

LYDIA D. WATSON, as administratrix of the Estate of William Henry Watson, deceased,

Plaintiff

VS.

THE TOWN OF FOLEY, a municipal corporation, acting through the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities" and the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities",

Separately and severally

Defendants

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

AT LAW No.

Come the defendants in the above-styled cause and for answer to the plaintiff's complaint say separately and severally:

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Not guilty.

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The allegations of the complaint are untrue.

McCORVEY, TURNER, ROGERS, JOHNSTONE & ADAMS

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JUDGMENT BY THE COURT

This cause having been set for trial for this day by consent of the parties, this day in open Court came the parties with their attorneys, and this cause coming on to be heard and issue having been joined between plaintiff and defendant, this cause is tried by the Court, and the Court after hearing the evidence renders a judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant for the sum of TWENTY THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$2300.00) DOLLARS.

It is therefore, ordered and adjudged by the Court that the plaintiff do have and recover of the defendant the sum of TWENTY THREE HUNDRED AND 100/100 (\$2350.00) DOLLARS, the amount of damages as so assessed by the Court in this cause and all costs in this cause created, for the recovery of which let execution issue.

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MARCH 30, 1948

STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon the Town of Foley, a municipal corporation, acting through the Foley Municipal Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities", and the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities", to appear within thirty days of service of this writ in the Circuit Court, to be held for said County, at the place of holding same, then and there to answer the complaint of Lydia D. Watson, as administratrix of the estate of William Henry Watson, deceased.

Witness my hand this the 26 day of March, 1948.

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The Plaintiff, Lydia D. Watson, as administratrix of the Estate of William Henry Watson, deceased, duly appointed and qualified in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, now claims of the Town of Foley, a municipal corporation, acting through the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities" and the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities", the sum of \$25,000, damages for this, that on to-wit: November 11, 1947, the Town of Foley, a municipal corporation, acting through the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities" and the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities" are their duly authorized agents, servants and employees, were engaged in the business of transmitting and selling for profit, electric current for light and power purposes on, along and over, certain wires carrying a current of

electricity of 2300 volts, or practically the same, on, along and over, or parallel and adjacent to, that certain County Public Road in front of and adjacent to the home of William Henry Watson, about two and onehalf miles Southeast of the Town of Fairhope in Baldwin County, Alabama, that the said public road on, along and over, or parallel to which the said transmission wire of high voltage was constructed and maintained, was a place frequently used by the said William Henry Watson and the public in general, and over, along and on which he and the public generally had a right to go, all of which was known to the Town of Foley, a municipal corporation, acting through the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities" and the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities, and to its or their agents, servants and employees; that on to-wit: November 11, 1947, at or about 4:30 o'clock A. M. the said transmission wire, through the negligence of the said Town of Foley, a municipal corporation, acting through the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities" and the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities", its or their agents, servants and employees, was caused or suffered to be broken and sag and lie on, along or over, or parallel to the rightof-way of the said public road, and across the path of William Henry Watson in going to and from his home, and the said wire was improperly insulated, improperly constructed, or improperly maintained, or the right-of-way along and over which the same was operated was improperly maintained, so that a person at said place would very likely come in contact with the same and receive the current of electricity being transmitted along the same and be injured or killed thereby; that at said time and place, the said William Henry Watson, as he had a right to do, was passing from his home onto the traveled portion of the right-ofway of said public road and came into contact with the said wire carrying a high voltage of electricity and was thereby killed, and that the death of the said William Henry Watson was a proximate consequence of the negligence of the said Town of Foley, a municipal corporation,

acting through the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities" and the Foley Municipal Electric Utility Board, doing business as "Riviera Utilities", and its or their agents, servants and employees, acting in the scope of their employment, in and about the construction, maintenance or operation of the said electric transmission wire, or in and about the maintenance of the right-of-way along and over which the same was, all to the damages of the Plaintiff as aforesaid.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Service of the foregoing conflict in leading accepted on the 30 th day of March, 1948

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Come now McCorvey, Turner, Rogers, Johnstone and Adams and appear in said cause as attorneys for all of the Defendants in the above styled cause.

MCCORVEY, TURNER, ROCERS, JOHNSTONE & ADAMS

By: Attorneys for Al Defendants

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