

STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, **GARY D. HULSE**, of Cullman County, Alabama, and a citizen of the United States, hereby constitute and appoint my wife, **TINA C. HULSE**, of Cullman County, Alabama, my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name, place and stead, to act, demand, sue for, collect and receive all sums of money, dividends, interest, payments on account of debts and legacies and all property now due or which may hereafter become due and owing to me, and give good and valid receipts and discharges for such payments; to sell, assign and transfer stocks and bonds and securities standing in my name or belonging to me; to buy and sell securities of all kinds in my name and for my account and at such prices as shall seem good to them, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in my name all transfers and assignments of securities; to borrow money and to pledge securities for such loans if in the judgment of my attorney, such action should be necessary; to consent in my name to reorganizations and mergers and to the exchange of securities for new securities; to manage real property, to sell, convey and mortgage realty, to foreclose mortgages and to take title to property in my name if they think proper and to execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds of real property, mortgages, releases, satisfactions and other instruments relating to realty which they consider necessary; to place and effect insurance, to do business with banks, and particularly to endorse all checks and drafts made payable to my order and collect the proceeds; to sign in my name checks on all accounts standing in my name, and to withdraw funds from said accounts, to open accounts in my name or in their name as my attorney in fact; to make such payments and expenditures as may be necessary in connection with any of the foregoing matters or with the administration of my affairs; to retain counsel and attorneys on my behalf, to appear for me in all actions and proceedings to which I may be party in the courts of Alabama or any other state in the United States, or in the United States courts, to commence actions and proceedings in my name if necessary, to sign and verify in my name all complaints, petitions, answers and other pleadings of every description; to make and verify income tax returns, and to represent me in all income tax matters before any office of the Internal Revenue Service, within the limitations of the applicable Revenue Rulings and Procedures; hereby giving and granting to my said

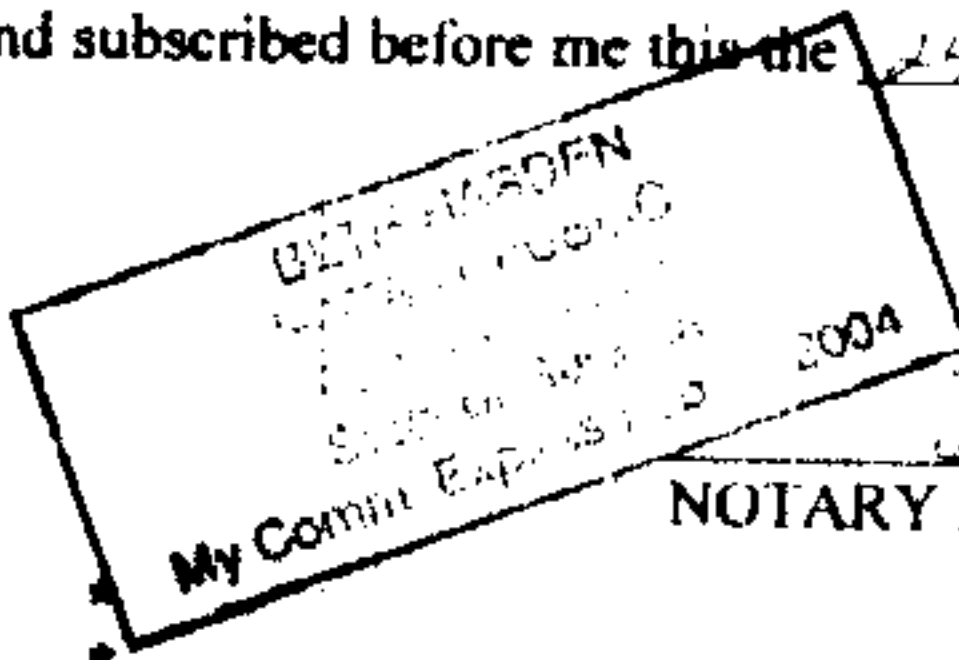
attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever necessary to be done in the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney may do pursuant to this power. This Power of Attorney shall not be affected by disability, incompetency, or incapacity of the principal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 24th day of MAY, 2000.


GARY D. HULSE

STATE OF Georgia :
Forsyth COUNTY :

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 24th day of May, 2000.

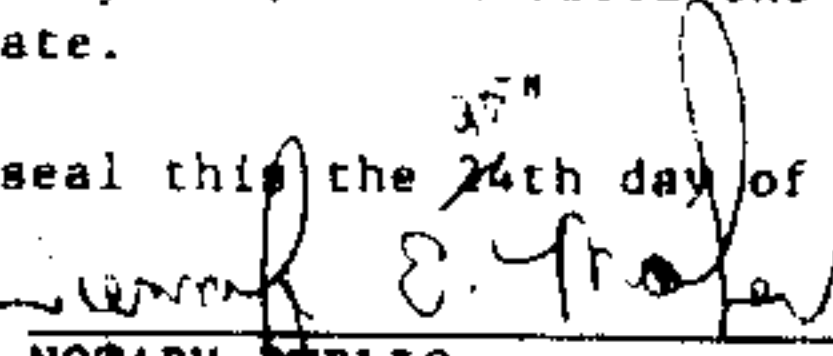



NOTARY PUBLIC


STATE OF GEORGIA
~~FORSYTH COUNTY~~
Forsyth

I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Gary D. Hulse, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged, before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily, on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 24th day of May, 2000.


NOTARY PUBLIC

This instrument prepared by:
Jackson & Williams
Attorneys at Law
416 First Avenue S.E.
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Gary D Hulse
5/27/00

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12:29 PM CERTIFIED
SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
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