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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, William K. Brown, of Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama, being always grateful to God for his mercies and blessings and for my present good health and sound mind, but recognizing my stewardship and responsibility touching earthly affairs, and the uncertainty of human life, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any former will or wills which may have been by me made at any time heretofore.

As to my worldly estate, and all the material things, if any, which may, in God's providence, still be by Him entrusted to me and in my name at the time of my death, and the real, mixed, and personal property of which I may die seized and possessed or which I may then own, I desire the disposition thereof as follows, to-wit:

ITEM ONE.

To my beloved wife, Martha E. Brown, I give, devise, and bequeath all of my real estate located in Shelby County, Alabama, list of which said real estate is shown on my assessment list filed for record in the office of the Tax Assessor of said Shelby County, Alabama, to be hers in fee simple and at her disposal forever.

ITEM TWO.

To my beloved daughter, Margaret E. Brown, I give, devise and bequeath my real estate located in the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County, Alabama, list of same being shown and set out on my tax assessment list on file in the office of the Tax Assessor of the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County, Alabama, to have and to hold unto the said Margaret E. Brown in fee simple, and at her disposal forever.

ITEM THREE

To my said daughter, Margaret E. Brown, I give, devise and bequeath any and all of the real estate that I may own located in Robeson County, North Carolina, to be hers in fee simple and at her disposal forever.

ITEM FOUR

To my said wife, Martha E. Brown, and to my said daughter, Margaret E. Brown, I give, devise, and bequeath jointly, in equal parts, all of my personal and mixed property of any and every kind and wherever located, to be theirs and at their disposal forever subject to, if any there be, debts or unpaid liens, against my Estate.

ITEM FIVE

I hereby give, devise and bequeath unto my said wife, Martha E. Brown, during the period of her natural life, all of my real estate located in the Birmingham Division of Jefferson County, Alabama, list of which is set out in detail on my assessment list in the Tax Assessor's office of said County, at Birmingham, Alabama.

ITEM SIX

To my beloved daughter, Margaret E. Brown, I give, devise and bequeath the remainder in the real estate in which a life interest is given in Item Five above to Martha E. Brown, and on the death of the said Martha E. Brown all of the

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said real estate located in the Birmingham Division of Jefferson County, Alabama, shall then immediately vest in and belong in fee simple to the said Margaret E. Brown, and same shall, including any accumulated funds in bank accounts, be at her disposal forever.

ITEM SEVEN

In the event of the death of my daughter, Margaret E. Brown, leaving living child or children, before the death of my said wife, then such lineal descendants of my daughter (heirs of her body) shall at death of Martha E. Brown take or inherit the property which would have gone to the parent, Margaret E. Brown, if living.

ITEM EIGHT

In the event of the death of my said daughter, Margaret E. Brown, without issue, (heir or heirs of her body), before the death of my wife, Martha E. Brown, then in that event I give, devise and bequeath the remainder in said real estate, located in the Birmingham Division of Jefferson County, Alabama, and any accumulated profits therefrom, to my niece and niece-in-law, Amanda Brown Adams and Elizabeth Eggleston, to be theirs in equal parts at once after the death of my said wife, Martha E. Brown; provided, however, that said Martha E. Brown should be alive on the death of said Margaret E. Brown without issue, it being the intention of this item to name as remaindermen Amanda B. Adams and Elizabeth Eggleston in said real estate, after the death of my said wife in the event my said wife should outlive my said daughter without issue, and in that event only. And it is also the intention of this devise, Item Eight hereof, that only such of the conditional remaindermen, named in this item, as may be alive at the time of the possible falling-in of an estate to them hereunder, may take anything by virtue of this Item Eight hereof, and that the survivor of said two conditional remaindermen shall in such event take the entire remainder in said real estate and accumulated profits therefrom.

ITEM NINE

I hereby give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Margaret E. Brown, of Birmingham, Alabama, all of the rest and residue of my real and personal estate, including such parts or parcels of my property as may not be in or by this will otherwise disposed of, my said daughter being now named in this Item Nine my residuary legatee, and she is hereby willed, devised and bequeathed my real, personal or mixed property or real estate wherever located which I may not have otherwise disposed of herein, and of which I may die seized and possessed, or to which my estate may become entitled after my death, to be hers and at her disposal in fee simple forever.

ITEM TEN

To meet living expenses, current obligations, annual taxes and other liens to be paid off after my death, said Martha E. Brown, as life tenant and life tenant, shall as executor of my estate, or if she should die before me, manage and control the said real estate and bequeathed to her and surviving her issue, and the income and rentals therefrom or in any way pertaining to the said real estate and property of all kinds. She shall collect the interest, rents, and royalties in the said real estate and collect before my death from the said real estate and bequeathed to her and surviving her issue, and she shall have been and shall be entitled to all such income and rentals as she may have been and shall be entitled to collect before my death and after my death.



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arising or that can be made to arise, by good business methods and management from personal property and said real estate. And out of such rents and income at least one half should be at once deposited at interest to her savings account or accounts in bank or banks promptly after same is collected. She shall have full power and authority when any leases or contracts expire, and as same expire, to renew, or extend same, as she may then deem best on the same terms or different terms as she may deem advisable at the time. She may execute new leases at any time when the current ones expire, or if for any reason any current lease or leases cease to be effective, or if she should at any time decide to cancel same for cause. Any new leases on any property not under lease at the time of my death, which she may have opportunity to lease, shall be leased by her as she may deem expedient or to the best interest of the said estate, on such terms as she may see fit.

ITEM ELEVEN

I hereby nominate and appoint my wife, Martha E. Brown, and my daughter, Margaret E. Brown, both, or either of them, to be Executrices, or executrix, without bond, of this, my last Will and Testament, and they, or either of them, shall have full power and authority to satisfy mortgages and generally to do and perform whatever may be required in order to preserve and protect my estate, and also to do and perform whatever may be required of me if I were living for the expeditious, prompt and economical management of the same, in accordance with law and with my wishes as hereinabove set out. I do not wish Executrices, or either of them, to make report or schedule of my property in Probate or in any court, but I do hereby request prompt publication of notice to creditors and final settlement as soon as the law allows.

ITEM TWELVE

The purposes, intents and wishes of the Testator as expressed in this Will are clear and specific enough to be understood with all reasonable certainty by all parties interested, and it is my desire that all parties interested, including Executrices hereof, may act promptly, economically and faithfully, using their own intelligence and best judgment, in performance of duties hereunder rather than to have or allow judicial or court proceeding of any kind touching this Will; but if, unfortunately, there should arise at any time after my death any honest doubts, uncertainties, or unavoidable disputes regarding testator's purposes and intents as expressed herein, or in regard to anything pertaining to the legality of this Will, or anything else that may arise touching this Will in any way whatsoever, such disputes, doubts, differences, etc., if beyond control or quieting by Executrices, life-tenant, or any one interested, shall be decided and settled by three impartial and intelligent persons to be selected, one by dissenter or disputer, and one by the opposite side of different opinion, desiring to avoid court proceedings and delay, and the third to be selected by those two, which three persons thus chosen, unfettered by law or legal construction, shall promptly declare their sense of testator's intentions or other matters of dispute, (if any unhappily should arise), and the decision of any two of these three persons to all intents and purposes is to be as binding, legal and valid as if it had been handed down by any court, state or federal, and any beneficiary under this will refusing to submit any controversy arising hereunder to arbitration as herein provided, or to agree and abide by the decision of such arbitrators shall forfeit all rights under this will.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, the said William K. Brown,



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have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal  
this 22nd day of August A. D. 1936.

William K. Brown (SEAL)

Signed and sealed by the above named William K. Brown and by him published and declared as being his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other on this 22nd day of August A. D. 1936.

Dorothy Fry  
Birmingham, Ala

Needham A. Cravens  
Birmingham, Ala

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CERTIFICATE TO THE PROBATE OF WILL

THE STATE OF ALABAMA.  
JEFFERSON COUNTY.

I, EUGENE H. HAWKINS, Judge of the Court of Probate, in and for said State and County, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing hag this day, in said Court, and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proved the proper testimony, to be the genuine last Will and Testament of William K. Brown Deceased and that said Will together with the proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills, Vol. 31 Page 420-423

In witness of all which I have hereto set my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this the 11 day of Oct. 193 7.

Eugene H. Hawkins Judge of Probate

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
JEFFERSON COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

I, LOUISE ARNOLD ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Deputy Clerk Register 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 of William K. Brown, Deceased, together  
with the Certificate to the probate thereof

in the matter of The Estate of William K. Brown, Deceased

as the same appears on file and of record, in this office.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, this  
the 4th day of October, 19 71

Louise Arnold  
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Assistant Probate Judge - Deputy Clerk Register.



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