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IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF JOHN DAVID PAGGETT, LUME BARL BARGETT, SYLVIA BAG BRIT AND GILBERT BAGGETT, MINORS.
LEON G. BROOKS, GUARDIAN

IN THE CLACULE COURT OF BALDWIN GOUNTY, ALABAMA IN EQUITY.

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM

In this cause it appearing to the Register that John David Baggett, Luke Harl Baggett, Sylvia Baggett and Gilbert Baggett are minors, and it further appearing that no person has been nominated to act as guardian ad litem for said minor, and Hon. T. J. Mashburn, Jr., being a fit and suitable person, it is now therefore ordered by the Register that W. J. Mashburn, Jr., be, and he is hereby, appointed as guardian ad litem for, and to represent the interests of, the said minors in this cause.

Done this 4th day of March 1947.

Register

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP
OF JOHN DAVID BAGGETT, LUKE EARL BAGGETT,
SYLVIA BAGGETT AND GILBERT BAGGETT, MINORS.
LEON G. BROOKS, GUARDIAN

I IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF BALDWIN COUNTY,

ALABAMA, IN EQUITY

CONSENT TO ACT

I, T. J. Mashburn, Jr., hereby consent to act as guardian ad litem for John David Baggett, Luke Earl Baggett, Sylvia Baggett and Gilbert Baggett; minors, upon the hearing of the above cause.

Witness my hand this 4th day of March, 1947.

Jed. Mashbury A. Guardian Ad Litem

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP
OF JOHN DAVID BAGGETT, LUKE EARL
BAGGETT, SYLVIA BAGGETT AND
GILBERT BAGGETT, MINORS.
LEON G. BROOKS, GUARDIAN

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BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
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This day came on to be heard the petition of Leon G. Brooks, guardian of said minors, for authority to join and participate in an agreement in the nature of a family settlement for the partition of lands left by N. G. Baggett, deceased, as particularly set forth and described in the petition and hereinafter. There were present the petitioner and Telfair J. Mashburn, Jr., guardian ad litem for said minors. The matter was submitted for a final decree upon the sworn petition, the answer of the guardian ad litem, and the testimony as noted by the Register. Upon consideration thereof the Court is of the opinion that the petition should be granted and it is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

- 1. That the petition be in all things granted.
- 2. That the said Leon G. Brooks, as guardian for said minors, be and he is hereby authorized to execute or join in the execution of and to deliver an instrument conveying to the following named persons the interests of said minors in and to the lands shown as being conveyed to them, namely:

To W. G. Baggett - The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter ($NW_{4}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ of SE $_{4}^{\frac{1}{4}}$) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Three (3) North, Range Nine (9) East.

To Julia B. Martin - The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter ($SE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$) of Section Twenty - six (26), Township Three (3) North, Range Nine (9) East.

To Martha B. Evans - The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter ($NE_{4}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Three (3) North, Range Nine (9) East.

To Cretia Matilda Jackson - The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW_4^1 of NE_4^1) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Three (3) North, Range Nine (9) East.

To Charles Lewis Baggett, - The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter ($SE_{\frac{1}{4}}$ of $SE_{\frac{1}{4}}$) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Three (3) North, Range Nine (9) East.

3. That the sales and conveyances to all of the above named grantees, except Charles Lewis Baggett, are and shall be in the Nature of an exchange of properties and interests, it being considered that said minors and all of the other heirs at law of Louis Baggett, deceased, have been allocated the said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE_4^1 of SE_4^1) of said Section 26, Township 3 North, Range 9 East as their joint undivided one-fifth (1/5) interest in the real estate left by the said N. G. Baggett; and that as a condition to the execution and delivery of a conveyance to the said Charles Lewis Baggett of said forty acres of land there shall be paid to said guardian a sum equivalent to a valuation of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for said tract of land, in which said minors shall have a one-minth (1/9(share or interest, there being nine children of the said Louis Baggett; and that in addition the guardian of the said Charles Louis Baggett pay his proportion of the costs and expenses of this proceeding, not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) in this case; and that the conveyance of said property as proposed in the petition and as authorized hereby shall not be effected unless all of the other tenants in common of said real estate shall complete the same by executing and delivering a good and sufficient deed conveying their respective interests in fee simple, free of all liens and encumbrances, to the grantees above named.

Dated this 11th day of April, 1947.

F. W. Hare
Judge of the Circuit Court

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 12th day of April, 1947.

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE | GUARDIANSHIP | |
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LEON G. BROOKS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BREWTON, ALA.

ASSOCIATE M. BROOKS HAYES

July 29, 1947

Mrs. Alice J. Duck, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Mrs. Duck:

I enclose herewith a form of decree in the matter of the guardianship of John David Baggett, et al. At such time as he can consider the case please refer this and the other papers in the file to Judge Hare. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Mashburn with the request that he look over the testimony and the decree and, if agreeable with him, sign the waiver which appears on the paper with the testimony.

Yours very truly,

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF JOHN DAVID BAGGETT, LUKE EARL BAGGETT, SYLVIA BAGGETT AND GILBERT BAGGETT, MINORS. LEON G. BROOKS, GUARDIAN. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

) IN EQUITY.

PETITION OF LEON G. BROOKS, GUARDIAN, FOR AUTHORITY TO APPROPRIATE THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ESTATES OF SAID MINORS FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE AND EDUCATION.

This being the day heretofore set by the court for hearing this petition the matter was submitted upon the sworn petition, the answer of the guardian ad litem, and the testimony as noted by the Register. Upon consideration thereof the court is of the opinion that the petition should be granted. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the petition be granted, that it would be to the interest of all of said minors for their guardian to appropriate and spend for their maintenance and education the principal of their estates, that their parents are unable at this time to provide for all of their expenses for maintenance and education, and that Leon G. Brooks, their guardian, be and he is hereby authorized to spend all or so much of the principal of their estates for their maintenance and education as in his discretion may be suitable and proper.

Dated this the 3/ day of July, 1947.

Judge of the Circuit Court.

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This day came Leon G. Brooks, guardian of said minors, and filed his petition in writing, under oath, for authority to appropriate the principal of the estates of said minors for their maintenance and education. IT IS ORDERED that the _____ day of July, 1947, be and the same is hereby set as the day for hearing said petition; and that _____ / ___ / ___ an attorney at law practicing in this court, be and he is hereby appointed as guardian ad litem to represent said minors upon said hearing.

Dated this _____ day of July, 1947.

Alice L. Lluch Register of the Circuit Court. IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF JOHN DAVID BAGGETT, LUKE EARL BAGGETT, SYLVIA BAGGETT AND GILBERT BAGGETT, MINORS.
LEON G. BROOKS, GUARDIAN.

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

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

Your petitioner, Leon G. Brooks, guardian of said minors, respectfully represents unto Your Honor that he has received as such guardian the sum of One Hundred Seventy-seven and 76/100 Dollars (\$177.76) from the proceeds of the sale of the interests of said minors in certain real estate left by their grand-father, N. G. Baggett, in Escambia County, Alabama, the share of each of said minors in said sum being equal, or Forty-four and 44/100 Dollars (\$44.44) each. So far as your petitioner knows or believes said minors have no other property or assets.

All of said minors are living with and in the custody of their mother, Mrs. Altha Strickland, at Chickasaw, Alabama, and being of school age will again be in school at the beginning of the next school session in September, 1947. Your petitioner is informed by their mother and believes that all of said minors need said funds for their education and proper maintenance; that they have no income of their own; and that their parent is unable to provide at this time for all of their expenses for maintenance and education. Your petitioner is further informed and believes that one of said minors, Luke Earl Baggett, is in need of medical attention and that it would be suitable and useful to spend on his behalf considerably more than the funds held by your petitioner as his guardian.

The premises considered your petitioner prays that Your Honor will take jurisdiction of this petition, will fix a day for hearing the same, and appoint a guardian ad litem to represent said minors upon the hearing; and that upon said hearing, if the court is satisfied that the facts stated in this petition are true, will enter an order directing that your petitioner may spend any or all of the said funds of said minors as may seem advisable to him for their maintenance and education, after making

a reasonable deduction therefrom for the costs of the guardianship.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

Before the undersigned authority this day personally appeared Leon G. Brooks, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the guardian of the above named minors and the petitioner in said petition; that he is informed and believes that the facts set forth in said petition are true and upon such information and belief he states that they are true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July,

1947.

Mellie Mae Everage
Notary Public

LEON G. BROOKS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BREWTON. ALA.

ASSOCIATE M. BROOKS HAYES

July 23, 1947

Mrs. Alice J. Duck,

Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Mrs. Duck:

In-Re: John David Baggett, et al., Minors.

Please issue a commission to Mrs. Nellie Mae Everage to take the testimony by oral examination of Mrs. Altha Strickland, a witness for the petitioner, in support of the recent application I filed as guardian of these minors for authority to use the principal of their estate for their maintenance and education.

I have already talked with Mr. Mashburn about this case but I think it would be a good idea for you to tell him that I am planning to take the testimony of Mrs. Strickland in Brewton next Saturday, at which time she will be on a visit to relatives here. I am sure he does not want to be present but I would like for him to know about this and to understand that if he should want to examine Mrs. Strickland or be present I would be glad to have the hearing at any time Saturday that suits his convenience. If he is not to be personally present I would like for him to execute and file a written acceptance of notice of the hearing and, if he will go so far, to enter his appearance at the hearing by an endorsement on the testimony when it is taken. I am sure that he and I can agree upon these matters.

Yours very truly,

Leon J. Brooks

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF JOHN DAVID BAGGETT, LUKE EARL BAGGETT, SYLVIA BAGGETT AND GILBERT BAGGETT, MINORS. LEON G. BROOKS, GUARDIAN.

-) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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-) IN EQUITY.

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Brooks, guardian of said minors, for authority to join and participate in an agreement in the nature of a family settlement for the partition of lands left by N. G. Baggett, deceased, as particularly set forth and described in the petition and hereinafter. There were present the petitioner and Telfair J.

Mashburn, Jr., guardian ad litem for said minors. The matter was submitted for a final decree upon the sworn petition, the answer of the guardian ad litem, and the testimony as noted by the Register. Upon consideration thereof the Court is of the opinion that the petition should be granted and it is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

- 1. That the petition be in all things granted.
- 2. That the said Leon G. Brooks, as guardian for said minors, be and he is hereby authorized to execute or join in the execution of and to deliver an instrument conveying to the following named persons the interests of said minors in and to the lands shown as being conveyed to them, namely:

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3. That the sales and conveyances to all of the above named grantees, except Charles Lewis Baggett, are and shall be in the nature of an exchange of properties and interests, it being considered that said minors and all of the other heirs at law of Louis Baggett, deceased, have been allocated the said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 26, Township 3 North, Range 9 East as their joint undivided one-fifth (1/5) interest in the real estate left by the said N. G. Baggett; and that as a condition to the execution and delivery of a conveyance to the said Charles Lewis Baggett of said forty acres of land there shall be paid to said guardian a sum equivalent to a valuation of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for said tract of land, in which said minors shall have a oneninth (1/9) share or interest, there being nine children of the said Louis Baggett; and that in addition the guardian of the said Charles Louis Baggett pay his proportion of the costs and expenses of this proceeding, not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) in this case; and that the conveyance of said property as proposed in the petition and as authorized hereby shall not be effected unless all of the other tenants in common of said real estate shall complete the same by executing and delivering a good and sufficient deed conveying their respective interests in fee simple free of all liens and encumbrances, to the grantees above named.

Dated this // day of April, 1947.

Judge of the Circuit Court

| IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP |) | IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF |
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| GILBERT BAGGETT, MINORS. | | • |
| LEON G. BROOKS, GUARDIAN. |) | IN EQUITY. |

This day came Leon G. Brooks, guardian of said minors, and filed in this court his petition, under cath, for an order or decree authorizing him to join in and consummate a division and partition agreement by and among the tenants in common of certain real estate, said minors being owners of undivided interests therein. Upon consideration thereof it is ordered that the petition be heard on the 13th day of March, 1947 and that I. Mashburns an attorney at law practicing in this court, be and he is hereby appointed as guardian ad litem to represent and protect the interests of said minors at the hearing.

Dated this 47 day of March, 1947.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP) OF JOHN DAVID BAGGETT, LUKE EARL BAGGETT, SYLVIA BAGGETT AND GILBERT BAGGETT, MINORS. LEON G. BROCKS, GUARDIAM.)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

). BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN EQUITY.

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

Your petitioner, Leon G. Brooks, guardian of the above named minors, respectfully represents unto Your Honor that he was heretofore appointed as such guardian and qualified and is acting in that capacity at this time; that there has been no final settle ment of the guardianship; and that because of the desirability of making a private sale of the interests of said minors in certain real estate your petitioner is of the opinion that the guardianship can be better administered in the Circuit Court in Equity than in the Probate Court of said County.

The premises considered your petitioner prays that Your Honor will make and enter an order removing the guardianship from the Probate Court to this Court.

David Baggett, Guardian Luke Earl Baggett, Sylvia Baggett and Gilbert Baggett, minors

THE STATE OF ALABAMA.) ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

Before the undersigned authority this day personally appeared Leon G. Brooks, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says, that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF JOHN DAVID BAGGETT, LUKE EARL BAGGETT, SYLVIA BAGGETT AND GILBERT BAGGETT, MINORS. LEON G. BROCKS, GUARDIAN.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

) IN EQUITY.

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

Your petitioner, Leon G. Brocks, guardian of said minors, respectfully represent unto Your Honor as follows:

N. G. Baggett, grandfather of said minors, died October 14, 1945, leaving a last will and testament, which was probated in Escambia County, Alabama by decree entered in the Probate Court thereof on April 25, 1946, under the terms of which will the real estate hereinafter described was dévised jointly to his children: W. G. Baggett, Julia B. Martin, Cretia Matilda Jackson, Martha B. Evans, and Louis (sometimes also known as C. L.) Baggett, said real estate being particularly described as follows:

The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW of SE), the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE of NE), the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE of SE), the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW of NE), and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE of SE) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Three (3) North, Range Nine (9) East, in Escambia County, Alabama;

and that the said Louis Baggett died prior to the death of the said N. G. Baggett, without a will and leaving as his survivors and sole heirs at law his children, namely: Eunice B. Parker, Ned H. Baggett, Hazel B. Kamenides, Mary B. Boudreau, Charles Lewis Baggett, John David Baggett, Luke Earl Baggett, Sylvia Baggett, and Gilbert Baggett; that Cretia Matilda Jackson has heretofore been appointed by the Probate Court of Escambia County, Alabama and is the qualified and acting guardian of Charles Lewis Baggett; that Leon G. Brooks has heretofore been appointed by the Probate Court of this county and is the qualified and acting guardian of John David Baggett, Luke Earl Baggett, Sylvia Baggett and Gilbert Baggett; and that said guardianships have heretofore been removed to the Circuit Courts in Equity of Escambia and Baldwin Counties respectively.

All of the adult owners of the real estate in question have agreed among themselves and with the two guardians of said minor children upon the division and partition of said real estate under a plan which includes the purchase by Charles Lewis Baggett of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Three (3) North, Range Nine (9) East in Escambia County, Alabama, on a basis of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) an acre, in addition to his proportion of the costs and expenses of this proceeding, which has been agreed upon by both of said guardians, subject to the approval thereof by the Circuit Court of the respective counties in which the guardianships are pending, and the vesting in them by such courts of authority to participate in said transaction so that the said Charles Lewis Baggett may purchase and the other minors, through their guardian, may sell and convey to him their interests in said real estate, and that said minors may, through their guardians, join in the partition plan and consummate the same by the conveyance to the other four adult heirs of the interests of said minors in the real estate allocated to said heirs under the partition plan.

All of the adult heirs and said guardians have agreed that the reasonable value of said two hundred (200) acres of land is Ten Dollars (\$10.00) an acre and that it is substantially of uniform value throughout. The said Charles Lewis Baggett is to pay for said forty (40) acres of land upon that basis and the total amount to be paid by him other than his proportion of the court costs and other expenses of this proceeding will be Three Hundred Fifty-five and 56/100 Dollars (\$355.56) (his own undivided one-ninth interest in the share left to his deceased father being taken into consideration in arriving at the purchase price). It is the opinion of all of said adult owners and of the undersigned guardian that the division and partition of said real estate as agreed upon, the purchase of said forty acres by the said Charles Lewis Baggett, and the sale of the interests of the other minors as proposed would be to the interest of all of said minors.

In addition to the conveyance of said forty acres to the said Charles Lewis Baggett the plan for dividing and conveying said real estate among the devisees under said will contemplates

the conveyance to the respective grantees shown below of the real estate described as being conveyed to them, namely:

To W. G. Baggett - The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW1 of SE1) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Three (3) North, Range Nine (9) East.

To Julia B. Martin - The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SEt of NEt) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Three (3) North, Range Nine (9) East.

To Martha B. Evans - The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE of SE of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Three (3) North, Range Nine (9) East.

To Cretia Matilda Jackson - The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW¹/₄ of NE¹/₄) of Section Twenty-six (26), Town-ship Three (3) North, Range Nine (9) East.

The premises considered your petitioner prays that the court will take jurisdiction of this petition; that it will set a day for hearing the same and appoint a guardian ad litem to protect and defend the interests of the said John David Baggett, Luke Earl Baggett, Sylvia Baggett, and Gilbert Baggett in this proceeding; and that upon a final hearing of the petition Your Honor will make and enter a decree authorizing your petitioner, as the guardian of said minors, to join in and consummate said division and partition agreement by conveying to the said Charles Lewis Baggett, for the consideration above stated, the interests of said minors in and to said forty acres of land proposed to be purchased by him and to join the other tenants in common thereof in conveying to the other devisees named above the real estate described as being conveyed to them respectively, and generally to do whatever may be needful or proper to accomplish said division and partition agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Guardian of John David Bæggett, Luke Earl Baggett, Sylvia Baggett and Gilbert Baggett, minors.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,)
ESCAMBIA COUNTY.)

I, Nellie Mae Everage, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, hereby certify that Leon G. Brooks, whose name as guardian of John David Baggett, Luke Earl Baggett, Sylvia Baggett, and Gilbert Baggett, minors, 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 said instrument, he, as such guardian and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this / day of February, 1947.

Nellie Mae Everage Notary Public In The matters of the buardianship of John David Baggitt Potition 3-1-41 Alice J. Leuch Register.

In the matter of the Guardianship of John David Baggett, Luke Earl Baggett, Sylvia Baggett and Gilbert Baggett, Pinors.

In the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Ala., March 8th, 1947.

On the Petition of Leon G. Brooks, as Guardian of the above named-Minors and Order of Hon. F. W. Hard, dated November 7, 1946, ordering the removal of the administration of the estate of above named minors from the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, sigging in Equity.

It is now ordered by the court that the File in case No. 2354, in the matter of the Guardianship Estate of John David Baggett, etal minors, be and is transferred from the Probate Fourt of Baldwin County, Alabama, to the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, sitting in Equity, to gether with all Petitions, Orders and documents now in said file.

Ordered, Adjudged and Hecreed by the Court this 8th day of March, $^{\Lambda}$.D., 1947.

Judge of Probate.

LEON G. BROOKS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BREWTON. ALA.

ASSOCIATE M. BROOKS HAYES

July 26, 1947

Mrs. Alice J. Duck, Register of the Circuit Court, Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Mrs. Duck:

The testimony of Mrs. Altha Strickland in connection with my petition as guardian of John David Baggett, et al., minors, was taken today by Mrs. Everage, commissioner. This testimony and the commission are herewith enclosed.

Yours very truly,

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

I, John David Baggett, a minor over fourteen (14) years of age, and a resident citizen of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby nominate Leon G. Brooks, a resident of Escambia County, Alabama and over the age of twenty-one (21) years, to be my guardian, and I request his appointment by the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

Dated this the <u>12</u> day of September, 1946.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,)
BALDWIN COUNTY.)

I, A. A. Edurards, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, hereby certify that John David Baggett, 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 said instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this 12 day of September, 1946.

A. J. Edwards
Notary Public, Baldwin
County, Alabama.

Notary Public, Baldwin County, Ala.
My commission expires February 27, 1950
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LEON G. BROOKS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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October 24, 1946

Hon. W. R. Stuart, Judge of Probate, Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Judge:

At the request of their mother, Mrs. Altha Strickland, I have agreed to act as guardian of her four minor children, John David Baggett, et al., who reside at Loxley. I enclose the petition for letters of guardianship, together with a bond signed by Mr. J. W. Adkisson, President of the Farmers & Merchants Bank and of Luttrell Hardware Company of this city, and Mr. F. F. Fountain, owner of Fountain Drycleaners and the Sheriff elect of this county. If you need further assurance of the worth of this bond I will be glad to supply you with a certificate from the Judge of Probate here.

These minors are the grandchildren of Mr. N. G. Baggett, an old gentleman who died here last year, leaving a tract of land consisting of about 200 acres north of Brewton. He left the property to five children, one of whom was dead but who left nine children of his own. These minors are four of the nine. I am handling the estate and it is necessary to have a guardian appointed for these minors in order to carry out under the orders of the Circuit Court in Equity an agreed plan for dividing the real estate.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF JOHN DAVID BAGGETT, LUKE EARL BAGGETT, SYLVIA BAGGETT AND GILBERT BAGGETT, MINORS.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

This day came Leon G. Brooks and filed his petition in writing, under oath, praying that he be appointed guardian of John David Baggett, Luke Earl Baggett, Sylvia Baggett and Gilbert Baggett, minors, and it appearing to the court from the allegations of the petition that the said John David Baggett is a minor over fourteen (14) years of age but that by an instrument executed and acknowledged by him and filed with the petition he has nominated the petitioner to be his guardian, that the other minors named in the petition are under fourteen (14) years of age, that they are resident citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama, jointly possessed of an estate in their own right which is estimated to be worth One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), that they have no father living or other legal guardian residing in this state, that the petitioner is a fit person to have the management of their estates; IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the petition be granted provided the petitioner first file herein his bond as such guardian, in the penal sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) conditioned and payable as required by law and with sureties to be approved by this court.

And now again comes the said Leon G. Brooks and presents to the court his guardian's bond, in form as required by law, with J. W. Adkisson and F. F. Fountain as sureties thereon; and the court being sufficiently advised concerning said sureties IT IS ORDERED that the bond be taken, approved and recorded. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said Leon G. Brooks be and he is hereby appointed guardian of the said John David Baggett, Luke Earl Baggett, Sylvia Baggett, and Gilbert Baggett and that letters of guardianship issue to him.

Dated this 26 day of October, 1946.

Judge of Probate

PETITION OF LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP (Box 515-2) 80510 MARSHALL & BRUCE-NASHVILLE The State of Alabama, BALDWIN County PROBATE COURT.....TERM, 19..... The undersigned, Leon G. Brooks , your Petitioner, respectfully represents unto Your Honor: John David Baggett is a minor, aged 16 years That ... AGYAK DAX than 14 That Luke Earl Baggett is a minor, aged less / years, **18**X.... ON XENEX.... Zex Xex than 14 That Sylvia Baggett is a minor, aged less / years XXXXX XSXXXX XIX than 14 That Gilbert Baggett is a minor, aged less / years OXER/EX X3X;X5X5, 19.7 is x mino-x agaix Vextx or XXXXXXX dax kix X.E. vexra Xďay Kí mxbex... XXXXXX om thex xday bix XXX XI hat XSXXXXII KOX XXXXXIX OXXXXX OXXXXX **4X** XXX. . degex, xox ionxexed XXXXX XXXXX day atx -----X**2**XX Thatx... Ave are on the day of 19...... That the said minor. S. have no father living, or other legal guardian residing in this State; are resident S. of this County, and have an estate in their own right, situated in this State, which estate is estimated to be worth in the aggregate about Cne Hundred Fifty ----- Dollars; that your Petitioner has been nominated by John David Baggett to be his guardian and has been requested by the mother of of the said minor of and a resident of this State, and now prays them Your Honor that.....hemay be appointed Guardian of the estate of the said minor..S..., ... hisentering into bond in such sum as is by law required, and with security or securities to be approved by Your ESCAMBIA THE STATE OF ALABAMA,COUNTY. Leon G. Brooks being duly sworn, deposes and says that the facts averred in the above petition are true according to the best of his knowledge, information and belief Sworn to and subscribed before me, this.

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Petition for Letters of Guardianship

Guardian's Postoffice:

Attorney.

LEON G. BROOKS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BREWTON. ALA.

ASSOCIATE M. BROOKS HAYES

November 5, 1946

Mr. R. S. Duck,

Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Duck:

Please file the enclosed petition for the removal of the guardianship of John David Baggett, et al., from the Probate Court to the Circuit Court. I enclose an original and one copy of a proposed decree making the transfer. The copy should be certified by you and delivered to the Probate Judge as authority for receiving the file of papers from his office.

I would appreciate it if you would drop me a line when the transfer has been accomplished.

Yours very truly, hem 5. Works

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LEON G. BROOKS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BREWTON. ALA.

ASSOCIATE M. BROOKS HAYES

March 1, 1947

Mrs. Alice Duck, Register of the Circuit Court, Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Mrs. Duck:

In-Re: Guardianship of John David
Baggett, et al.

I enclose to be filed a petition by me as guardian of these minors for authority to join with other tenants in common in the partition of real estate in which they own an interest. Please appoint a guardian ad litem and let me have his name, as I would like to discuss this case with him.

Yours very truly, hem S. Morp

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P.S. I am enclosing an order setting the hearing and appointing a guardian ad litem. LEON G. BROOKS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BREWTON. ALA.

March 19, 1947

Mrs. Alice J. Duck,

Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Mrs. Duck:

In-Re: John David Baggett, et al., Minors.

I would thank you to issue a commission to Mrs. Nellie Mae Everage to take the testimony of W. G. Baggett and another witness, whose name I am not able to give you at this writing, and to mail this commission to me right away. I will insert the name of the second witness when the testimony is taken. I assume that you have set the petition for hearing on March 20th., but if not, please do so. I have been in correspondence with Mr. Mashburn, the guardian ad litem, and he and I will cooperate in disposing of the petition.

Yours very truly, Roop

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LEON G. BROOKS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BREWTON, ALA.

ASSOCIATE M. BROOKS HAYES

March 10, 1947

Mrs. Alice J. Duck,

Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Mrs. Duck:

In-Re: John David Baggett, et al., minors.

I thank you for yours of the 8th.

It is not my purpose to have a hearing in open court before Judge Hare of the petition I have just filed asking authority to sell real estate of these minors. This is more or less a matter of form and I expect to take the testimony of a witness up here where the land is located, and then submit the case to the Judge in the routine way. I will, of course, explain the case and the procedure to Mr. Mashburn and ask for his cooperation, which I am sure he will give.

You have the authority to set the date for hearing the petition and I would appreciate your inserting this date, making it, if you have no objection, March 20th.

In the meantime I will write you again and request that you issue a commission to someone up here to take the testimony of a disinterested witness whose name I will give you.

Yours very truly, ways.

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The State of Alabama, BALDWIN XXXXXXXXXXX County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

| | IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX |
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| a Magazini segiri siri | JOHN DAVID BAGGETT, LUKE EARL BAGGETT, SYLVIA |
| | BAGGETT AND GILBERT BAGGETT, MINORS. |
| | LEON G. BROOKS, GUARDIAN. |
| Oral exam | nination before the Register of the following witnesses: |
| | W. G. Baggett and W. I. Blackburn |
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| | Alabama, said examination being conducted in Brewton Alabama, |
| on this the | 3rd day of April, 1947, and there being present. |
| | said witnesses, Leon G. Brooks, guardian of said minors, |
| | and Telfair J. Mashburn, guardian ad litem for said minors. |
| The said | Baggett W. G. / being first sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the |
| truth, testified | d as follows: |
| | name is W. G. Baggett. I am an uncle of the minors involved |
| <u>in this</u> | proceeding. I am of course well acquainted with all of the |
| real_es | tate left by my deceased father, N. G. Baggett, and particular |
| ly desc | ribed in the petition. All of the adult owners, including |
| myself, | have agreed upon a division of this property as outlined in |
| the pet | ition, and involved in this plan is a proposal that Charles |
| <u>Lewis B</u> | aggett, one of the minors, buy the interests of all of the |
| other_t | enants in common in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast |
| Quarter | of Section 26, Township 3 North, Range 9 East in Escambia |
| County, | Alabama at \$10.00 an acre, in addition to his proportion of |
| the cos | ts and expenses. All of us who are interested in this |
| propert | y consider that a price of \$10.00 an acre is fair and reason- |
| | All of this property is of uniform value. I believe that it |
| | be to the interest of the minors for the plan outlined in the |
| petitio | n to be carried through. M. J. Jaggett. |

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| The said W. I. Blackburn being sworn to speak the truth, the |
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| whole truth and nothing but the truth, testified as follows: |
| My name is W. I. Blackburn. I am a resident citizen of |
| Escambia County, Alabama. I have read over the petition filed by t |
| guardian. I am well acquainted with all of the real estate describ |
| therein. In my opinion the reasonable value of this real estate is |
| \$10.00 an acre. It is my further opinion that it would be decided! |
| to the interest of the tenants in common for the property to be |
| partitioned as set forth in the petition and that it would be to th |
| interest of the minors to sell their undividedinterests to the othe |
| tenants in common in the manner and for the sum stated in the |
| petition. I reside near this real estate and am quite familiar wit |
| it and I know most of the members of the Baggett family who own it. |
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| I, the undersigned Telfair J. Mashburn, guardian ad litem for |
| said minors, have read over the foregoing testimony. I do not |
| consider it necessary to cross-examine said witnesses nor to intro- |
| duce any testimony on behalf of the minors. I agree that this |
| matter may be submitted for a final decree without further notice |
| to me. |
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| I, MrsRNellie Mae Everage , as Commissioner | |
| hereby certify that the foregoing depositions on oral examinations were to | aken down by me in |
| writing in the words of the witness and read over to them and they s | igned the same in the |
| presence 😿, at the time and place he | rein mentioned; that I |
| have personal knowledge of the personal identity of the said witness ES, or had I | proof made before me |
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| or in any manner interested in the result thereof. | |
| I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register of said Cour | t, and placed the same |
| on file in my office. | ومخ |
| Given under my hand and seal this the 3rd day of April | , 19.47 |
| Mrs. Nellie Mar Eve | Lage_ (L. S.) |
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| I hereby certify that the following named witnesses are entitled to the amoun | ts stated below: |
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