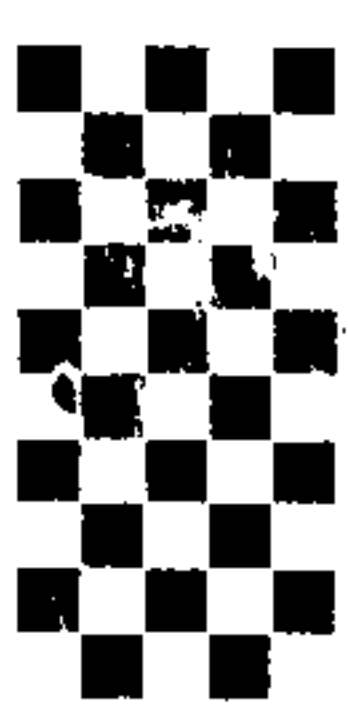




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The State of Alabama
JEFFERSON COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

I, S. J. RHODES, Chief Clerk 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 PETITION TO PROBATE WILL, LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, CERTIFICATE TO THE PROBATE OF WILL, ORDER ON FILING AND PROBATING LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY WITHOUT BOND, ORDER GRANTING LETTERS TESTAMENTARY AND LETTERS TESTAMENTARY WHICH ARE NO LONGER IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

in the matter of THE ESTATE OF: SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM CASE#201568.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, this

the 3RD day of JUNE, 20 11

S. J. Rhodes

Chief Clerk



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RECORDER'S MEMORANDUM
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LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM

Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO. 201568

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Will of the above-named deceased having been duly admitted to record in said county, Letters Testamentary are

hereby granted to JANET H. SANDLIN

the Personal Representative named in said will who has complied with the requisitions of the law and is authorized to administer the estate. Subject to the priorities stated in § 43-8-76, Code of Alabama (1975, as amended), the said Personal Representative acting prudently for the benefit of interested persons has all the powers authorized in transactions under § 43-2-843, Code of Alabama (1975, as amended).

WITNESS my hand this date, AUGUST 5, 2008

Jan L. King
Judge of Probate

I, _____, Chief Clerk of the Court of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and full copy of the Letters Testamentary issued in the above-styled cause as appears of record in said court. I further certify that said Letters are still in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this date, _____

Chief Clerk



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IN THE MATTER OF:

THE ESTATE OF:

SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM
DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER 201568

ORDER GRANTING LETTERS TESTAMENTARY WITHOUT BOND

Now on this day comes Janet H. Sandlin and files in this Court her petition in writing, under oath, praying that Letters Testamentary upon the Will of Sara E. Higginbotham, deceased, be issued to her.

It is therefore ORDERED and DECREED by the Court that Letters Testamentary upon said will be granted to Janet H. Sandlin, and that said letters issue without bond or security being required, in accordance with the terms of said will. It is further ORDERED that the petition in this behalf be recorded.

DONE this date, August 5, 2008.

Alan L. King
Judge of Probate


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Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, on this
day personally appeared Janet H. Sandlin, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says
that the allegations of the foregoing petition are true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of August 2008

Ashley Neece
Notary Public

ASHLEY NEESE
NOTARY PUBLIC
ALABAMA STATE AT LARGE
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 7-12-10

DATE 8-5-08
PETITION HEARD, PRAYER GRANTED AND
ORDERED RECORDED. COSTS TAXED
AGAINST THE ESTATE.

Allen L. King
JUDGE OF PROBATE



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PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY WITHOUT BOND

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

IN THE PROBATE COURT

2011558

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM
DECEASED.

Comes the petitioner, Janet H. Sandlin, and shows the following facts:

1. In the Last Will and Testament of Sara E. Higginbotham, deceased, which will has been duly probated and admitted to record in this Court, the petitioner is named as Executor thereof.

2. The petitioner is above the age of nineteen (19) years, and is not disqualified under the law from serving as such Executor. Under the terms of the decedent's will, her Executor is exempted from giving bond as such Executor.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner prays that this Court will grant letters testamentary to the petitioner without her entering into bond, as is provided by the terms of said Will.

Janet H. Sandlin
Petitioner

By: Ashley Neece
WATKINS LAW FIRM
3540 Independence Drive
Homewood, AL 35209
(205) 877-3221

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)



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ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that said instrument be duly admitted to probate as the Last Will and Testament of Sara E. Higginbotham, deceased, and ORDERED to be recorded together with the proof thereof and all other papers on file relating to this proceeding. It is further ORDERED that petitioner pay the costs of this proceeding.

DONE this date, August 5, 2008.

Alan L. King
Judge of Probate


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IN THE MATTER OF

THE ESTATE OF

SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM
DECEASED

ORDER ON FILING AND PROBATING LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

This day came Janet H. Sandlin and filed a petition in writing, under oath, therewith producing and filing in this Court an instrument of writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Sara E. Higginbotham, deceased, said will bearing date, May 26, 2004, and attested by James A. Smith and Joshua Caldwell; and praying that the same be probated as provided by law; that the petitioner is the daughter of said deceased, and is named in said will as executrix thereof; and that the next of kin of said deceased are as follows: to-wit: Janet H. Sandlin,

daughter, Birmingham, Alabama and Paul W. Hollis, son, Pinson, Alabama, of whom are over nineteen years of age and of sound mind.

And thereupon comes each of the above named next of kin expressly waiving all notice of the petition to probate said will and consenting that the same be probated at once, and the court having ascertained by sufficient evidence that the signatures affixed to said waivers of notice and acceptance of service are the genuine signatures of said next of kin; now on motion of said petitioner, the Court proceeds to hear said petition; and, after due proof and hearing had according to the laws of this state, the Court is satisfied and is of the opinion that said instrument is the genuine Last Will and Testament of said deceased, and that such instrument should be probated as the Last Will and Testament of said deceased. It is, therefore,



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CERTIFICATE TO THE PROBATE OF WILL

The State of Alabama

JEFFERSON COUNTY

I, Alan L. King, Judge of the Court of Probate, in and for said State and County, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing, ha s 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 Sara E. Higginbotham

Decensed and that said Will

together with the proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Judicial Record, Volume JR 2786 Page 751-753

In witness of all which I have hereto set my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this date August 5, 2008

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Alan L. King

Judge of Probate.



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Executor. Petitioner further alleges that she is in all respects a fit, suitable and proper person to serve as Executor of said Last Will and Testament.

4. Your petitioner further shows unto the Court that said heirs at law and next of kin of Sara E. Higginbotham, have executed an instrument in writing by the terms of which they waived any and all notice of the hearing of this petition to probate said Last Will and Testament, and consented, agreed and requested that said Will of the decedent be admitted to probate and that petitioner be appointed Executor thereof without further notice.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, your petitioner prays that Your Honor will take jurisdiction of this petition and upon a hearing of the same will make and enter an order or decree admitting the said instrument in writing to probate as and for the Last Will and Testament of the said Sara E. Higginbotham, deceased, and will appoint your petitioner as Executor thereof, without bond or security of any kind.

Sara E. Higginbotham
Petitioner

By: Ashley Neese
WATKINS LAW FIRM
3540 Independence Drive
Homewood, AL 35209
Phone-205-877-3221

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JEFFERSON COUNTY)



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and the undersigned witness, do hereby declare to the Judge of Probate, that SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM, signs and executes this instrument as his last will and testament, and that he signs it willingly, and that each of us, in the presence and hearing of the testator, hereby signs this Will as witness to the testator's signing and that to the best of our knowledge the testator is over nineteen years of age or older, of sound mind, and is under no constraint or undue influence.

James A. Smith
WITNESS

John A. Caldwell
WITNESS

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO and ACKNOWLEDGED before me by SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM, the testator subscribed and sworn to before me by

JAMES A. SMITH and
JOSEPH A. CALDWELL witnesses, this 26th day of
May 2004
2003

John A. Caldwell
NOTARY PUBLIC



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and otherwise alienate any part of the assets of my estate, or to do any act which I may deem to be proper under sole discretion without the aid of any person, and I do hereby consider to be necessary, convenient or proper in and about the administration and management of my estate, it being my purpose and intention to grant to said Executrix the powers over said property and estate that I am capable of granting to her as such Executrix.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the said SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM do hereunto set my hand and seal to this my Last Will and Testament on this the 26 day of May, 2004.

Sara E. Higginbotham
SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM

SIGNED, SEALED, PUBLISHED and DECLARED by the said SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM, and for his Last Will and Testament in our presence and we, in his presence, and at his request and in the presence of each other, hereto subscribe our names as witnesses on the day and year above written.

James A. Smith
WITNESS

476 Al Murray 1st
ADDRESS
Fernison AL 35085

John A. Smith
WITNESS

305 Hanna Dr
ADDRESS
Vincent AL 35178

I, SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM, the testator, sign my name to this instrument this 26 day of May, 2004, and being first duly sworn, do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that I sign and execute this instrument as my Last Will and Testament and that I sign it willingly, that I execute it as my free and voluntarily act for the purposes therein expressed, and that I am nineteen years of age or older, of sound mind and under no constraint or undue influence.

Sara E. Higginbotham
SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM



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Last Will and Testament

OF

SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM

FILED IN OFFICE THIS 5th DAY

OF Aug 2008

FOR PROBATE AND RECORD.

Alan L. King
JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF ALABAMA)

JEFFERSON COUNTY)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM, being over the age of nineteen years and of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make, declare and publish this my Last Will and Testament and do hereby revoke any and all former wills and codicils which may have been at any time heretofore made by me.

ITEM ONE

I will and direct that my Executrix hereinafter named shall pay all just debts and charges against my estate as soon after my death as practicable. In the event there is any indebtedness owing by me, whether secured or unsecured, which has not matured at the time of my death, I authorize my Executrix to pay such indebtedness either in full or according to the terms and tenor of any instrument evidencing such indebtedness as my Executrix may deem best advisable under the then existing circumstances. I further direct that all estate and inheritance taxes which may be asserted or levied with respect to my estate, or any part thereof, whether or not passing under my Will, shall be paid out of my residuary estate as an expense of administration and without apportionment.

ITEM TWO

I hereby will, devise and bequeath all of my estate that I may own or have an interest in at the time of my death, including real, personal or mixed property, of whatsoever nature and wheresoever situated, unto my daughter, JANET HIGGINBOTHAM SANDLIN, and my son, PAUL W. HOLLIS to be divided equally share and share alike or to their lineal descendants per stirpes.

ITEM THREE

I hereby nominate and appoint my daughter, JANET HIGGINBOTHAM SANDLIN to be Executrix of this Will, without bond, and hereby direct that she shall not be required to file an inventory or final settlement, or to report her acts and proceedings as such Executrix to any court. I hereby grant to and vest in my said Executrix full power

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PETITION TO PROBATE WILL

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

IN THE PROBATE COURT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARA E. HIGGINBOTHAM,
DECEASED

Comes the petitioner, Janet H. Sandlin, residing at 6149 Rushing Park Lane,
Birmingham, Alabama 35244, and respectfully presents unto Your Honor her petition to
probate the Last Will and Testament of Sara E. Higginbotham, deceased, and respectfully
shows unto the Court the following:

1. Sara E. Higginbotham departed this life on July 2, 2008, being at the time
of her death a resident citizen of Jefferson County, Alabama, and leaving property
situated in said county. At the time of her death the said Sara E. Higginbotham left a Last
Will and Testament duly executed by her on the 26th day May, 2004, in the presence of
James A. Smith and Joshua Caldwell as attesting witnesses thereto, which said instrument
in writing is surrendered herewith to the Court for probate as and for the Last Will and
Testament of Sara E. Higginbotham. Said will is self-proved substantially in accordance
with the requirements of Ala. Code § 43-8-132.

322 LAKE LAKE
PLUSON, AL 35126

2. At the time of her death Sara E. Higginbotham left surviving her as her
heirs at law and next of kin two children, Janet H. Sandlin and Paul W. Hollis, each of
whom is over nineteen (19) years of age and of sound mind.

6149 RUSHING PARK LANE
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244

3. Under the terms and provisions of the Last Will and Testament of Sara E.
Higginbotham, deceased, your petitioner is named as Executor thereof and is exempt
from giving bond or filing inventory in connection with the performance of her duties as



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