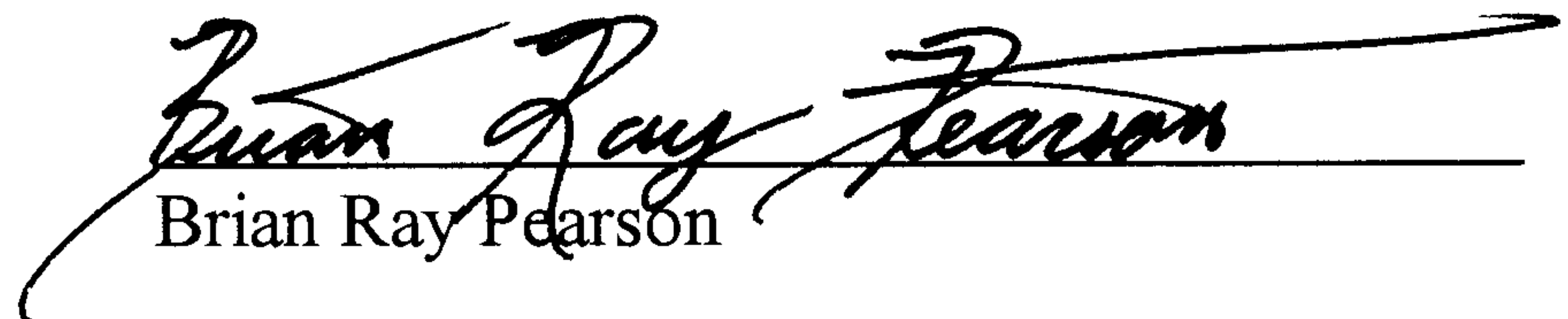


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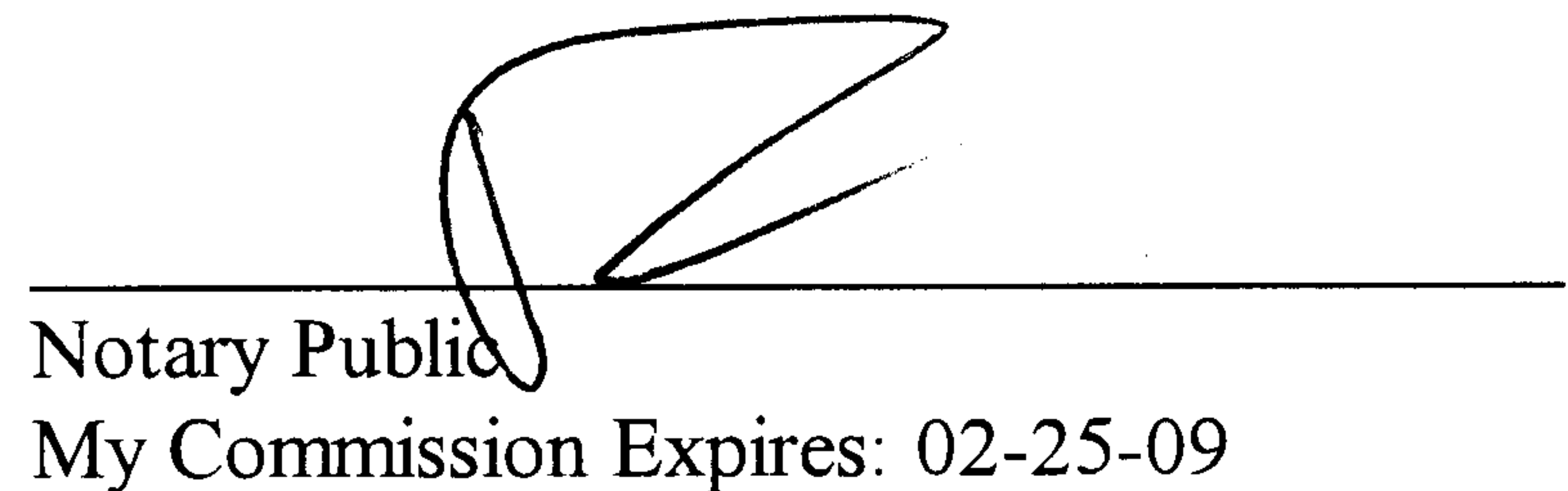
**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF SHELBY**

Brian Ray Pearson, being duly sworn, deposes and says that: The Power of Attorney granted to me by Susan Howell Gerrells, on March 14, 2005, a true copy of which is annexed hereto is in full force and effect; that at the time of the execution of closing documents, on April 7, 2005, I had no knowledge of or actual notice of the revocation or termination of the Power of Attorney by death or otherwise.

I make this affidavit for the purpose of inducing to accept the above described instrument as executed by me as attorney-in-fact knowing that in accepting the aforesaid instrument they will rely upon this affidavit.


Brian Ray Pearson

Sworn to before me this 7th day of April, 2005.


Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 02-25-09

B. CHRISTOPHER BATTLES
Notary Public - Alabama, State At Large
My Commission Expires 2 / 25 / 2009

C. Battles