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STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, L. E. Parker, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, personally appeared Richard Hall, who is known to me and after first being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Richard Hall. I am over the age of 21 and reside in Shelby County, Alabama.

Being the elder son of Lena McLeod who died intestate in Shelby County, Alabama on April 18, 1953, I petitioned the Probate Court of Shelby County to be appointed administrator of the Lena McLeod estate. I served as administrator of said estate from about April 29, 1953 until final settlement and being discharged by the said court on about January 23, 1954. During the time that I served as administrator of this estate, I executed all acts required of me as administrator which included the payment of any claims against the estate and the recovery and disbursement of assets among the heirs. I know that on December 16, 1953 there was no unpaid claims due against the said estate and I more specifically know that on said date there existed no legal, proper and unpaid claims against the estate of Lena McLeod and final settlement was subsequently completed on or about January 23, 1954 in accordance with the decree from Probate Court on that date.

The claim filed December 16, 1953 by the American Marble and Granite Company, Inc., in the amount of \$133.90 for the double monument erected at the graves of Lena McLeod and Ernestine Sheppard was not due or valid upon the date of filing. After conferring with my brother and sister, it was agreed that I would and did order a monument for the graves of Lena McLeod and Ernestine Sheppard, our mother and niece, respectively. We also agreed to furnish personal funds for the payment of said monument. This monument was ordered from Mr. L. B. Riddle, local agent for American Marble and Granite Company, Inc. My wife and I went to Mr. Riddle's on a Sunday, being then five weeks after the death of Lena McLeod which occurred on April 18, 1953. The following Friday afternoon, Mr. Riddle came to my house (I was then living temporarily with Clarence and Jessie Willingham on the Britt Ingram farm), and I made the payment to Mr. Riddle for this monument in full and was given a receipt which was later destroyed by fire when the Willingham home burned in February 1954. Several days after said payment was made the monument was set in place and it was not immediately known that the inscriptions were reversed. None of the family were present nor were they notified when this monument was delivered, however, it is my best belief that this whole transaction was completed within three months after my mother's death.

Letters of administration of the Lena McLeod estate were granted me on April 29, 1953. No claims were filed against this estate within the six months allowed by law after letters of administration or publication, both expiring on or before December 2, 1953. Therefore, I must deny the claim by American Marble and Granite Company, Inc., as it was not filed during the time allowed by law and also deny this claim as it had been paid and was not due on December 16, 1953, the date of filing of said claim.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 15 day of October, 1968.

Notary Public - State at Large

Tract No. 185
Richard Hall

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