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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,
IN EQUITY.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Y.C. Earle as Administrator of the estate
of May Bryant Earle, and as Guardian of Mae Bryant Earle, a minor.

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

D.O. Bryant,

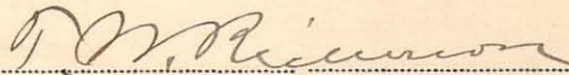
against said

Y.C. Earle, as Administrator of the estate of May Bryant Earle,
and as Guardian of Mae Bryant Earle, a minor.

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

WITNESS, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 8th, day of Dec

1920.



Register.

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

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Circuit Court of Baldwin County
In Equity

No. _____

SUMMONS

D.O. Bryant.

Copy for Y.C. Earle

vs.

Y.C. Earle, as Administrator
of the estate of May Bryant

Earle, and as Guardian of
Mae Bryant Earle a Minor.

Chas. Bell, Gordon and
Eddington.

Solicitor for Complainant

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

Received in office this *8th*
day of *December* 192*0*

W.R. Stewart
Sheriff

Executed this *9th* day of
December 192*0*

by leaving a copy of the within summons with
Y.C. Earle, the
Administrator of the estate
of May Bryant Earle, the
Defendant

W.R. Stewart
Sheriff

By *Pink Creamer*
Deputy Sheriff

D.O. Bryant,
Complainant,

vs.

Y.C. Earle, as administrator
of the estate of May Bryant Earle,
deceased, and as Guardian of Mae
Bryant Earle, a minor, Respondent.

In Circuit Court of
Baldwin County, Ala.

Now comes the respondent in the above entitled cause, and answering the bill filed in said cause on the 8th, day of December 1920, and admits all of the allegations contained in said bill of complaint, ^{to be true} except that portion of the bill which reads as follows: "That " complainant further shows unto your Honor that he is able, ready and willing to pay the balance due upon the purchase price, to-wit: Six hundred and thirty-six Dollars", but he believes this to be true.

Y. C. Earle,
as administrator of the estate of May
Bryant Earle, deceased,

Y. C. Earle,
and as Guardian of Mae Bryant Earle, a
minor.

D.O.BRYANT,
Complainant.

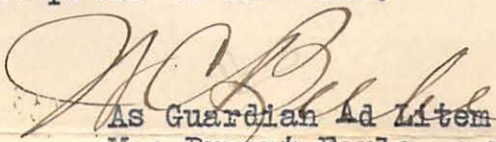
VS

Y.C.ERLIE, as Administrator
of the Estate of May Bryant
Earle, and Y.C.Earle as guar-
dian of Mae Bryant Earle, a
minor,
Defendant

CIRCUIT COURT BALDWIN
COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN EQUITY

Comes W. C. BEEBE as guardian adlitem for Mae Bryant
Earle, a minor, heretofore appointed ^{as such} by order of ^{this} court and
for answer to Complainant's bill of complaint and to
every allegation therein separately and severally, therein
set out and demands strict proof of the same.


As Guardian Ad Litem for
Mae Bryant Earle, a minor.

BOND

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D.O. Bryant,
Complainant,

Vs.

Y.C. Earle, as administrator
of the estate of May Bryant
Earle, deceased, and as
Guardian of Mae Bryant Earle,
a minor,
Respondent.

In the CIRCUIT COURT
OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,
IN EQUITY.

It is agreed between all of the parties to this cause, that in the above styled proceedings, now pending in said Circuit Court in Equity, in Baldwin County, Alabama, that the depositions of D.O. Bryant, Percy A. Bryant, W.E. Bryant and Y.C. Earle, as witnesses on behalf of the Complainant in this cause, who reside in this County within fifty miles of the Court House of said County, be taken without commission and to be examined orally instead of by interrogatories, and that the depositions of said witnesses be taken before T.W. Richerson, the Register of this Court on the 31st, day of March 1921, in the form as prescribed by law, at his office in the Town of Bay Minette, Alabama, and we waive notice of the oral examination of said witnesses, as provided for under Section 3140 of the Code of 1907.

Witness our hands this 14th, day of March, 1921.

Chas Hall &
Gordon & Edington

Attorneys for Complainant.

W.C. Beebe
as Guardian ad litem of said Mae
Bryant Earle, a minor.

Y.C. Earle
as administrator &
as Guardian of Mae Bryant
Earle, a minor

Deposition taken before Register on oral examination.:

The State of Alabama, Baldwin County, County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

D.O. Bryant, Complainant

vs.

Y.C. Earle as administrator of May Bryant, Earle deceased, and as Guardian, of Mae Bryant, a minor, Defendant

Deposition of witness for complainant,

By virtue of the appointment to take the Deposition, indorsed in writing, on the Interrogatories by the Solicitor filing the same, in the above stated cause pending in said Court of said County, I,

T.W. Richerson, Register of said Court of said County, have called and

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caused to come before me Percy Bryant, William E Bryant, Y.C. Earle,

D.O. Bryant,

the witness named in the Interrogatories, and having first sworn the said witness to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, the said witness deposes and says as follows:

Percy A Bryant witness for Complainat, who being first duly sworn testified as follows:

My name is Percy A Bryant, I am over forty-five years of age and reside near Stockton, in Baldwin County, Alabama, and have lived near Stockton all my life. I am personally acquainted with Y.C. Earle, he was married to my sister, May Bryant, on or about the 5th, day of November, 1918, and they lived together as husband and wife until the death of May -she having died September 8th, 1919, and left one infant child named Mae Bryant Earle, now about fifteen months of age and is now in the custody of her father, Y.C. Earle, who lives at or near Blac ksher Post Office in this County, May never had anyeother child . May Bryant Earle during her life time owned an undivided half interest in the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section twenty-two in Township one North, Range two East with improvements thereon , and D.O. Bryant owned the other undivided half interest in said property, he acquired title to same from Maggie B Key, sister of the said May Bryant Earle. Before May died she told me that she had agreed with D.O. Bryant, the complainant in this suit, to sell him her undivided interest in the property hereinabove described for the sum of \$1000.00 for her half interest in the property . May did not tell me just what amount she had received from D.O. Bryant, but said he still owed her a balance on the \$1000.00 . I know of my own knowledge that the said Maggie B Key and the said May Bryant prior to her marriage to Mr. Earle placed the said D.O. Bryant in possession of the property hereinbefore described some time during the year 1915, and he has resided continuously thereon to the present time and has made some improvements on the property and that the said D.O. Bryant is living thereon with his family. May told me that she intended to make a deed to D.O. Bryant to her undivided half interest in the property . I have no interest in this matter other than to see justice done in the premises.

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as Guardian ad-litem for Mae Bryant Earle, ^{minor.}
Also appeared at the same time and place W.C. Beebe, who was duly
appointed by the Court on the 25th, day of February, 1921, to
represent and protect the interest of Mae Bryant Earle, a minor
and the only minor interested in this proceeding and proceeded
to cross-examine the said Percy A Bryant, who testified on
cross examination as follows:-

Yes I know of my own personal knowledge that during the year 1915
the said May Bryant Earle, and Maggie B Key put D.O. Bryant in posses-
-sion of the land and improvements involved in this suit, and that
the said D.O. Bryant has lived on the land continuously from the time
he went into possession until the present time. As I stated in my
direct examination that May told me that D.O. Bryant had paid her
part of the purchase price for her interest involved in this suit
and that as soon as he paid her the balance she would make him a deed
to the property.

Percy A Bryant

W.E. Bryant, witness for Complainant who being duly sworn testified
as follows:-

My name is William E Bryant, I am over fifty years of age
and have lived near Stockton post office, in Baldwin County, Alabama,
all of my life. I had a sister whose name was May Bryant, she married
Y.C. Earle and they had one girl child born to them named "Mae", this
child is now about fifteen months of age, its Mother died on
September 8th, 1919, After my sister married Mr. Earle he carried
her to his home at Blacksher, Alabama, and at the time of her death
she was living with him at Blacksher. May owned an undivided half
interest in the followin property, to-wit:

N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 22, in Township 1 N.R. 2.E, in Baldwin
County, Alabama, and prior to her death she sold her said half
interest in said property to D.O. Bryant for \$1000.00, and she and
Maggie B Key, a sister of hers who owned the other half interest in
the property sold her undivided half interest to D.O. Bryant and the
two sisters put D.O. Bryant in possession of the property during the
year 1915, and he has resided thereon continuously and is now living
on the land.

As to the sale of the property by May Bryant Earle to
D.O. Bryant I never saw any written agreement but May told me that she
had sold all of her interest in the property to D.O. Bryant for
\$1000.00 and that he paid her a part of that amount, but she did not
tell me how much of the \$1000.00 D.O. Bryant had paid her.

I heard May say that she intended to execute a deed to D.O. Bryant to
all her interest in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Tp .1, N.R. 2.E.

The whole of the property in question was sold by Maggie B Key and
and May Bryant to D.O. Bryant for \$2000.00, of this amount May
was to have \$1000.00 for her half interest. Maggie B Key executed
the deed to D.O. Bryant and he paid her for her half interest in the

property and she left the deed with me to be delivered by me to D.O.
Bryant.

On Cross-examination by W.C. Beebe as Guardian ad-litem for Mae
Bryant Earle the only minor concerned in this proceedings, the said
William E Bryant testified as follows:

Yes I know of my own personal knowledge that Maggie B Key and May Bryant,
put D.O. Bryant in possession of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 22,
Tp 1, N.R. 2.E, in Baldwin County, Alabama, some time during the early
part of the year 1915, and that D.O. Bryant has lived continuously on
this land from the time he went into possession until the present
time. As to the deed offered in evidence in this cause, executed by

Maggie B Key on January 6th, 1915, I am familiar with the circumstances leading up to the executing of this deed by Maggie B Key.

Maggie B Key and May Bryant were sisters and each of them owned an undivided one half interest in the land and when they put D.O. Bryant in possession of the property the improvements on the land were in very bad condition and deteriorating in value very much. I have examined the paid checks drawn by D.O. Bryant in favor of May Bryant which have been offered in evidence in this cause by D.O. Bryant and marked Exhibit. A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I.J.K. and the endoresments on the back of each one of said checks is in the handwriting of May Bryant, I am familiar with her signature, having on many occasions seen her write her name.

W.B. Bryant

I, T.W. Richerson, the said Register, hereby certify that the foregoing

testimony was taken down in writing by myself

in the words of the witness, and were read over to them, that they assented, swore to and subscribed

the same in my presence, the day of, 191, at

, Alabama; that I have personal knowledge of, or had proof made before me

of the identity of the witness, and that I am not of counsel or of kin to any of the parties to said cause, or in

at the same time and place W.C. Beebe, appeared before me as Guardian any manner interested in the result thereof, ad litem to represent and protect the interest of the said Mae Bryant Earle, a minor.

And I enclose the deposition, together with the Interrogatories, Direct and Cross, and the documents which were deposed to, in an envelope properly endorsed and sealed and placed the same on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal this the 31st day of March 1921, 191

T.W. Richerson Register.

WITNESS FEES.

I hereby certify that the following named witnesses are entitled to the amounts stated below:

- days' attendance at \$1.50 per day \$
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REGISTER'S FEES.

- days at \$1.50 per day \$
- words at 20 cents per hundred

The State of Alabama,

Baldwin COUNTY.

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

D.O. Bryant

vs. Complainant,

Y.C. Earle et al

Defendant.

Deposition Taken Before Register on Interrogatories.

Deposition of Witnesses

for Complainant,

Filed 31 day of March, 1921

Published by order of the Court.

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J. W. McInnis

Register.



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AS TO TESTIMONY.

D. O. Bryant, Complainant,
Vs. Cause No. 276.

Y. C. Earle, as administrator
of the estate of May Bryant
Earle, deceased, and as Guardian
of Mae Bryant Earle, a minor.
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
May Term 1921.

Counsel for complainant in the above stated cause offer
as testimony in chief for complainant the following:

1. Original Bill of Complaint.
2. Notice of suit served December 9th, 1920, on Y.C. Earle as administrator of the estate of May Bryant Earle, deceased, and on Y.C. Earle, as Guardian of Mae Bryant Earle, a minor.
3. Answer of Y.C. Earle, as administrator of the estate of May Bryant Earle, deceased, and as Guardian of Mae Bryant Earle, a minor.
4. Order appointing W.C. Beebe, Guardian ad litem for minor respondent and his consent to act.
5. Answer of said W.C. Beebe, as Guardian ad litem for said Mae Bryant Earle, a minor.
6. Depositions of Percy A. Bryant, William E. Bryant, Y.C. Earle and D.O. Bryant, and the exhibits attached to the depositions of the said D.O. Bryant.

*Chas Haccie &
Gordon Edington*

Solicitors for complainant.

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D.O. Bryant,

vs.

Y.C. Earle, as Admr.,
etc.

In Circuit Court of
Baldwin County, Ala.

As to Testimony.

D. O. Bryant, Complainant.

vs.

Y. C. Earle, as Administrator of the estate of Y. C. Earle, deceased, and as guardian of the person of the said Y. C. Earle, a minor.

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

*Filed May 23/1921
D. W. Richardson
Register*

and counsel for complainant in the above stated cause offer the following:

1. Original Bill of Complaint.
2. Notice of suit served December 24th, 1920, on Y.C. Earle as administrator of the estate of Y.C. Earle, deceased, and as guardian of the person of the said Y.C. Earle, a minor.
3. Answer of Y.C. Earle, as administrator of the estate of Y.C. Earle, deceased, and as guardian of the person of the said Y.C. Earle, a minor, regarding and his consent to act.

4. Answer of said Y.C. Earle, as guardian of the person of the said Y.C. Earle, a minor.
5. Depositions of Percy A. Bryant, William B. Bryant, Y.C. Earle and D.O. Bryant, and the exhibits attached to the depositions of the said Y.C. Bryant.

*Per
Wm B Bryant
Percy A Bryant*

Solicitors for complainant.

NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

D. O. Bryant, Complainant,
Vs. Cause No. 276.
Y.C. Earle, as Administrator
of the estate of May Bryant
Earle, deceased, and as
Guardian of Mae Bryant Earle,
a minor. Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
May Term 1921.

Complainants being called offer the testimony following:

1. Original Bill of Complaint.
2. Notice of suit served December 9th, 1920, on Y.C. Earle as administrator of the estate of May Bryant Earle, deceased, and on Y.C. Earle as Guardian of Mae Bryant Earle, a minor.
3. Answer of Y.C. Earle, as administrator of the estate of May Bryant Earle, deceased, and as Guardian of Mae Bryant Earle, a minor.
4. Order appointing W.C. Beebe, Guardian ad litem for minor respondent and his consent to act.
5. Answer of said W.C. Beebe as Guardian ad litem for said Mae Bryant Earle, a minor.
6. Depositions of Percy A. Bryant, William E. Bryant, Y.C. Earle and D.O. Bryant, and the exhibits attached to the depositions of the said D.O. Bryant.

T. W. Richardson, Register.

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No. 276.

D.O. Bryant,

vs.

Y.C. Earle, as admr.,
etc.

In the Circuit Court
of Baldwin County, Ala.

Note of testimony.

Filed May 23/921.
T.W. Kinney
Register

D. O. Bryant, Complainant,
vs.
Case No. 276.

Y. C. Earle, as Administrator
of the estate of Wm Bryant
deceased, one of the parties to
this cause, do hereby certify
that the within and foregoing
is a true and correct copy
of the original bill of complaint
as filed in the Circuit Court
of Baldwin County, Alabama,
this 23rd day of May, 1921.

FILED
MAY 23 1921
COURT CLERK OF
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

1. Original Bill of Complaint.
2. Complainant being called after the testimony following:
3. Answer of Y. C. Earle, as administrator of the estate of Wm Bryant deceased, one of the parties to this cause, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original bill of complaint as filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, this 23rd day of May, 1921.
4. Order appointing W. O. Beebe, Guardian ad litem for minor Marie, a minor.
5. Depositions of Wm Bryant, a minor, and Y. C. Earle, as administrator of the estate of Wm Bryant deceased, and the exhibits attached to the depositions of the said D. O. Bryant.

Wm Bryant
Witness

State of Alabama)

Baldwin County.)

In the Baldwin County Circuit Court in Equity.

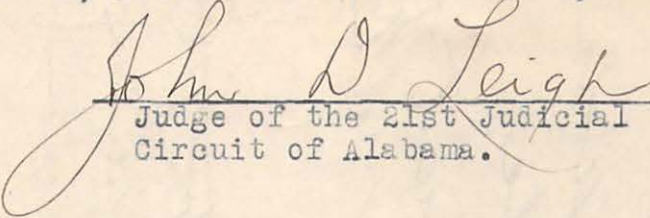
D. O. Bryant,
Complainant.

Vs.

Y. C. Earle, and Y. C. Earle as
Guardian of May Bryant Earle
a minor.

Whereas it is shown to the Court that May Bryant Earle is a minor of about sixteen months of age, and that the said guardian of the said May Bryant Earle is interested in the proceedings connected with this cause; It is ordered, directed and decreed that W. C. Beebe is a regular practicing attorney located at Bay Minnette, Alabama and is fit and worthy for the appointment as guardian ad litem in said cause, it is therefore ordered that the said W. C. Beebe be and he is hereby appointed as guardian ad litem in said cause.

Witness my hand at Brewton, Alabama this the 25th day of February 1921.

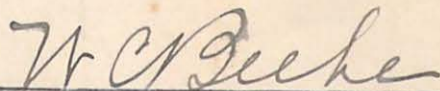


Judge of the 21st Judicial
Circuit of Alabama.

State of Alabama)
Baldwin County.)

In the Circuit Court of said State and County
in Equity.

I, W. C. Beebe, a regular practicing attorney of the Bay Minnette bar in Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby accept the appointment to act as guardian ad litem in a certain cause pending between D. O. Bryant and Y. C. Earle, and Y. C. Earle as guardian of May Bryant Earle, a minor.



D. O. Bryant, Complainant,

Vs.

Y.C.Earle, as administrator
of the estate of May Bryant
Earle, deceased, and as Guardian
of Mae Bryant Earle, a minor,
Respondent.

No. 276.

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

This cause coming on to be heard in open Court before the Judge thereof, on this 25th, day of May, 1921, and it appearing to the court that the respondent answered said Bill of Complaint on the 8th, day of December, 1920, and thereafter, to-wit: on the 25th, day of February, 1921, the Judge of this Court appointed W.C. Beebe, a regular practicing attorney located at Bay Minette, Alabama, as Guardian ad litem to represent and protect the interest of Mae Bryant Earle, a minor, and the only child and heir at law of the said May Bryant Earle, deceased, and the said W.C. Beebe accepted the appointment as such Guardian ad litem in writing for said minor and on the 1st, day of March, 1921, filed his written answer as such Guardian ad litem to complainant's bill of complaint filed in this cause and demanding strict proof of every allegation contained in said Bill of Complaint, and on this 25th, day of May, 1921, this cause is submitted for final decree on the pleadings and proof as noted by the Register of this Court, and it appearing to the Court from the testimony of Y.C. Earle, the respondent in this cause, and the testimony of Percy A. Bryant and D.O. Bryant, which testimony is on file in this Court and is submitted to the Court as evidence in support of the said bill of complaint together with the pleadings and proof as noted by the Register, and the Court having examined the bill of complaint and the evidence submitted to the court in support thereof, and the pleadings and proof as noted by the Register of this court, the court is of the opinion that the complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in said Bill of Complaint: IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the said Y.C. Earle, as administrator of the

estate of the said May Bryant Earle, deceased, upon the payment to him, as such administrator, the sum of Six hundred and thirty-six & no/100 Dollars, balance due by the said D.O. Bryant on the purchase price of said real property, execute to the said D.O. Bryant, a full and proper deed conveying to him all the interest in the property described in the Bill of Complaint as the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, in Township one North, Range 2 East, in Baldwin County, Alabama, both legal and equitable heretofore held by the said May Bryant Earle, ~~deceased~~ at the time of her death.

It is further ordered that the complainant pay the costs of this suit, and that the Register of this court record all paper writings on file in his office pertaining to this suit.

Ordered, adjudged and decreed this 26th day of May, 1921.

John D. Leigh, Judge.

RECORDED

[Faint handwritten notes and signatures, including names like "John D. Leigh" and "J. D. Leigh" and dates like "May 26 1921"]

Douglas O Bryant appearing as a witness in this cause,
testified as follows:

I am the complainant in this cause and have been living on
the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, in Township 1.N.R.2 E in Baldwin
County, Alabama, since the month of March, 1915, continuously up to
the present time I bought the land involved in this suit from
Maggie B Key and May Bryant who at the time of her death was
the wife of Young Charles Earle, I was put in possession of this
property by Maggie B Key and the said May Bryant Earle, during the
month of March, 1915, and have been living on the property ever since.
I paid Maggie B Key the sum of one thousand dollars cash in full
and complete payment for her undivided one half interest in the
property. After I made the payment of \$1000.00 to Maggie
she executed to me a deed to the property which is hereto attached
as evidence in this cause, said deed being marked Exhibit "L."
The total purchase price agreed upon by Maggie and May and Myself
for the property was \$2000.00 after I had paid Maggie the \$1000.00
for her interest in the property I paid May at divers times by
checks on Baldwin County Bank and on the First National Bank of
Mobile, Alabama, the sum of \$364.00 which checks were endorsed by
May and collected by her, said paid checks are hereto attached
and offered as evidence in this cause and marked Exhibits A.B.C.D.E.
F.G.H.I.J. and K. I am able ready and willing to pay the sum of \$
\$636.00 being the balance due on the purchase price for May's
half interest in the property and make this payment of \$636.00
as soon as the deed of conveyance can be legally executed and delivered
to me for May's half interest in the property.

D. O. Bryant

DEED WITH WARRANTY.

THIS DEED, made the 6th day of January 1915th between Maggie B. Key & ~~Wm. H. Bryant~~ parties of the first part and

D. Bryant party of the second part,

WITNESSETH. That the parties of the first part, in consideration of Two Thousand DOLLARS,

to them in hand paid by the party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, convey and deliver unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever, all that real property in Baldwin County, Alabama,

described as follows, to-wit: the North East quarter of South East quarter of Section twenty-two Township one North of Range two East containing forty acres more or less



TOGETHER with all appurtenances thereunto belonging, to have and to hold forever and against any person lawfully claiming the same, said parties of the first part shall forever warrant and defend.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hand and seal the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF

Maggie B. Key [Seal] [Seal]

State of Alabama, Baldwin County.

I, W. B. Bryant, a Notary Public & ex officio Justice in and for said County and State, hereby certify that Maggie B. Key whose name are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this 6th day of January 1915.

W. B. Bryant
Notary Public

State of Alabama, _____ County.

I, _____ in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____, 191____, came before me the within named _____, known to me to be the wife of the within named _____, who being examined separate and apart from her husband, touching her signature to the within conveyance, acknowledged that she signed the same of her own free will and accord, and without fear, constraint or threats on the part of the husband.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 191____.

WARRANTY DEED

FROM

Maggie B. Key

TO

D. O. Bryant

Exhibit L

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
Baldwin County. } Probate Court.

Filed in my office for record this 7th day of

of March, 1915 and recorded

in Deed Book No. 29 N. S. Pages. 208

Examined

James M. Cobb
Judge of Probate.

Times Print—Bay Minette, Ala.

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9/4/10 4:10 PM



MOBILE, ALA. Oct 25 1917 No. _____

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK 61-26
OF MOBILE

PAY TO THE ORDER OF May Bryant \$ 25⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Twenty Five ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ DOLLARS

D. D. Bryant

No. 70

BAY MINETTE, ALA. 2/4 1915

BALDWIN COUNTY BANK 61-258

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

May Bryant

\$ 50⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Fifty

50
100

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DOLLARS

D O Bryant

D. O. Bryant

No. 50

Stockton, Ala.,

4 / 1

1916

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

May Bryant
Ten

\$ 10 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

DOLLARS

TO BALDWIN COUNTY BANK,
BAY MINETTE, ALA.

D. O. Bryant

D. O. Bryant

No. 70

Stockton, Ala., May 17 1916

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

May Bryant

(N. P. 61-26)

\$ 20⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Ten

MAY 19 1916

MAY 19 1916

DOLLARS

To BALDWIN COUNTY BANK,
BAY MINETTE, ALA.

D. O. Bryant

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ROBERTS & SON, LITHO. & PRINTERS



MOBILE, ALA., 3/2 1917 No. _____

FIRST NATIONAL BANK 61-26

PAY TO
THE ORDER OF

May Bryant

\$ 5⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Five

00
100

DOLLARS

D. O. Bryant



MOBILE, ALA.

July 24

1917

No.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

61-26

PAY TO
THE ORDER OF

May Bryant

\$ 50 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Fifty

⁰⁰/₁₀₀

DOLLARS

M. O. Bryant

D. O. Bryant

No. _____

Stockton, Ala., Oct 19 1917

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

May Bryant

\$ 20 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Twenty

00/₁₀₀

DOLLARS

TO BALDWIN COUNTY BANK,

BAY MINETTE, ALA.

D. O. Bryant

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ROBERTS & SON, LITHO. BIRMINGHAM.



MOBILE, ALA.,

July 25 1917

No. _____

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

PAY TO
THE ORDER OF

May Bryant
Miss

\$ *9*^{*00*}/_{*100*}

DOLLARS

D. O. Bryant



Mobile, Ala. 3/11 1918 No. _____

FIRST NATIONAL BANK 61-26

Pay to the
order of

May Bryant

\$ 50 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

fifty

⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Dollars

W. B. Bryant



MOBILE, ALA. 3/25 1918 No. _____

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK 61-26
OF MOBILE

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

May Bryant

\$ 25⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Twenty Five ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

DOLLARS

D. O. Bryant

[Handwritten signature]

D. O. Bryant

No. _____

Stockton, Ala., Oct 30 1918

**PAY TO THE
ORDER OF**

May Bryant

\$ 100 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

One Hundred

⁰⁰/₁₀₀

DOLLARS

**TO BALDWIN COUNTY BANK,
BAY MINETTE, ALA.**

D O B Bryant

61-258

ROBERTS & SON, LITHO. BIRMINGHAM.

Young Charles Earle, witness in this cause appeared before me on this the 31st day of March, 1921, and testified as witness in this cause testified as follows:-

My name is Young Charles Earle, I am over thirty years of age and reside at Blacksher, Alabama, I was married to Miss May Bryant at Stockton, in Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 5th, day of November, 1918, and we lived together at my home at Blacksher, Alabama, until May died on September 8th, 1919, During our marriage we had born to us one girl child name "Mae" now 16 months of age. May Bryant, my wife, was never the Mother of any other child, the child Mae is her sole and only heir. I am the ^{legal} guardian of this child, having been appointed her guardian by the Court of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 27th, day of April 1920. I was also appointed by the Court of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama, administrator of the estate of the said May Bryant Earle, deceased, and am now the administrator of the estate of said decedent. The decedent during her lifetime told me that she owned an undivided half interest in the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 2 East in Baldwin County, Alabama, and that ^{at} one time Maggie B Key, now Mrs. Maggie B Booth owned the other undivided half interest and that Maggie had sold her interest to D.O. Bryant and that she (May) had agreed with D.O. Bryant to sell to him her undivided half interest in said property hereinabove described for \$1000.00; that D.O. Bryant had paid her, the said May Bryant Earle, a payment on the \$1000.00 that he had agreed to pay May, and pursuant to said agreement the said May Bryant and Maggie B Key returned the property over to D.O. Bryant and allowed him to go into possession of the property and he is now in possession of it. May never did tell me just how much of the \$1000.00 D.O. Bryant paid to her, she simply said that he owned her a balance on the property and that when balance was paid to her that she intended to execute a deed for her said interest in the property as she wanted him to have the place and that she wanted to carry out her agreement with him.

I have seen eleven checks drawn on the First National Bank of Mobile, and on the Baldwin County Bank at Bay Minette, respectively, by the said D.O. Bryant in favor of the said May Bryant for divers amounts aggregating the sum of \$ 364.00.

These checks were all endorsed on the back of each by the said May Bryant and appears to have been paid by the Banks herein referred to. I want to carry out May's wishes in this matter and if the court will authorize me as administrator of the estate of said May Bryant Earle, deceased, to accept from D.O. Bryant \$636.00 in full ~~payment~~ and complete payment for the property hereinabove described, I will, if authorized by the Court, execute to the said D.O. Bryant a deed to the property hereinabove described, conveying to him all of the right, title and interest in and to said property which the said May Bryant Earle had during her life and at the time of her death.

On cross-examination by W.C. Beebe as Guardian ad-litem for the said minor Mae Bryant Earle, the said Young Charles Earle, being questioned by Mr. Beebe as to the hand writing or signature of May Bryant says as follows:-

I know the handwriting of May Bryant the decedent mentioned in this cause and have examined the eleven paid or cancelled checks introduced as evidence in this cause by D.O. Bryant and the endorsements on the back of each of said checks are in the handwriting of May Bryant who was my wife at the time of her death.

Y. C. Earle