreed that the said Raymond Crosby be and he is not required to give any bond for the faithful performance of his duties hereunder.

Done this the 31 st day of January, 1944

F. W. Hare

Judge.

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

Witness my hand and seal this the 5 th day of May, 1948.

Alice J. Duck

Register of Circuit Court, in Equity.

CODICIL TO WILL DATED JULY 12th, 1924.

I, A. B. Crosby of Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and declare this to be my codicil to my last will and testament date the 12th day of July, 1924, and attested by Vernol N. Janson and R. P. Roach as subscribing witnesses, hereby revoking any other codicil heretofore made to said will by me.

FIRST:

Since the making of my said will my daughter, Serena Crosby Mason, referred to in the second paragraph of my said will as Serena A. Mason, has departed this life leaving minor children surviving her and I now will and declare that any money or property that would otherwise or will go to or for the use of any or all of said children under my said will shall, during the minority of such children be paid over by my executor named in my said will to I. P. Mason, husband of my said deceased daughter and father of her children, without any order of court and without requiring any bond or other security from him, for the support and maintainance of the said minor children, as in the judgment of my executor their needs require, but he shall not be required to pay over more of the money or property coming into his hands for the use of and during the minority of the said children than in his judgment is proper, it being my intention to leave the amounts to be so paid out absolutely to the judgment and discretion of my executor and I do hereby expressly declare that he shall not be liable to anyone or in any way for any monies or property so paid out to the said I. P. Mason by him.

SECOND:

I further will and declare that if any other of my said children should die before my death leaving minor children, my said executor shall be clothed with the same rights, authority and immunities to pay out to the surviving spouse monies and property of such minor children for their support and maintainance during their minority as in the case of the children of my deceased daughter, Serena Crosby Mason.

THIRD:

I further will and declare that during the minority of any child or children of any of my children mentioned in the second paragraph of my will, my administrator shall have the right and power to invest any money and sell any property belonging to them or held by my executor for their use, for reinvestment for them and he shall not be liable for any error in judgment in the performance of such act.

FOURTH:

I will and declare that my said will, dated July 12th, 1924 and hereinabove referred to shall remain in full force and effect except insofar as the same is changed or modified by this codicil to my said will and I hereby declare that said will together with this codicil is my last will and testament.

/s/ A. B. CROSBY

Signed and declared to be this and the only codicil to his last will and testament dated the 12th day of July, 1924 and witnessed by Vernol N. Janson and R. P. Roach, by A.B.Crosby in our presence, and we in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request, have hereunto set our names as witnesses on the day the same bears date.

/s/ Murphy M McMillan — Stockton, Ala.
Residence.

/s/ Willie McMillan — Stockton, Ala.
Residence

Exhibit "a" page 3

STATE OF ALABAMA, } IN THE PROBATE COURT.
COUNTY OF BALDWIN. } ESTATE OF A. B. CROSBY, DECEASED.

DECREE ON FINAL SETTLEMENT.

This day having been regularly set to hear and determine all matters as to the accounts heretofore filed by J. Raymond Crosby as the executor of the Estate of A. B. Crosby, deceased, for a final settlement of his said administration, now comes the said J. Raymond Crosby, as executor, and moves this Honorable Court that his said accounts may be passed and allowed as the same has been filed by him as aforesaid; and, it appearing that due notice of the nature of and of the time set to make such settlement has been given in all respects according to law and strictly in pursuance of the order of Court in said Estate made and entered in the premises on the 31 day of March, 1939; and, the Honorable Leslie Hall, a practising attorney of the Bar of Baldwin County, Alabama, who was heretofore duly appointed by the Court to act as Guardian Ad Litem to represent and protect the interests of Pierce Mason, Lilly Mason, Mary Mason, Albert Brown Mason, the only minors concerned in the proceedings and settlement now appearing and in open Court consenting to act and proceeding to contest said settlement. The Court proceeds to hear the matter pertaining to said accounts and to consider the evidence submitted relating thereto.

And, it appearing to the Court that the only persons interested in said final settlement other than the minors set out hereinabove under said will are: Lilly M. McMillan who resides at Stockton, Alabama; J. Raymond Crosby who resides at Mobile, Alabama; John Dougald Crosby who resides at Bay Minette, Alabama; Samuel M. Crosby who resides at Ozark, Alabama; and, I. P. Mason acting as agent and Guardian for the heirs of Serena Mason, deceased; and, it further appearing that said legatees have joined in petition that said accounts be in all things passed and allowed and said executor finally discharged and have waived notice and publication in a newspaper of said final settlement; and, it further appearing to the Court that notice of the final settlement has been duly given by personal service on the minor heirs set out hereinabove and on all the parties that did not specifically waive such

notice; the Court proceeds to examine said accounts and vouchers filed therewith and consider proof relating thereto.

WHEREUPON, it appearing to the Court that all of the claims filed against said Estate either with said executor or in this Court have been paid in full; and, it further appearing to the Court that the amounts received by the said executor and the amounts disbursed by said executor are fully and completely accounted for by receipts and notices incorporated in the final report; and it further appearing that there are now no funds in the hands of the executor; and, it further appearing that there are no other assets belonging to the estate in the hands of the executor; and, it further appearing to the Court that said executor has in all respects complied with the law in such cases made and provided; it is considered by the Court and so

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

That said accounts of the said executor be and the same is in all things passed and allowed, and that said Estate is hereby declared to be finally settled, and the said Executor is hereby finally discharged.

Given under my hand this 11th day of ~~April~~ May, 1939.

G. W. Hare
Judge.

DECREE ON FINAL
SETTLEMENT

Filed May 12, 1929
R. S. DUCK
clerk, - register
By Carlline Hampson
Deputy

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
Petition of Raymond Crosby for appointment as trustee of certain minors in re will of A. B. Crosby, deceased.	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA IN EQUITY

NOMINATION OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Now comes Mary Mason, a minor over the age of fourteen years, who is a devisee under the last will and testament of A. B. Crosby, deceased, and is one of the minors mentioned in the above petition filed in this cause or matter, and nominates J. B. Blackburn, a practicing attorney of said State and County, and for her guardian ad litem to represent her and protect her interests herein. She the said minor further represents to the Court that it will be highly advantageous to her interests to have the said petition granted.

Mary Mason
a Minor over the age of fourteen years.

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

I, Max A. Land, a Justice of the Peace in and for said State and County, hereby certify that Mary Mason, a minor over the age of fourteen years, who is known to me and whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date, and I certify that such nomination was this day made by the said minor. Given under my hand this the 28 day of January, 1944.

Max A. Land
Justice of the Peace, Beat 4,
Baldwin County, Ala.

RECORDED

Jan 25 1944

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
Petition of Raymond Crosby for appointment as trustee of certain minors in re will of A. B. Crosby, deceased.	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA IN EQUITY

NOMINATION OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Now comes Brown Crosby Mason, a minor over the age of fourteen years, who is a devisee under the last will and testament of A. B. Crosby, deceased, and is one of the minors mentioned in the above petition filed in this cause or matter, and nominates J. B. Blackburn, a practicing attorney of said State and County, as and for his guardian ad litem to represent him and protect his interests herein. He the said minor further represents to the Court that it will be highly advantageous to his interests to have the said petition granted.

Brown Crosby Mason
a Minor over the age of fourteen years.

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.) I, Chas Laud, a Justice of the Peace in and for said State and County, hereby certify that Brown Crosby Mason, a minor over the age of fourteen years, who is known to me and whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date, and I certify that such nomination was this day made by the said minor. Given under my hand this the 4 day of January, 1944.

Chas Laud
Justice of the Peace, Beat 4,
Baldwin County, Ala.

RECORDED

Filed Jan 28 1944
R. Schlueter
Register

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY. IN EQUITY.

TO ANY SHERIFF IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Brown Crosby Mason, a minor over the age of fourteen years, to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the bill of complaint filed in this court, and hereinafter set out, by Raymond Crosby against him.

HEREIN fail not, and make due return, as the law directs.

WITNESS my hand this the 18 day of January, A.D., 1944.

R. S. DUCK, Register,

By _____
as Deputy Register.

TO THE HONORABLE G. W. ROBERTSON:

We, the undersigned adult heirs of Serena A. Masson, Deceased, do respectfully petition the court to grant the petitioner the petition of J. Raymond Crosby that he be discharged as executor of Estate of A. B. Crosby, deceased.

Dated October 25th, 1938.

Martha Masson Earle

Serena Mae Mason

Margaret Crosby Mason

8581. NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Moore Printing Co.

In the matter of Petition of Raymond Crosby for Appointment as Trustee under last will and testament of A.B. Crosby, deceased

VS.

Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason minors

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint, ~~[illegible]~~; Nomination, appointment, acceptance and answer of J.B. Blackburn, Esq., Guardian ad Litem; Testimony as noted by register and oral testimony of witness, H.E. Smith, in open Court; Last will and testament of A. B. Crosby, deceased.

and in behalf of Defendant upon answer

R. L. Lucas Register.

RECORDED

No. ——

The State of Alabama,

BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY

VS.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 31st

day of January 1944

Register.

Moore Printing Co.

NOTICE TO WITNESS TO PROBATE WILL. (Box 576-3.) 36166 MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County.

PROBATE COURT.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Harold B. Jackson & R.O. Brooks, both of Mobile, Ala

to appear in and before the Probate Court of said County, on the 5th day of December, 19 29, to give evidence in a certain matter now pending in said Court, wherein Raymond Crosby has filed for Probate an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Albert Byron Crosby deceased.

And this you shall in nowise omit, under the penalty prescribed by law. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this writ at the office of the Judge of said Court.

Witness, G. W. Humphries Judge of said Court at office, this 18th day of Nov, A. D. 19 29.

G. W. Humphries
Judge of Probate.

CODE 1923 - SEC. 10626.

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No. ..... Box .....

State of Alabama,

Baldwin COUNTY

PROBATE COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

Raymond Crosby

To Probate the Will of

Albert Brown Crosby

Deceased.

Notice to Witnesses to Probate Wills

Issued 18 day of Nov 19 29

To Ferd C. Jansen Esq
C. O. Roch
Mobile Ala

D ②
11/22/29

(Box 576-3) MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

Received November 22, 1929, and on November 23, 1929, I served copy of the within on Ferd C. Jansen and R. C. Roch Attorneys, Sheriff, by C. Dodge, D.S. ③

In the Matter of: Petition of Raymond Crosby for Appointment as Trustee of and for the Minors, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, under Last Will and Testament of A. B. Crosby, Deceased.	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY.

D E C R E E

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon the original bill of complaint; nomination, appointment, acceptance and answer of J. B. Blackburn, guardian ad litem for the minors, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason; waiver of notice and consent of I. P. Mason; and testimony as noted by the register and as given orally in open Court at the hearing of this cause; and upon consideration thereof, the Court is of the opinion that petitioner, Raymond Crosby, is entitled to the relief prayed for in said bill of complaint,

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that Raymond Crosby be, and he is hereby, named and appointed trustee to receive, have and hold the real estate and personal property devised and bequeathed under the last will and testament of A. B. Crosby, deceased, the said will being of record in this Court, to Mary Mason, a minor, and Brown Crosby Mason, a minor.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said Raymond Crosby, as trustee hereunder for said minors, be, and he is hereby vested with full power and authority, under the terms and provisions of said will and in accordance therewith, to sell and convey for reinvestment any property, real or personal, devised and bequeathed to said minors, or either of them, under and by the said last will and testament. It is further ordered and decreed that the said Raymond Crosby be and he is not required to give any bond for the faithful performance of his duties hereunder.

DONE this the 31st. day of January, 1944.

F W Hare.
Judge.

Estate of Albert Brown Crosby, Deceased | In the Probate Court of Baldwin county, Ala., November 18th, 1929.

On this day came Raymond Crosby and filed his petition, in writing and under oath, therewith producing and filing, in this Court an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Albert Brown Crosby, deceased, and Codicil thereto, and praying for such orders, decrees and proceedings, as may be proper and requisite for the due probate and record of said will and the codicil thereto, in this Court, which said will appears to be attested by Vernal R. Jansen and R.P.Roach both residing in Mobile Alabama, and the Codicil thereto appears to be attested by Murphy M. McMillan and Lillie McMillan, both of Stockton, Baldwin County, Alabama and who it is alleged signed said instruments as witnesses thereto: And it appearing to the Court from said petition, that said petitioner is one of the next of kin of said deceased and is named in said instrument as executor thereof; that said deceased was a widower at the time of his death, and left surviving him the following heirs and next of kin: Lillie M. McMillan, a daughter, over the age of 21 years, residing in Stockton, Alabama, J. Raymond Crosby, a son, over 21 years of age, who resides in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama; J. Dougal Crosby, a son, over 21 years of age, residing in Bay Minette, Alabama, Samuel N. Crosby, a son over the age of 21 years , who resides in Ozark, Dale County, Alabama; Martha Mason, a minor, over the age of 14 years, Margaret Mason, Serena M. Mason, Pierce Mason, Jr., Lillie Mason, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, minors under the age of 14 years, all of said minors being children of Serena Crosby Mason, Deceased, who was a dayghter of said decedent and who reside with their father, Pierce Mason at Stockton in Baldwin county, Alabama. All of said next of kin being of sound mind.

It is therefore ordered by the court, that the 5th day of December A.D., 1929, be set as a day for hearing testimony in proof of said instrument as such will. That said Vernal R. Jansen and R. P.Roach, Murphy M McMillan and Lillie McMillan be subpoenaed to be and appear on said 5th day of December, 1929, in and before this Court, to testify and give evidence of and concerning all, and any facts touching the question of the validity of such instrument as such will and the codicil thereto, It appearing to the Court that all of the adult next of kin have accepted notice of the filing of this petition and have waived further form and notice that by law is required to be given them. That said Martha Mason, a minor heir over 14 years of age be notified of this proceeding and of the day above set for said hearing by personal service and that the same kind of a notice be served on I.F.Mason, the father and custodian of Margaret Mason, Serena M. Mason, Pierce Mason, Jr., Lillie Mason, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, minors under the age of fourteen years.

That the appointment of a suitable person to act as guardian ad litem for said minors be postponed until said ~~custodian~~ citations shall have been duly served, for such a length of time as shall be deemed and adjudged by the Court, to be reasonable and sufficient for such of said minors as are over the age of 14 years and for the custodian of others to come in and nominate to the Court a proper person to act as such guardian.

Judge of Probate.

Order Setting day for hearing Petition to Probate Will

11/18/29

Recorded in Probate Minutes "J" of Page 208-209

NOTICE OF DAY SET FOR HEARING PROBATE OF WILL (Box 499.) MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

To Pierce Mary Catherine & Margaret Myers Jerome Pierce Mary Pierce Mary Lillie Mae Pierce Mary Pierce & Brunt Cauley

You will please take notice that on the 18th day of November, A.D. 1929

a certain paper in writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of

Allen Brunt Cauley was filed in my office for Probate by

Raymond Cauley and that the 5th day of

December A.D. 1927, was appointed a day for hearing thereof, at

which time you can appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

Given under my hand, this 18th day of Nov A.D. 1929

W. W. Thomas

Judge of Probate.

Received in Office this 18 day

of Nov. 1929

C. Irwin

Sheriff.

Executed by leaving Copy with the

within named part Nov. 19th.

1929

C. Irwin.

Sheriff.

Copy

The State of Alabama

Baldwin County

PROBATE COURT

In the Matter of the Application of

Raymond L. Crosby

TO PROBATE WILL OF

Albert Brown Crosby

DECEASED

Notice of Day Set for Hearing Probate of Will

Issued this 18th day of

Nov 1929

MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

R. S. DUCK
Register and Clerk of the Circuit
Court, Baldwin County
Bay Minette, Alabama

February 16,1939.

Mr. I. P. Mason,
Stockton, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Mason:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Henri M. Aldridge, who, since Mr. McMillan's death, is handling the Estate of A. B. Crosby, deceased.

Mr. Aldridge thinks that the minor heirs of the said A. B. Crosby, should be served notice of the filing of Petition for Final Settlement, and suggests that I get their places of residence from you. I believe that one or two of these children are off at school, and will thank you if you will let me know just where I may be able to have them served.

We are anxious to get this estate settled as soon as is possible.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. S. DUCK, Regi ster

By: [illegible]
Deputy-Register.

Prince Mason, Box 195, University
Lillie Mason, Stockton
Mary Mason "
Brown Mason "

PROOF OF WILL.

Moore Printing Co. :::: Bay Minette, Ala.

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County

PROBATE COURT.

December 5th, 1929

In the matter of the Estate of A.B.Crosby Deceased.

Present, Hon. G.W.Humphries Judge of Probate.

Before me, G.W.Humphries Judge of Probate, in and for said county, personally appeared in open court R.P.Roach who, having been, by me, first duly sworn and examined, did depose and say, on oath, that he is a subscribing witness to the instument of writing now shown to him dated the 12th day of July,A.D., 1924, and which purports to be the last will and testament of A.B.Crosby deceased, late an inhabitant of this county, that said A.B.Crosby signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same, in the presence of said A.B.Crosby and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence and in the presence of said A.B.Crosby, and at his request.

That said A.B.Crosby was of sound mind and disposing memory, and in the opinion of the deponent fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said A.B.Crosby was on the day of the said date of said will of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards.

R.P.Roach (L. S.)

(L. S.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of Dec 1929

G.W.Humphries
Judge of Probate.

Testimony of
P. P. Roach

Recorded in "C"
Will Record
Page 501

Filed in office of
Judge of Probate
Clay County Ala
Dec 7th 1927
[illegible] Judge
by [illegible] Clk

PROOF OF WILL.

Moore Printing Co. :::: Bay Minette, Ala.

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County

PROBATE COURT.

Dec 6th 1929

In the matter of the Estate of A. B. Crosby Deceased.

Present, Hon. G. W. Humphries Judge of Probate.

Before me, G. W. Humphries Judge of Probate, in and for said county, personally appeared in open court Murphy M. McMillan who, having been, by me, first duly sworn and examined, did depose and say, on oath, that he is a subscribing witness to the instument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be a Codicil to the last will and testament of A. B. Crosby dated July 12th, 1924 deceased, late an inhabitant of this county, that said A. B. Crosby signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be a Codicil to his last will and testament, and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same, in the presence of said A. B. Crosby and that such other witness subscribed her name as a witness in his presence and in the presence of said A. B. Crosby. That said A. B. Crosby was of sound mind and disposing memory, and in the opinion of the deponent fully capable of making said Codicil to his will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said A. B. Crosby was on the day of the said date of said Codicil to his will of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards.

Murphy M. McMillan (L. S.)

(L. S.)

Sworn to and subscrided before me this 6th day of Dec 1929

G. W. Humphries
Judge of Probate.

Testimony of
Murphy M. McMillan

Recorded in Will Record
"C" of Page 501 & 502

Filed in office of
Judge of Probate Tuscaloosa
Oct 1929
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McMILLAN & ALDRIDGE
Attorneys at Law
803-806 Van Antwerp Building
MOBILE, ALABAMA

Benj. F. McMillan, Jr
Henri M. Aldridge

October 10th, 1938.

Mr. Robert S. Duck,
Clerk of the Circuit Court,
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Bob:-

I send herewith petition for final settlement of the A. B. Crosby estate. I do not think it is necessary to publish this notice because there are no unpaid claims against the estate and all of the heirs are residents of this county. However, the Serena Mason heirs will have to be given notice and being residents publication of course would not answer the purpose.

Yours truly,

B. F. McMILLAN, JR.

BFM/jma

HENRI M. ALDRIDGE
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
805 VAN ANTWERP BUILDING
MOBILE, ALABAMA

January 27, 1939.

Office of the Circuit Clerk,
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Attention: Miss Thompson.

Dear Miss Thompson:

I enclose herewith waiver of Martha Mason Earle, Serena Mae Mason and Margaret Crosby Mason.

As you can see by the date hereof, this was signed sometime ago and misplaced by Mr. Raymond Crosby. For that reason it has not been forwarded before. I am now endeavoring to secure waivers from the other parties hereto and will advise you further as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

H. M. Aldridge

H. M. ALDRIDGE.

HMA/IS
(Encl.)

HENRI M. ALDRIDGE
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
805 VAN ANTWERP BUILDING
MOBILE, ALABAMA

April 12, 1939.

Miss Alice Thompson,
Deputy Clerk,
Circuit Court of Baldwin County,
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Miss Thompson: Re: A. B. Crosby Estate.

I enclose herewith my idea of the final decree in the above styled cause.

I believe the decree incorporates substantially the necessary information but, as you notice, I am leaving blank the date on which the Court ordered that the matter be put down for final hearing as I do not recall it. I would appreciate your filling in that blank and submitting it for the Judges signature.

I have also mailed a copy of this decree to Leslie Hall for his reactions.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

H. M. Aldridge

H. M. ALDRIDGE.

HMA/IS
(Encl.)

P.S. I am mailing the Court file under separate cover tomorrow.
HMA

APPOINTMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM. (Box 518) MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County.

PROBATE COURT, November TERM, 1929

To H M Hall
Bay Minette Ala

Take notice, that by an order of this Court, this day made and entered, you were appointed to act as Guardian ad litem for Martha Moore, Margaret Moore, Serena M. Moore, Carlo Moore Jr, Lillie Moore, Mary Moore and Brown Crosby Moore

minor heirs of A. B. Crosby, deceased, to represent and protect their interests upon the application of J. R. Crosby to probate an instrument purporting from being to be the will of A. B. Crosby dated February 8 the 1929 Dec 5th 1929

Given under my hand, this 5th day of Dec, 1929

Judge of Probate.

I hereby accept the appointment of Guardian ad litem for Martha Moore Margaret Moore Serena M. Moore Carlo Moore Jr, Lillie Moore, Mary Moore and Brown Crosby Moore

minor heirs of A. B. Crosby, deceased, to represent and protect their interests upon the hearing of the above named proceedings and hereby deny each and every allegation contained in said proceedings and demand proof thereof.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of Dec, 1929

Guardian ad litem.

APPOINTMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM. (Box 518) MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

The State of Alabama, Bibb County.

PROBATE COURT, November TERM, 1929

To S. M. Hall
Bay Minette Ala

Take notice, that by an order of this Court, this day made and entered, you were appointed to act as Guardian ad litem for Martha Mason, Margaret Mason, Lorena M. Mason, Charles Mason Jr., Lillie Mason, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason

minor heirs of A. B. Crosby, deceased, to represent and protect their interests upon the application of J. C. Crosby to probate an instrument purporting to be the will of A. B. Crosby and testimony in the trial December 1929

Given under my hand, this 5th day of Dec, 1929

[signature]
Judge of Probate.

I hereby accept the appointment of Guardian ad litem for Martha Mason Margaret Mason Lorena M. Mason Charles Mason Jr. Lillie Mason Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason

minor heirs of A. B. Crosby, deceased, to represent and protect their interests upon the hearing of the above named proceedings and hereby deny each and every allegation contained in said proceedings and demand proof thereof.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of Dec, 1929

[signature]
Guardian ad litem.

PROBATE FEE BILL (Box 591-2) 46502 MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE Revised

No. 761 In the Matter of [illegible]

Administrator, Executor or Guardian. Residence [illegible]

Attorneys [illegible] Docket Page Fee Book Page

DATE	FEES OF PROBATE JUDGE	Amount	Date	FEES OF PROBATE JUDGE	Amount
	WILL—Order on Presentation, $1.00	1.00		BROUGHT FORWARD,	
	Affidavit in Petition for Probate, 25c			Affidavit to Report, 25c	
	Recording Petition, per 100 words, 15c	1.00		Recording, per 100 words, 15c	
	Issuing Citation, ent'g Sheriff's Returns, 50c			Appointing Com'r to Divide, and Writ, $2.00	
	App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c	1.00		Approving Division and Order thereon, $1.00	
	Issuing Subpoenas for Witness, 50c	1.00		App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c	
	Affidavit of Witnesses, 25c	1.00			
	Examining Wit. and order Probating, $2.00	3.00		PARTIAL SETTLEMENT—Affidavit in Acc't, 25c	
	Issuing Commission to take Deposition, 50c	3.00		Affidavit to List of Heirs, 25c	
	Filing Interrogatories, 10c			Examining, Stating Acc't and Ap. Hear., $1.00	
	Copy of same, per 100 words, 15c	1.00		Order to Publish Notice of Sale, 50c	
	Recording Will, per 100 words, 15c			App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c	
	Recording Testimony, per 100 words, 15c			Examining Vouchers, 10c	
	Certificate, without seal, 25c			Administering Affidavits, 25c	
	Certificate with seal, 50c			Making Decree and Order to Record, $1.50	
	Presiding at Trial C'nt'd Will, per day, $2.50			Recording same, per 100 words, 15c	
				Filing Claims and giving Receipt, 15c	
	LETTERS—Affidavit in Petition, 25c	4.00			
	Recording Petition, per 100 words, 15c			INSOLVENCY—Affidavit in Report, 25c	
	Rec'ding Rel. right to Adm'ner, 100 words, 15c			Affidavit to Statements, 25c	
	Granting Letters of Administration, 50c			Recording Rep't and Statem't, 100 words, 15c	
	Issuing and Recording same, 50c			Order Appointing Day for Hearing, 25c	
	Granting Let. of Gu'd'nship, each minor, 75c			Order to Publish Notice of same, 25c	
	Issuing, Filing and Recording same, 50c			Order for Citations, 25c	
	Taking, App., Filing, Rec. Adm. Bonds, $1.00			Iss'g Notice to Creditor Day of Hearing, 50c	
	Taking, App., Filing, Guard. Bond, $1.00			Order Sustaining Report, 25c	
	Affidavit of Justification, 25c			Order for Settlement, 25c	
	Granting Order of Appraisement, 50c			Order to Publish Day of Settlement, 25c	
	Issuing Order of Appraisement, 25c	4.00		Issuing Notice of Day of Settlement, 25c	
	Recording same, per 100 words, 15c			Affidavit to Amount of Claims, 25c	
	Order Removing Executor, Adm. Guard., $2.00			App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c	
	Order Appointing General Guardian, $1.00				
	Issuing and Recording same, 50c	2.00		SALE OF REAL ESTATE—Affidavit in Petition, 25c	
	Order Appointing General Administ'r, $1.00			Recording Petition, per 100 words, 15c	
	Issuing and Recording same, 50c			Order App't'g Day of Hear. and Notice, $1.00	
	Order Appointing Adm'r ad Litem, $1.00			Order to Publish Notice of same, 50c	
	Issuing and Recording same, 50c	50.00		Issuing Citations, Ent'g Sheriff's Return, 50c	
				App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c	
	HOMESTEAD—Rec. Pet'n for Com., 100 words, 15c			Issuing Commission to take Deposition, 50c	
	Record. Order for App., per 100 words, 15c			Filing Interrogatories, 10c	
	Recording Order for Com., per 100 words, 15c	76.35		Copy of Interrogatories, per 100 words, 15c	
	Notice to Commissioners, 50c			App't'g Com. to Divide and Issue Writ, $2.00	
	Recording Report of Com., per 100 words, 15c			Affidavit to Report of same, 25c	
	Record. Order Setting Apart, 100 words, 15c			Order Approving Division and Report, $1.00	
				Recording same, per 100 words, 15c	
	INVENTORY—Order to Approve and Record, 50c			Hearing Applic'n for Dower, Iss'g Writ, $4.00	
	Affidavit to same, 25c			Exam'g Testim'y and Grant Ord'r to Sell, $2.00	
	Recording same, per 100 words, 15c			Recording Depositions, per 100 words, 15c	
				Record. Reliq'm't of Dower, 100 words, 15c	
	SUPPLEMENT INVENTORY—Order App., Rec., 50c			Recording Report, per 100 words, 15c	
	Affidavit to same, 25c			Rec. Paym't Purchase Money, 100 words, 15c	
	Recording same, per 100 words, 15c			Making Order on Report of Sale of Land, 75c	
	Recording Decree, per 100 words, 15c			Hear. Ap'n to Compel Conveyance, etc., $2.00	
	APPRAISEMENT—Order Approving, Rec., 50c			FINAL SETTLEMENT—Affidavit in Account, 25c	
	Affidavit to same, 25c			Affidavit to Statement of Heirs, 25c	
	Recording same, per 100 words, 15c			Exam'g, Stating and Reporting Acc't, $1.00	
				Order to Publish Notice of same, 50c	
	SUPPLEMENT APPRAISEMENT—Grant, Order, 50c			App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c	
	Issuing Order of Appraisement, 25c			Examining Vouchers, 10c	
	Recording Warrant, per 100 words, 15c			Administering Affidavits, 25c	
	Order to Approve Appraisement, 50c			Recording same, per 100 words, 15c	
	Affidavit to same, 25c			Decree in Final Settlement, 50c	
	Recording same, per 100 words, 15c				
	Recording Decree, per 100 words, 15c			SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS—Proceedings for Declaration of Unsound Mind and App. Guard. ad Litem, $5.00	
	SALE OF PERISHABLE PROPERTY—Petition, 25c			Recording Decree Relieving Minors, etc., $1.00	
	Recording same, per 100 words, 15c			Proceed to Perpetuate Testimony, per 100 words, 20c	
	Granting Order of Sale, 50c			Other Services Relating Thereto, 75c	
	Issuing Order of Sale, 25c			Record. Pro'dings Bind'g Out Appren., $1.00	
	App'ting and Notifying Guard. ad Litem, 50c				
	Recording, per 100 words, 15c				
	SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY—Petition, 25c				
	Recording same, per 100 words, 15c				
	Granting Order of Sale, 50c				
	Issuing Order of Sale, 25c				
	Order to Publish Notice of Sale, 50c				
	CARRIED FORWARD,			TOTAL PROBATE JUDGE'S FEES,	

No. 967

The State of Alabama,

Calhoun County

PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF

Est Ola Cady

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

Date	FEES OF WITNESSES	Amount
	I have Received the Amount Opposite my Name.	

This is to certify that R.P.Roach, of Mobile, Alabama, has this 5th day of December, A.D., 1929, proven his attendance as a witness in the matter of the proof and probate of the last will and testament of A.B.Crosby, Deceased, for which he is due $1.50 per diem and $2.50 mileage, aggregating the sum of $4.00.

G W Humphries

Judge of Probate.

B. F. McMILLAN, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
803-806 VAN ANTWERP BLDG.
MOBILE, ALABAMA

November 14th, 1929

Mr. Jesse L. Kessler,
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Jesse:-

I herewith send you for Probate the will of A. B. Crosby of Stockton. The will is attached to the petition and you will note that there is also attached to the petition a request that letters be issued to the decedent's son, Raymond Crosby of Mobile. These adults also waive further forms and notices.

The Pierce Mason heirs however are minors and the notices will have to be issued to them in due course.

Please attend to the matter for me and advise me the date set for hearing.

The papers filed for Probate consist of a will and a codicil thereto. The original will is witnessed by R. P. Roach and Vernol R. Jansen, both of whom reside in Mobile. The codicil is witnessed by Murphy M. and Lillie M. McMillan, both of whom reside in Stockton.

Yours very truly,

B F McMillan Jr.

Mc/M
Encl.

B. F. McMILLAN, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
803-806 VAN ANTWERP BLDG.
MOBILE, ALABAMA

December 20th, 1929

Hon. G. W. Humphries, Judge,
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Judge:-

I herewith send you my check for $76.35 in payment of the enclosed cost bill. Please receipt and return to me.

Yours very truly,

B F McMillan Jr

Mc/M
Encls.

NOTICE OF DAY SET FOR HEARING PROBATE OF WILL (Box 499.) MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

To Martha Moore Gladstone

You will please take notice that on the 18 day of Nov 29 19 29

a certain paper in writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of

Albert Brown Crosby was filed in my office for Probate by

Raymond Crosby and that the 5th day of

December 29 1927, was appointed a day for hearing thereof, at

which time you can appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

Given under my hand, this 15th day of Nov. 29 19 29

[illegible]

Judge of Probate.

Original

Received in Office this 18 day

of Nov. 1929

C Irwin

Sheriff.

Executed by leaving Copy with the

within named part Nov. 19, 1929

C Irwin

Sheriff.

The State of Alabama

Baldwin County

PROBATE COURT

In the Matter of the Application of

Raymond L. Crosby

TO PROBATE WILL OF

Albert Brown Crosby

DECEASED

Notice of Day Set for Hearing Probate of Will

Issued this 18th day of

Nov 1929

MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

STATE OF ALABAMA,)
)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY. IN EQUITY.

TO ANY SHERIFF IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon Mary Mason, a minor over the age of fourteen years, to appear and plead, answer or demur, within thirty days from the service hereof, to the bill of complaint filed in this court, and hereinafter set out, by Raymond Crosby against her.

HEREIN fail not, and make due return, as the law directs.

WITNESS my hand this the ___day of January, A.D., 1944.

R. S. DUCK, Register,

By _____
as Deputy Register.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERT BROWN CROSBY, deceased.	) ( ) ( ) ( )	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY.

ANSWER OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

Comes LESLIE HALL, Guardian Ad Litem of PIERCE MASON, LILLIE MASON, MARY MASON, and BROWN MASON, interested in said proceedings, and for answer to said application, says:-

That he is not informed as to the correctness of the allegations contained in said application, and therefore, he denies each and every allegation contained therein, and demands proof thereof.

WITNESS My hand this 27th day of March, 1939.

Leslie Hall

Leslie Hall, Guardian Ad Litem for Minor Heirs of A. B. Crosby, deceased.

ESTATE OF ALBERT BROWN
CROSBY, deceased.

ANSWER OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

ESTATE OF	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
A. B. CROSBY, Deceased.	)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
	)	IN EQUITY.

ANSWER

Now come Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, minors, by J. B. Blackburn, as their Guardian Ad Litem, and for answer to the petition filed in this cause by Raymond Crosby deny each and all of the allegations thereof and demand strict proof of same.

J. B. Blackburn

Guardian Ad Litem for Mary Mason
and Brown Crosby Mason, minors.

ANSWER

RECORDED

ESTATE OF

A. B. CROSBY, Deceased

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
IN EQUITY. NO.

ESTATE OF A. B. CROSBY, deceased.

This day came Raymond Crosby, administrator of the estate of A. B. CROSBY, deceased, and filed in this Court his account and vouchers for a final settlement of said estate; and the 31st day of March, 1939, having been appointed by the Court for examining auditing and stating the same, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to appear on said day and contest the same, if they think proper.

R. S. Duck
R. S. DUCK, Register in Chancery.

(original)

NOTICE.

ESTATE OF A. B. CROSBY,
Deceased.

Filed March 31, 1939
R. S. Duck, Reg.

(original)

NOTICE.

ESTATE OF A. B. CROSBY,
Deceased.

Received this 8 day of March 1897
Pierce Mason
Probate Judge, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.
By mailing a copy hereof to each person named herein
Probate Judge, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA.

NO. IN EQUITY.

ESTATE OF A. B. CROSBY, deceased.

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K. S. DOCK, Registrar in Chancery.

In the Matter of the Petition of Raymond Crosby for Appointment as Trustee under the Last Will and Testament of A. B. Crosby, Deceased, for the Minors, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, and I. P. Mason.	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY.

CONSENT TO ACT AS GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

I, J. B. Blackburn, Esq., a practising attorney, hereby consent to act as guardian ad litem for Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, minors over the age of fourteen years, upon the hearing of the above cause.

WITNESS MY HAND this 25 day of January, 1944.

J. B. Blackburn
Guardian ad Litem.

RECORD

RECORDED

Filed January 27 1944
R. Deutsch
Regist

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M Est of A.B. Crosby

THE BALDWIN TIMES

PUBLISHED IN THE LAND OF THE GOLDEN SATSUMA

SUBSCRIPTION $2.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE
ADVERTISING RATES GIVEN ON APPLICATION

To attached Notice Run 12/19-26-1/2 - 100 req

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR

ESTATE OF,
A. B. CROSBY, Deceased.
PROBATE COURT.

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of A. B. Crosby of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1929, by the Hon. G. W. Humphries, Judge of the Probate Court of Baldwin County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

RAYMOND CROSBY,
Executor of the Estate of A. B. Crosby, Deceased.

B. F. McMILLAN, Jr.,
Attorney.

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Petition of Raymond Crosby. Executor.

This cause is submitted upon the petition of Raymond Crosby executor of the estate of Albert B, Crosby, deceased, to remove the administration of the said estate of Albert B Crosby from th e probat Court to this court and it appearing form said petition which is verified, that no final settlement of said estate has been had and the the petitioner is an heir of Albert B Crosby. upon consideration. it is ordered adjudged and decreed by the court that the said petition be and is hereby granted, and that the administration of the estate of Albert B Crosby be and hereby is removed to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama from the Probate of Said County and State

In Term time April 28th 1931.

F W Hare.
Judge,

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

Witness my hand and seal this 2nd Day of February. 1944.

R S Duck
Register Circuit Court. Baldwin County
Alabama.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERT BROWN CROSBY, deceased,	) ( ) ( ) ( ) (	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY.

APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

In said proceedings, it being made to appear to the Register, R. S. Duck, that PIERCE MASON, LILLIE MASON, and MARY MASON, are minors over the age of fourteen years, and BROWN MASON, is a minor under the age of fourteen years; that said minors are heirs at law of said ALBERT BROWN CROSBY, deceased, and interested in the result of said proceeding .

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Register, that LESLIE HALL, be, and he is hereby appointed Guardian Ad Litem, to represent said minors, upon the hearing of said application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said LESLIE HALL, be notified of his appointment and of the time of hearing said petition.

DATED this 27th day of March, 1939.

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

By: Nantlice Thompson
Deputy Register.

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ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

I hereby accept the above appointment as Guardian Ad Litem for PIERCE MASON, LILLIE MASON, MARY MASON, and BROWN MASON, minor heirs of Albert Brown Crosby, deceased.

DATED this 27th day of March, 1939.

Leslie Hall
Leslie Hall.

ESTATE OF ABBERT BROWN CROSBY,
deceased.

APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
AD LITEM

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
IN EQUITY. NO.

Estate of A. B. CROSBY, Deceased.

This day came Raymond Crosby, administrator of theestate of A. B. CROSBY deceased, and filed in Court his account and vouchers for a final settlement of said estate; and the 31st day of March, 1939, having been appointed by the Court for examining, auditing and stating the same, notice is hreby given to all parties interested to appear on said day and contest the same, if they think proper.

R. S. Duck
R. S. DUCK, Register in Chancery.

NOTICE.

YEOMO R A TO ATTAEH
C-RAMORO.

Executed March 16th 1939
By handing a copy of this
within writ to
J. P. Mason
Brown Mason
Mary Mason
Lillie Mason
W. R. Stuart
Sheriff

(original) Stuart

NOTICE.

ESTATE OF A. B. CROSBY,
DECEASED.

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN RE:
IN EQUITY. NO.

Estate of A. B. CROSBY, Deceased.

This day came Raymond Crosby, administrator of the estate of A. B. CROSBY deceased, and filed in Court his account and vouchers for a final settlement of said estate; and the 31st day of March, 1939, having been appointed by the Court for examining, auditing and stating the same, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to appear on said day and contest the same, if they think proper.

R. S. Duck
R. S. DUCK, Register in Chancery.

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STATE OF ALABAMA, }
COUNTY OF BALDWIN. } IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE:-

Your petitioner, Raymond Crosby, respectfully represents unto your Honor:

FIRST.

Petitioner is the executor of the Estate of Albert B. Crosby, deceased; the said estate is pending in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has not been finally settled. Petitioner is also an heir, distributee, legatee and devisee of said estate and in the opinion of petitioner such estate can be better administered in the Circuit Court than in the Probate Court.

Raymond Crosby

STATE OF ALABAMA, }
COUNTY OF MOBILE. } Before me, Ruth Macdonald, a Notary Public in and for said State and County personally appeared Raymond Crosby, who being sworn says that the allegations of the foregoing petition are true.

Raymond Crosby

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of April, 1931.

Ruth Macdonald
Notary Public, Mobile County, Alabama.

The foregoing petition comes on to be heard before the undersigned Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama this day of April, 1931, and it appearing that the allegations, duly verified, comply with the requirements of Section 6478 of the Code of Alabama, I am of the opinion that the petition should be granted: It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the foregoing petition is granted and the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama is ordered to send the transcript of the Estate of Albert B. Crosby to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

Dated this day of April, 1931.

Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

IN the matter of the petition of Raymond Crosby for appointment as trustee under the last will and testament of A B Crosby deceased, for the minors, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mabon and I P Mason.	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA. IN EQUITY.

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM,

In this cause it appearing to the register from the allegations of the sworn bill of complaint, filed herein that the respondants, Brown Crosby Mason and Mary Mason are minors over the age of Fourteen years, and it further appearing that the said minors have nominated J B Blackburn a Practising attorny, to act as Guardian ad Litem for said minor respondants, and the said J B Blackburn Esq, having filed his consent to act as such Guardian ad Litem upon the hearing of said cause and he being a fit and suitable person, it is now therefore ordered by the register that the said J B Blackburn, Esq, be and he is hereby appointed as Guardian ad Litem for and to represent the interests of the said minors in this cause.

Done the 28th day of January 1944.

Register.

In the Matter of the Petition of Raymond Crosby for Appointment as Trustee under the Last Will and Testament of A. B. Crosby, Deceased, for the Minors, Mary Mason and Brown Crosby Mason, and I. P. Mason.	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA. IN EQUITY.

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

In this cause it appearing to the register from the allegations of the sworn Bill of Complaint, filed herein that the respondents, Brown Crosby Mason and Mary Mason, are minors over the age of fourteen years, and it further appearing that said minors have nominated J. B. Blackburn, Esq., a practising attorney, to act as guardian ad litem for the said minor respondents, and the said J. B. Blackburn, Esq., having filed his consent to act as such guardian ad litem upon the hearing of said cause, and he being a fit and suitable person, it is now therefore ordered by the register that the said J. B. Blackburn, Esq., be and he is hereby appointed as guardian ad litem for and to represent the interests of the said minors in this cause.

DONE the 28th day of January, 1944.

R S Duck
Register.

NOTICE TO WITNESS TO PROBATE WILL. (Box 576c3.) 36166 MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County.

PROBATE COURT.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Murphy M. McMillan and Lillie McMillan both of Stockton, Ala

to appear in and before the Probate Court of said County, on the 5th day of December, 19 29, to give evidence in a certain matter now pending in said Court, wherein Raymond Crosby has filed for Probate an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Albert Brown Crosby deceased.

And this you shall in nowise omit, under the penalty prescribed by law. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this writ at the office of the Judge of said Court.

Witness, G M Humphries Judge of said Court at office, this 18th day of Nov, A. D. 19 29

G M Humphries
Judge of Probate.

CODE 1923 - SEC. 10626.

Executed this Nov. 19 1929 by serving a copy of within notice on the within named

C Irvin
Sheriff

Original

No. ..... Box .....

State of Alabama,

Jackson COUNTY

PROBATE COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

Raymond Cooley

To Probate the Will of

Albert Brown Cooley

Deceased.

Notice to Witnesses to Probate Wills

Issued 18 day of Nov 1929

To Murphy McMillan
Lillie McMillan
Stockton Ala

(Box 576-3) MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY. (Box 500-3) 73182 MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

PROBATE COURT

THE WILL/of A.B.Crosby, and Codicil thereto of A.B.Crosby of the said County, having been duly admitted to record, in said County, LETTERS TESTAMENTARY are hereby granted to Raymond Crosby, the Executor named in said Will, who has complied with the requisitions of the law, and is authorized to take upon himself the execution of such Will. and Codicil.

Witness my hand and dated this 5th day of December, A.D., 19 29.

J W Humphries

Judge of Probate.

Code 1923—Sec. 5731

Original

The State of Alabama

Baldwin County

Probate Court

Estate of

G. B. Crosby

Deceased.

Raymond Crosby

Executor

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

(Box 500-3.) MARSHALL & BRUCE CO., NASHVILLE