

Bay Minette, Ala.,

July 19th, 1918

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F. C. Brent, Deceased, Estate of
vs
Southern States Lumber Company

NOTICE OF NON-RESIDENT
Stevens, McCorry & McLeod
Blount & Blount & Carter
Attys for Complainant

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Notice of Non-Resident.

Thomas W. Brent, et al., as Executors of the last will and testament of F. C. Brent, deceased, Complainants, vs. Southern States Land and Timber Company, Limited, a corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain, Defendant.

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

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 24th day of June, 1918, the following order was entered in the above entitled cause:

"In this cause it being made to appear to the Register of this Court by the affidavit of Thomas W. Brent, who, as one of the executors of the last will and testament of F. C. Brent, deceased, is one of the complainants in the above styled cause, that the defendant, Southern States Land and Timber Company, Limited, a corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain, and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and at the place of residence and post office address of such defendant is unknown and cannot be ascertained after reasonable effort.

And it appearing from said bill of complaint that the complainants claim to own, and are in the peaceable possession of, the following described lands, namely:—

Northwest quarter, east half of southeast quarter, and southwest quarter of southeast quarter, of section fourteen, township three south, range three east, of the St. Stephens, Meridian in Baldwin County, State of Alabama.

That the said defendant claims, or is reputed to claim, some right, title or interest in, or encumbrance upon, the said lands; that no suit is pending to enforce or test the validity of such title, claim or encumbrance; and that complainants call upon the said defendants to set forth and specify its title, claim, interest or encumbrance upon the said lands, and how and by what instrument the same was derived and created, and prays that upon the hearing of this cause it be adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said defendant has no right, title or interest in, or encumbrance upon, the above described lands, or any part thereof, and that the title and right of complainants to the said lands is good and valid as against the said defendant:

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed that publication be made in The Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the defendant, the said Southern States Land and Timber Company, Limited, a corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain, to answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 30th day of July, 1918, or upon the expiration of thirty days from said date a decree pro confesso may be taken against it.

Done and ordered at Bay Minette Alabama, this 24th day of June, 1918."

T. W. Richerson, Register.

Stevens, McCorvey and McLeod, Blount and Blount and Carter, Solicitors for Complainants.

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ABNER J. SMITH, PROPRIETOR

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STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

ABNER J. SMITH, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the PUBLISHER of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

Notice of Non-Resident.

Thomas W. Brent, et al., as Executors of the last will and testament of F. C. Brent, deceased, Complainants, vs. Southern States Land and Timber Company, Limited, a corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain, Defendant.

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

Was published in said Newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks

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to before the undersigned

July 1918.

in
Circuit Court.

Abner J. Smith

Publisher.

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D. W. McKeown
Register

Thomas W. Brent, et al., as :
Executors of the last will and :
testament of F. C. Brent, deceased, :
Complainants, :

-vs-

Southern States Land & Timber Com- :
pany, Limited, a corporation organized :
under the laws of Great Britain, :
Defendant. :

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

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register of this Court by the affidavit of Thomas W. Brent, who, as one of the executors of the last will and testament of F. C. Brent, deceased, is one of the complainants in the above styled cause, that the defendant, Southern States Land & Timber Company, Limited, is a corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain, and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that the place of residence and post office address of such defendant is unknown and cannot be ascertained after reasonable effort.

And it appearing from said bill of complaint that the complainants claim to own, and are in the peaceable possession of, the following described lands, namely:-

Northwest quarter, east half of southeast quarter, and southwest quarter of southeast quarter, of Section Fourteen, Township Three South, Range Three East, of the St. Stephens Meridian in Baldwin County, State of Alabama.

That the said defendant claims, or is reputed to claim, some right, title or interest in, or encumbrance upon, the said lands; that no suit is pending to enforce or test the validity of such title, claim or encumbrance; and that complainants call upon the said defendant to set forth and specify its title, claim, interest or encumbrance upon the said lands, and how and by what instrument the same was derived and created, and prays that upon the hearing of this cause it be adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said defendant has no right, title or interest in, or encumbrance upon, the above described lands, or any part thereof, and that the title and right of complainants to the said lands is good and valid as against the said defendant:

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed that publica-

tion be made in The Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, in Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the defendant, the said Southern States Land & Timber Company, Limited, a corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain, to answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 30th day of July, 1918, or upon the expiration of thirty days from said date a decree pro confesso may be taken against it.

Done and ordered at Bay Minette, Alabama, this 24th day of June, 1918.

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Register.

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No. Two In Equity,

Thomas W. Brent, et al., as
Executors,

vs.
Southern States Lard and
Timber Company, Limited.

Order of publication against
non-resident defendant.

Filed: June 24, 1918.

Register.

Filed 6/24/18
T. W. Brent
Register

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Thomas G. Brent
et al

vs.

Section 16
Land & Timber Co.
LTD

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,

Prayer of Publication Against Non-Resident and
unknown Deft; Decree pro Confesso Against Deft.

and in behalf of Defendant upon

J. W. Rice

Register

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No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Thomas B. Brest
et al

vs.

Section 1000
Land & Timber Co.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

Filed in Open Court this 28th

day of Nov 1918

J. W. McInnis

Register

Thomas W. Brent, et al., as Executors
of the last will and Testament of F.
C. Brent, deceased.

vs.

Southern States Land & Timber Company,
Limited, a Corporation organized under
the Laws of Great Britain.

In the Circuit Court of Baldwin
County, Alabama.

In Equity.

This cause, coming on to be heard at this, the Fall Term 1918
of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, is submitted for final
decree on the pleadings and the proof as noted by the Register, and on
consideration, the Court is of the opinion that Complainants are entitled
to the relief prayed for in their Bill,

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Respon-
dent, Southern States Land & Timber Company, Limited, has no right, title
or interest in, or encumbrance upon the lands described in the Original
Bill of Complaint or any part thereof, Viz:- Northwest Quarter, East Half
of Southeast Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, of Sec-
tion Fourteen, Township Three South, Range Three East, of the St. Stephens
Meridian in Baldwin County, State of Alabama.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the right and
title ^{of Complainants} to said lands is good and valid as against said Respondent.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Register
shall within thirty days from the date of this Decree, file the same or
a certified transcript thereof in the Probate Court of Baldwin County,
Alabama, for Record and tax the expense thereof in the costs of this
Cause.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that Complainants
pay the costs of this cause for which execution may issue.

Done in Term Time this 25th day of November 1918.

W. E. Gamble
Judge.

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J. W. Richardson
Register

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STEVENS, M^CCORVEY & M^CLEOD
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
503-7 CITY BANK BUILDING
MOBILE, ALA.

THOMAS M. STEVENS.
GESSNER T. M^CCORVEY.
WILLIAM M^CLEOD.
DAVID B. GOODE.

December 6th, 1918.

Mr. T. W. Richerson,
Register Circuit Court,
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Sir:-

We have your favor of the 6th Instant enclosing cost bill amounting to \$33.35 in the case of Thomas W. Brent, et al., as Executors, -vs- Southern States Land & Timber Company, Ltd., and note that a decree in favor of complainants was rendered in this case on November 18th, and a certified copy of the same filed in the Probate Court for record. In our letter to you of the 16th ultimo, we called your attention to the fact that there could not be a submission for final decree on the same day that a decree pro confesso was rendered, and we presume that you obtained a decree pro confesso prior to November 18th. However, we would like for you to advise us by return mail as to this.

Kindly obtain for us tomorrow, if possible, from the Probate Court the certified copy of this decree which was filed for record and send the same to us in order that we may forward it to our Pensacola associates, as we are today in receipt of a letter from them inquiring as to the status of this case.

We note that \$22.00 of the cost bill which you sent us is for the advertising bill on publication against the non-resident defendant. However, we settled this bill some months ago, having paid direct to The Baldwin Times \$16.50 in settlement of this account on August 1st, 1918. The Baldwin Times allowed a discount of 25% off of the bill amounting to \$22.00. We are accordingly herewith handing you our check for \$11.35 to cover your fees, amounting to \$10.60, and the Seventy-five Cents which you paid on recording a certified copy of the decree in the Probate Court. Kindly receipt and return to us the enclosed cost bill, and oblige,

Yours truly,

Stevens, M^CCorvey & M^CLeod

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Enclosure.

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| Thomas W Brent, et al., as Executors of the last will and Testament of F.C.Brent, deceased. |) | In the Circuit Court of |
| vs. |) | Baldwin County, Alabama. |
| Southern States Land and Timber Company, Limited, a Corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain. |) | In Equity. |

This cause, coming on to be heard at this, the Fall Term, 1918, of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, is submitted for final decree on the pleadings and the proof as noted by the Register, and on consideration, the Court is of the opinion that Complainants are entitled to the relief prayed for in their Bill.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Respondents Southern States Land and Timber Company, Limited, has no right, title or interest in, or encumbrance upon the lands described in the Original Bill of Complaint or any part thereof, viz:- Northwest Quarter, East Half of Southeast Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter, of Section fourteen, Township Three South, Range Three East, of the St Stephens Meridian in Baldwin County, State of Alabama.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the right and title of Complainants, to said lands is good and valid as against said Respondent.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Register shall within thirty days from the date of this Decree, file the same or a certified copy thereof in the Probate Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, for record and tax the expense thereof in the costs of this cause.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that Complainants pay the costs of this cause for which execution may issue.

Done in Term Time this 25th, day of November, 1918.

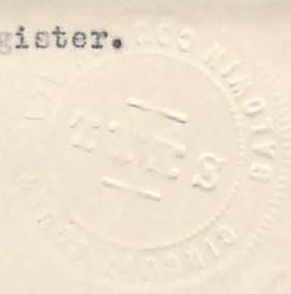
A.E. Gamble, Judge.

State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.) Circuit Court, in Equity

I, T.W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court of said County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by said Court on the 18th, day of November, 1918, in the cause of Thomas W Brent, et al, as Executors of the last will and Testament of F.C. Brent, deceased. vs Southern States Land and Timber Company, Limited, a Corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain. as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 6th, day of December, 1918.

T.W. Richerson
-----Register.



Copy of
Decree



STEVENS, McCORVEY & McLEOD
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
503-7 CITY BANK BUILDING
MOBILE, ALA.

THOMAS M. STEVENS.
GESSNER T. McCORVEY.
WILLIAM McLEOD.
DAVID B. GOODE.

June 22nd, 1918.

Mr. T. W. Richerson,
Register Circuit Court,
Bay Minette, Alabama.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith we hand you original bill of complaint in the case of Thomas W. Brent, et al., as executors of the last will and testament of F. C. Brent, deceased, Complainants, -vs- Southern States Land & Timber Company, Limited, a corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain, Respondent, which we request that you file in your Court.

We also request that on Monday, June 24th, you enter an order of publication against the non-resident defendant. We enclose herewith form of order of publication, which we presume will be satisfactory to you.

We also hand you herewith proposed notice to be published for four consecutive weeks in The Baldwin Times. Be sure to get this notice in next week's issue of The Baldwin Times, and request the Publisher to let us have a copy of each issue containing this notice.

We would especially appreciate it if you would get a proof of this notice as soon as the same has been set up by the newspaper and check the same carefully, so that the first notice will be correct and it will not be necessary for us to have an additional advertisement.

Thanking you in advance for giving this matter your usual prompt and efficient attention, we are,

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Very truly yours,

Stevens, McCorvey & McLeod
Enclosures.

T. W. RICHESON

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND REGISTER IN CHANCERY
BALDWIN COUNTY

BAY MINETTE, ALA. Dec 14th, 1918.

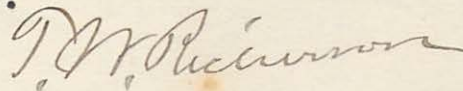
Hon. A.E. Gamble

Greenville, Ala.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find Decree proconfesso and final decree in ~~cause~~ cause of Thos W B rent et al vs Sourthern States Land and Timber Co, the Decree proconfesso and Final Decree are signed same day Nov 18th, and it seems from letter enclosed from Stevens Mc Corvey & McLeod that they want the final decree dated later than 18th, I wrote them ~~that~~ that I would mail it to you for correction.

Yours truly.



Letter to Judge Gamble.

said respondent to set forth and specify its title, claim, interest or encumbrance upon the said lands, and how and by what instrument the same was derived and created.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your orators respectfully pray the Court as follows:-

PRAYER FOR PROCESS:

That the said Southern States Land & Timber Company, Limited, a corporation, be made a party defendant to this bill of complaint; that the said respondent be brought into Court by proper publication, and that all such other steps be taken as may be necessary to properly bring the said respondent into Court in this cause.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF:

That the respondent be required to set forth and specify its title, claim or encumbrance upon the above described lands, or any part thereof, and how and by what instrument the same was derived and created, and that upon the hearing of this cause it be adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said respondent has no right, title or interest in, or encumbrance upon, the above described lands, or any part thereof, and that the title and right of your orators to the said lands is good and valid as against the said respondent.

Your orators pray for such other, further and general relief as they may be equitably entitled to, the premises considered.

And orators will ever pray, etc.

Stevens, M. Cowey & M. Leed
Beount & Beount
 SOLICITORS FOR COMPLAINANTS.

FOOT-NOTE:-

The above named respondent is required to answer each paragraph of the foregoing bill of complaint, numbered first and second, but not under oath, the benefit whereof is hereby expressly waived.

Stevens, M. Cowey & M. Leed
Beount & Beount
 SOLICITORS FOR COMPLAINANTS.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

Before me, Alice K. Dow, a Notary
Public in and for said State and County, personally appeared Thomas
W. Brent, who is known to me, who being first duly sworn, deposes and
says that as one of the Executors of the last will and testament of
F. C. Brent, deceased, he is one of the complainants in the foregoing
bill of complaint, and that the facts therein stated are true.

Th. W. Brent

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 16th day of May, 1918.

Alice K. Dow
NOTARY PUBLIC, ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA.



Thomas W Brent et al as Executor of the
last will and testament of F.C. Brent Deceased.

vs.

Southern States Land and Timber Company,
a Corporation organized under the laws of ~~the~~
Great Britain

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin COUNTY.
CIRCUIT COURT OF
COUNTY.
IN EQUITY.

In this cause it appearing to the Court, by certificate of the Clerk, that the Order of Publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 27th day of June 19 18., in the Baldwin Times a newspaper published in Baldwin County,; that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in said County, on the 27th day of June 19 18., and that another copy was deposited in the Postoffice on the day of 19. directed to the said.

at his place of residence, and it now further appearing to the Court that the said

Southern States Land and Timber Company,

has, to the date hereof, failed to plead, answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause. It is, therefore, on motion of Complainant, ordered and decreed by the Court, that the said Bill of Complaint be, and it hereby is, in all things, taken as confessed against the said Southern States Land and Timber Company, a Corporation

This 18th day of November 19 18.

W. E. [Signature]
Judge of the Circuit Court of
Baldwin County.

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No.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT OF

COUNTY.

Thomas W Brent et al

vs.

Southern States Land and Timber Co.

DECREE PRO CONFESSO AGAINST
NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT.

Filed this 18 day of

Nov 1918

D. M. [Signature]
Register.