Certified Copy of WILL OF GEORGE A STEELE.

JEFFERSON COUNTY) I, George A. Steele, a resident of Jefferson County, Alabama, being of sound mind, do hereby make this my last will and testament, hereby expressly revoking any and all wills heretofore made by me.

Article 1, It is my will and I hereby direct my executrix hereinafter named, to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my death as practicable, without detriment to my estate.

Article 2. I hereby divise and bequeath to R. A. Terrell, trustee all of the shares of the capital stock of the Steele-Smith Dry Goods Company owned by me at the time of my death, in trust for the following uses and purposes, towit:-

My said trustee is hereby authorized for and during the term of five years from my death to vote said stock at all meetings of stockholders of said company, in such way as he deems best, and is authorized, at any time he deems best to sell said stock or any part thereof at private sale or such terms and at such price as he deems best, transferring the same to the purchaser, and vesting a good title to the same in the purchaser; and my said trustee is given full authority in his capacity as trustee, to endorse from time to time any notes of the said company during said period of five years as he may deem to be to the interest of the Company; it being my will that the stock in said Company is to be managed, voted or disposed of by my said trustee in such manner as to not injuriously affect the rights or interest of the minority estockholders in said Company; and the authority given to said trustee to endorse notes of said Company is conferred in order that the business of said Company may not be injuriously affected by reason of failure to procure loans on account of insufficient endorsement.

It is further my will that in the event R. A. Terrell should die or for any reason fail to act, that A. W. Smith be and he is hereby appointed trustee, with all of the power and authority herein conferred upon R. A. Tereell, trustee.

And I hereby devise all of said stock to A. W. Smith, trustee, in the event said R. A. Terrell, trustee, for any reason, should not act as my trustee, or should die pending the trusteeship.

In the event my trustee should sell said stock or any part thereof under authority herein and hereby conferred, after paying all of the liabilities of the trustee by reason of endorsement and the cost and expense of administering the trust, it is my will, and I hereby devise the proceed of said sale in the residue thereof to my mother, Margaret C. Steele, and direct the trustee to pay the same over to her.

In the event my said stock in said corporation is not sold by my trustee within five years from my death, or if the whole or any part thereof remains unsold at the expriation of five years from my death, it is my will, and I hereby devise and bequeath all of said stock in said corporation, or such portion thereof as may remain unsold to my mother Margaret C. Steele; provided, however, that any liability or expense which may be insurred by my said trustee by endorsement as herein authorized, or in the administration of the trust, must be paid before said stock is delivered to my mother Margaret C. Steele.

Article 3: I hereby devise and bequeath to my Aunt Mamie B. Allen, the sum of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars, which sum is to be paid by my executrix, hereinafter named, as soon as practicable without detriment to my estate.

Article 4. I hereby devise and bequeath to the Title Guarantee Loan & Trust Company, as trustee, the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, which sum I direct my executrix to pay over to the Title Guarantee Loan and Trust Company, as trustee, as so on as practicable after my death, without detriment to my estate, and the said sum of Five Thousand Dollars is to be held by the said trustee upon the following trusts and conditions: to wit:-

I direct the said trustee to loan said money the loans to be secured by fist mortgage on improved real estate, and to keep the same loaned on such security during the existence of this trust; the rate of interest at which said trustee is to loan said money is left in the discretion of the trustee; it being my desire that the loan shall be well secured, and this discretion is given to the trustee for the reason that I know that a low rate of interest widl procure better security that a high rate of interest.

I direct the said trustee to pay the net income or interest from such loan over to my monther Margaret C. Steele, during her life, which money so paid to her is to be used by her in support of Sophie Steele Vandegift. After the death of my moxther I direct the said trustee to pay over the net income or interest to my aunt Mamie B. Allen, if she be living, for and during the term of her life, which said net income or interest is to be used by my Aunt Mamie B. Allen for the support and maintenance of Sophie Steele Vandegift; - and in the event Sophie Steele Vandergrift be living after both my mother and aunt are dead, I direct the said trustee to apply the net income or interest from said loan to the support and maintenance of sophie Steele Vandergrift, during the term of her life, so the death of Sophie Steele Vander# grift it is my will, and I direct the said trustee to pay over the said Five Thousand Dollar \$ and all accrued and unexpended interest thereon to my mother Margaret C. Steele, if she be living. If my said mother be dead, then the said trustee is to pay over said sum to my aunt Mamie B. Allen,, and if my said aunt be dead, then the said sum is to be paid to the legal heirs of my mother Margaret C. Steele; and I hereby devise to my mother if she be living at the death of Sophie Steele Vandergrift the said Five Thousand Dollars and accrued and unexpended interest. And if my mother be dead at that time I devise the same to my Aunt Mamie B. Allen, and if my aunt Mamie B. Allen be dead, at that time, I devise the same to the legal heirs of my mother Margaret C. Steele.

Atticle 5, I hereby give, devise and bequeath to my mother Margaret C. Steele, all the rest and residue of the property, both real and mixed of which I die seized and possessed and hereby devise and bequeath to my mother Margaret C. Steele, Also all of the stock awned by me in the Steele-Smith Dry Goods Company a corporation, subject to the terms and conditions of the trust in regard to said stock hereinbefore set forth.

Article 6, I hereby appoint my mother Margaret C. Steele executrix of this my last will and testament, and hereby expressly direct that my said mother as executrix shall not be required to give bond as such executrix, and I hereby expressly exempt her from giving bond as such executrix; and hereby authorize my mother as executrix to sell at private sale any or all of the property of every kind and character of which I die seized and possessed, at such time,

upon such term and conditions as she deems best, without any order of Court, and authorize her to transfer and convey any property sold by her to the purchaser and any instrument of deed of conveyence executed by her shall vest in the purchaser a good title to the property so sold and conveyed; - except that my mother as executrix is not to convey the stock in the Steele-Smith Dry Goods Company during the existence of the trusteeship as herein set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my signature and affix my seal and identify the four sheets of this will by my signature on the margin of each sheet, this the 8th day of April, 1905.

Geo. A. Steele (L. S]

The writing contained in this and the preceding sheets was signed and sealed by the above named George A. Steele, and by him published and declared to be his last will and testament in the presence of each of us who have hereunto subscribed our names at his request as attesting witnesses hereto, in his presence and in the presence of each other.

P. H. Earle

Jas.Arthur Smith

Certificate to the Probate of Will.

The State of Alabama)

Jefferson County.

I, S. E. creene, Judge of the Court of Probate, in and for said State and county, do hereby certify, that the within instrument of writing has this day, in said Court, and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the genuine last will and testament of George A. Steele deceased; and that said will together with the proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills, Vol. "I" Pages 54 to 58.

In witness of all which I have hereto set my hand and the seal of the said court, this the 19th day of September, 1905.

Seal.

S. E. Greene, Judge of Probate

Appointment and Acceptance of Guardian Ad Litem.

The State of Alabama)

Jefferson County) Probate Court

To; A. B. Perdue

Take Notice, That by an order of this Court, this day made and entered you were appointed to act as Guardian Ad Litem for John Steele, Wm Steele and Herbert Steele to represent and protect their interest, upon the application of Margaret C. Steele as Executrix of George A. Steele, decd, for a final settlement.

Given under my hand this 24 day of May 1907

S. E. Greene, Judge of Probate.

I hereby accept the appdintment as Guardian Ad Litem for John Steele, Wm Steele and George A. Steele to represent and protect their interest upon the hearing of the above entitled cause, and do hereby deny all the allegations contained in said application.

Witness my hands, this 24th day of May, 1907.

A. B. Perdue, Guardian Ad Litem.

Record of the Account Referred to In the Foregoing Order

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County.

Probate Court.

To the Hon. S. E. Greene Judge Probate Court, Jefferson County:

The undersigned Margaret C. Steele as Executrix of the Estate of George A. Steele, deceased, would respectfully submit to the Court the following report of her acts and doings as such Executrix from the time letter testamentary issued to her up to the 24th day of May, 1907 and this account is filed for final settlement of said estate.

She charges herself as follows: towit:

Date 1906		Items of Receipts	Amount
Dec.		Money collected from B'ham Trust & Savings Co. Deposit account	64.16
***	**	Money collected from Earle, Terrell & Co.	78.55
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	11	Proceeds of sale of 10 shares of stock in B'ham Trust & Savings Co.	2250.00
***	† †	Proceeds of sale of 25 shares of stock of Bessemer Land & Improvement Co.	625.00
**	††	Proceeds of sale of 24 chares of stock Three Rivers Coal Co.	820.00
11	**	P " " 2 shares " " Athletic Club	160.00
**	•. ••	" " all wearing apparel, jewelry, etc at appraised	100.00
tt.	. 46	" " 1 pistol, at appraised value	5.00
††	**	" " all uncollected accounts notes etc(sold at appraised value)425.00
1905 Dec-	29		248.58
1906 Jan		" T. T. Thrift (note)	25.00
Feb.		" " Horace Wiley Note	32.16
Mar.	•	B. F. & E. E. Hughes (Notes)	108.31
Apr.	6	" Frank <u>Haoge</u> (Note)	82.90
Jan.	6	" Dividend from B'ham Trust & Savings Co.	35.00
July	28	ti ti ti ti ti ti ti ti	35.00
Jun.	6	Rents collected through - T. T. Trift-\$25. Jan. 19 Rents Collected throu	
·		J. W. Dean \$1.00	26.00
## · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	30	"J. N. Dean \$4.00 Mch 26, Rents collected thorough J. N. Dean #8.00	12.00
June	25	" " \$12.00 Sept 26 " " \$10.00	22.00
			5174.66 5174.66
Jans	13 F	Rents collected through R. F. Manley & Co. \$171.00, Rents collected through R. F. Manley & Co. \$144.00	315.00
Feb.	14 "	" through R. F. Manley & Co. \$85.00 Mch 8, Repts collected through R. F. Manley& co.\$85.50	171.00
Apri	1 18 "	' " " " " " " " #68.85 Mar.8 " " " " #85.50	154.35
June	12 *		171.00
Aug.	14		171.00
oct.			131.00
Dec.	7	" " " " #\$5.50 Dec. 10 " " " 6.00	91.50
• •	•	Total amount of moneys redid	
•		- A	6379.51

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And she ask to be credited with the following payments to creditors of deceased, as per vouchers herewith submitted

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Date	For Whate Paid Out	No of Wouch	1er	Amount	
1906 Jan 30	Recording Fower of Attorney	1.		• 50	
Feb. 1	1905 taxes paid	2	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	42.74	
" 1	Paid Life Loy funeral Expenses	3		232.00	
" 2	" 1905 taxes in Blount Co.	4		3.44	
¹¹ 5	" Tuscaloosa Co	5		2.29	
^{††} 5	" " Sheaby Co.	6	•	15.99	•
** · 5·	" B'ham News, Notice to present Claim	7		2.69	
19	" Bill Dr. Gordan	8		5.00	
Mar 9	"Mrs.Steelerefund for bills paid by her a	gnst Est. 9	•	268.25	•
29	" Tax Three Rivers Coal Co.	10	, • · ·	4.80	ţ [^]
May 25	"Mrs. Steele to refund bills paid by her	against Estate	11		
July 9	" Tille Guaranty Loan & Trust Co. for serv	ices to estate	12	25.00	
Sept.26	" for repairs to house on Carmichael place		13	11.75	
Dec. 8	" B'ham Trust & Savings Co Notes of Geo. A	Steele	14	10769.16	
10	"Title Guarantee Loan & Trust Co, Trustee Vandergift under the Will of Geo. A. Ste	for Sophia ele	15	5000.00	
11	"R. A. Terrell to refund him for am't paid	d for Abstract	16	25.00	
11	"E. J. Smeyer for services rendered by him also for services to estate	m to Geo.A.Stee.	Le 17	410.00	•
" 11	"Title Guarantee Loan & Trust Co. for ser to date, balance	vices to estate	18	350.00	,
10	" Miss Mamie B. Allen bequest		19	5000.00	
	Delivered to R. A. Terrell, Trustee under estate in Steele-Smith Dry G				
	Total Amount pa	id out	·\$	22266.61	

Total amount received, ----

Remarks:

All debts against the estate of Geo. A. Steele have been paid, and all specific bequest have been paid. The said Margaret C. Steele as Executrix has been paid out about \$17000.00 in excess of her receipts, but inasmuch as she is the residuary legater. , taking the laws of said estate the necessary money has been advanced by her as residuary legater pay off all all telless and specific bequests.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Margaret C. Steele

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,)
Jefferson County. Before me S. E. Greene Judge of the Probate Court of said County
personally appeared Margaret C. Steele, Executrix of the estate of George A. Steele deceased,
who, being duly sworn, makes oath that the foregoing final account current is a full and
correct statement of all her dealings and transactions, and of all moneys and effects received
and paid out by her on account of said estate, and that she has not used any of the funds of
the said estate for her own benefit

Margaret C. Steele

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24

day of May, 1907, S. E. Greene

Judge of Probate Court Jefferson County.

Wm Steele over 12 under 21 residing in Shelby Co., Ala. Herbert Steele under 14 yrs of age, residing in Shelby Co., Ala., John Steele over 14 yrs of age under 21 in U.S. Army in Phillippine Islands, Mrs. Ida Sattenwhite, a married woman over 18 yrs now residing in Jefferson Co. Ala at Wykam, Sylvester Vandergrift, age over 21 yrs. residing in Jefferson Co. Ala., are the heits and devisees of said deceared, according to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Margaret C. Steele.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24, day of May, 1907.

> S. E. Greene, Judge Probate Court Jefferson County.

> > Decree on Final Settlement

The State of Alabama) Jefferson County

Probate Court.

June 18, 1907.

Estate of George A. Steele, Deceased, . .

In the Matter of the petition of Margaret C. Steele, Executrix of George A. Steele, deceased for a final settlement of said estate.

This being the day heretofore appointed by the Court for a final settlement of the estate of George A. Steele, deceased, by Margaret C. Steele, executrix of said estate, pursuant to an order made on the 24 day of May, 1907, and notice having been given by the Court for "publication in the Birmingham News, a newspaper published in the city of Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama, of the application for a final settlement and of the day appointed for hear # ing the same in all respects as required by law.

Now comes Margaret C. Steele Executrix by attorney, and also cames A. B. Perdue, heretofore appointed by the court as Guardian Ad Litem to represent John Steele, Herbert Steele, and William Steele minors under the age of 21 years, who in writing accepted the appointment as Guardian Ad Litem for said minors and in writing denied the allegations of the petition, and the court having examined and audited the account of said Margaret C. Steele, executrix as aforesaid and with the attorney for the said Margaret C. Steele and the said guardian Ad Litem of said minors, has examined said account and vouchers now proceeds to state the same.

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Margaret C. Steele as Executrix as aforesaid is charged with the sum of Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Nine and 51/100 (\$6,379.51) dollars, as shown by her report as proceeds of the scale of andthat all of said personal property and choses personal property and collection of, Choses in action, owned by said estate except certain personal property specifically devised by the will of said decedent has been disposed of.

And it further appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the said executrix is entitled to credit for money paid out on account of said estate to the amount of Twenty-two Thousand, Two Hundred and sixty-six and 61/100 (\$22,266.61) Dollars as evidenced by her properly numbered vouchers on file in this court of which sum Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars was paid out in satisfaction of money bequests made by the said decedent in his last will and testament the balance of which sum was paid out in satisfaction of the indebtedness of said decedent.

And it further appearing to the court from the will of said decedent that Margaret C. Steele, the Executrix is the devisee of said decedent of all the real property and mixed property of which the decedent died seized and possessed and that for the protection of said real and mixed property she has advanced of her own funds the sum of over Seventeen Thousand #\$17000.00) Dollars in order to enable her as Executrix to pay off all of the indebtedness

against said estate and the special money legacies, leaving the real property which she individually acquired as Devisee under said will, free from incumbrances or charges.

It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the court that the said account of said Executrix be and the same is hereby passed and allowed.

It is further ordered by the court that Ten (\$10.00) Dollars be allowed to A. B. Perdue for services as Guardian Ad Litem in representing the said minors on this settlement and the said Margaret C. Steele in her capacity as executrix, having paid into court the said guardian. Ad Litem's fee, and having paid the costs and expenses of the administration of this estate in full, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the estate of George A. Steele deceased be and the same is hereby finally settled by Margaret C. Steele, Executrix, and the said Margaret C. Steele is hereby discharged as Executrix of said estate and from all other or further accounting or liabilities for or on account of said estate or her Executrixship the reof.

S. E. Greene
Judge of Probate.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,)
Jefferson County.

I, Eugene H. Hawkins, Judge of the Court of Probate, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that the foregoing contains a full, true and correct copy of the last Will and Testament, together with the Certificate to the probate thereof, Appointment and Acceptance of Guardian ad Litem, Account for Final Settlement and Decree thereon, in the matter of the estate of George A. Steele, deceased, as the same appeared on file and of record in this office.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 3rd day of June, 1936.

Eugene H. Hawkins,

Judge of Probate.

sSeal.

Filed for record in this office the 12th day of June, 1936 at 10 A. M. and recorded in Deed Record #101, at page 55-61, and examined.

L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Ala.