
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, SR.,

CASE NO. 2014-221860

Deceased

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

The Will of the above-named deceased having been duly admitted to record in said county, **Letters Testamentary** are hereby granted to JOHN FREDERICK, 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, 13th day of May, 2014.

ALAN L. KING

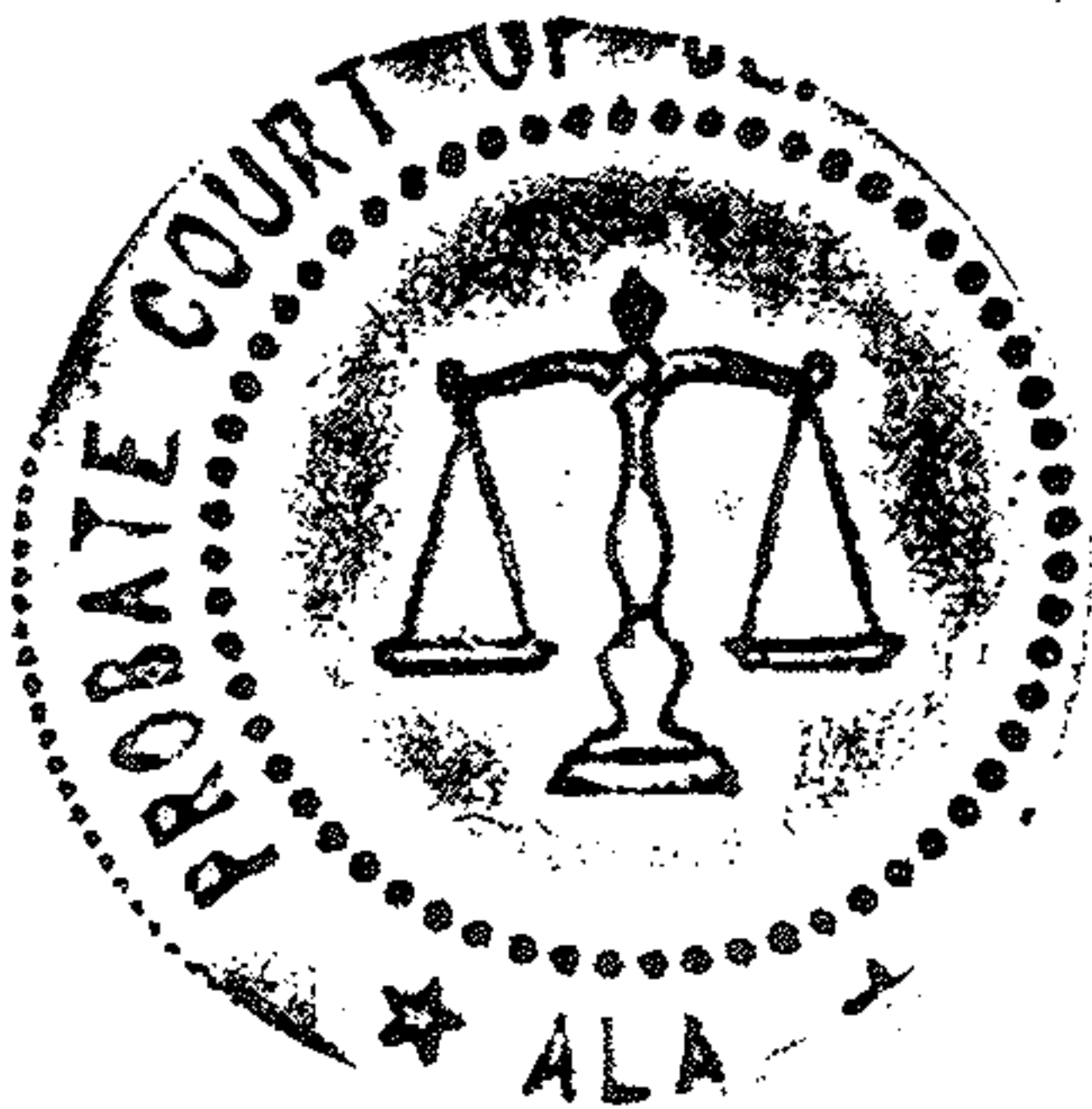
Judge of Probate

I, S.J. Rhodes, Chief Clerk of Probate Court 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, 13th day of May, 2014.

Chief Clerk.

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State of Alabama
Jefferson County

I, the Undersigned, as Judge of Probate Court in and for Jefferson County, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the instrument with the filing of same as appears of record in this office. Given under my hand and official seal, this the 13th day of March, 2018

Alan L. Craig
JUDGE OF PROBATE

CERTIFICATE TO THE PROBATE OF WILL

State of Alabama
Jefferson County

CASE NO. 2014-221860

I, ALAN L. KING, the undersigned, Judge of the Court of Probate, in and for said State and County, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing has 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 **DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, SR.** and that said **will** together with the proof thereof have been recorded in my office.

In witness of all which I have hereto set my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this date the 13th day of May, 2014.

Alan L. King
Judge of Probate

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

OF

DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, SR.

STATE OF ALABAMA)

JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, SR., a resident of the State of Alabama, Jefferson County, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this instrument as and for my Last Will and Testament and hereby expressly revoke any and all Wills, Codicils and other testamentary dispositions heretofore made by me.

ITEM ONE

At the time of execution of this Will, my immediate family consists of the following persons:

My Wife: JUDITH LANIER CRUSE

My Children: CATHLEEN CRUSE ROMEL, daughter
DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, JR., son

ITEM TWO

I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as may be 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, then I authorize my Personal Representative to pay such indebtedness, either in full or according to the terms and tenor of any instrument evidencing such indebtedness as my Personal Representative may deem advisable under the then existing circumstances. All estate and inheritance taxes (including interest and penalties, if any), together with the expenses of my last illness and all administration expenses, including an appropriate marker for my grave, payable in any jurisdiction by reason of my death (including those taxes and expenses payable with respect to assets which do not pass under this Will) shall be paid out of and charged generally against the principal of my residuary estate, without apportionment.

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ITEM THREE

All of the rest and residue of my estate of every kind and character, including real, personal or mixed property, and wheresoever situated, I hereby give and devise unto my wife, JUDITH LANIER CRUSE, to be hers absolutely.

ITEM FOUR

In the event my said wife, JUDITH LANIER CRUSE, shall predecease me, or we should die as a result of a common calamity, then I do hereby give and devise all of the rest and residue of my estate, of every kind and character, and wheresoever situated, including real, personal or mixed property, that I may own or have an interest in at the time of my death, as follows:

(a) My lake house located at 9 Wagner Drive, Coosa County, Rockford, AL 35136, more particularly described as follows: Lot 9, Block A, of Pennamotley Estates, as shown by map recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 27 of the Probate Office of Coosa County, Alabama; being the same described real estate as described in Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Record 64, Page 877, Probate Office, Coosa County, Alabama, unto my beloved son, DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, JR., to be his absolutely, per stirpes.

(b) My home place located at 3065 Valley Ridge Road, Birmingham, AL 35242, more particularly described as follows: Lot 31 according to the Survey of Final Plat of the Mixed use Subdivision Inverness Highlands, as recorded in Map Book 34, Page 45 A&B in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, unto my beloved daughter, CATHLEEN CRUSE ROMEI, to be hers absolutely, per stirpes.

(c) The rest and residue of my estate of every kind and character and wheresoever situated, being my residuary estate, to my children, CATHLEEN CRUSE ROMEI and DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, JR., to share and share alike.

(d) In the event that one of my children, CATHLEEN CRUSE ROMEI or DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, JR. are deceased at the time of my death then CATHLEEN CRUSE ROMEI's share shall go to Richard Cruse, Jr., and DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, JR.'s share shall go to his children, per stirpes.


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ITEM FIVE

(a) I hereby nominate and appoint JOHN FREDRICK as Personal Representative of this my Last Will and Testament. In the event JOHN FREDRICK shall fail to qualify, die, resign, become incompetent or otherwise fail or cease to serve as Personal Representative, then and in any of such events, I hereby nominate and appoint JAMIE FREDRICK to serve as successor Personal Representative hereunder.

(b) The Personal Representative named herein or appointed hereunder shall not be required to give bond or to file an inventory or accounting in any court or render any report in court upon final settlement of their acts as Personal Representative, although they shall make out and keep an inventory and maintain records of all transactions relating hereto and shall exhibit the same to any party in interest at any reasonable time.

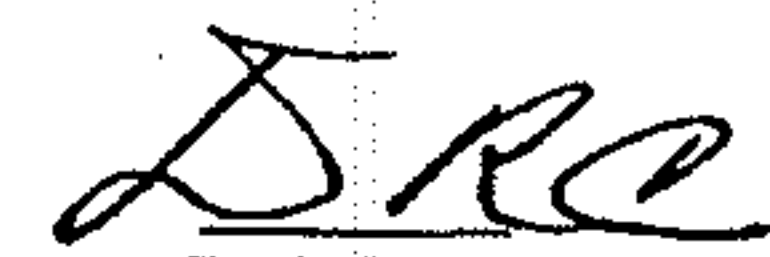
(c) The individuals named herein as Personal Representative shall serve in such capacities without compensation, except that they shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for extraordinary services.

ITEM SIX

In the administration of my estate, the Personal Representative, in the sole judgment and discretion of the Personal Representative, may do and have done all things which, in the judgment and discretion of the Personal Representative, may seem necessary, desirable and proper to promote, protect and conserve the interest of my estate and of the beneficiaries thereof. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, but solely in order to define with particularity certain of the powers herein vested in the Personal Representative, the Personal Representative shall have and may, in the judgment and discretion of the Personal Representative, except as specifically herein provided, without notice to anyone or order of court, exercise, among others, the following powers, to be broadly construed:

A. To sell (for payment of debts and all other purposes), exchange, lease, or encumber all or any portion of my estate in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Personal Representative may approve.

B. To continue to hold any property or securities originally received by it, including any


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stock or interest in any family corporation, partnership (general, limited or special) or business interest so long as the Personal Representative shall consider the retention thereof in the best interests of the estate and without being bound by any provision of law restricting investments by trustees.

C. To invest and reinvest my estate and the proceeds of sale of any portion thereof in such loans, stocks, bonds or other securities, mortgages, common trust funds, shares of investment companies or investment securities of management-type investment companies such as mutual funds, or such other property as the Personal Representative may consider suitable, without being bound by any provision of law restricting investments by trustees, and to change investments and to make new investments from time to time as may seem necessary or desirable to the Personal Representative.

D. To delegate all or any part of the above investment powers to such investment counselors, consultants or managers as the Personal Representative may deem appropriate.

E. To make divisions and distributions hereunder provided for either in cash or in kind or partly in cash and partly in kind, and for that purpose to determine the values thereof, and to determine the identity of persons entitled to take hereunder.

F. To institute and defend any and all suits or legal proceedings relating to my estate, in any court, and to employ counsel and to compromise or submit to arbitration all matters of dispute in which my estate may be involved, as in the judgment of the Personal Representative may be necessary or proper.

G. To continue to operate, carry on, repair, renew, insure, and otherwise conserve and maintain any business or business item or asset of my estate, and to enter into and perform any contracts necessary and desirable in connection therewith.

H. To borrow money on account of my estate and secure same by mortgage or pledge of any asset thereof, all without the necessity for any order from any court or notice to anyone whatsoever.

ITEM SEVEN

A. Any successor fiduciary shall be vested with all the duties, rights, titles, powers (whether discretionary or otherwise), and exemptions as if originally named as fiduciary.

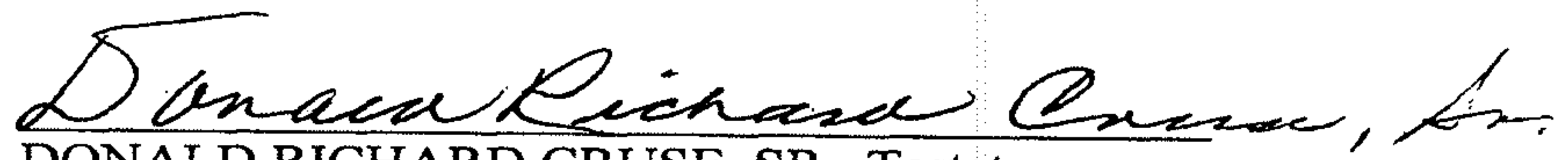

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B. With the approval of a majority of the adult beneficiaries, the parents, conservators or legal guardians of any minor beneficiaries, and the conservators or legal guardians of any incompetent beneficiaries, any successor fiduciary appointed hereunder may accept the account rendered and the assets and property delivered to it by the predecessor fiduciary as a full and complete discharge of the predecessor fiduciary, and shall incur no liability or responsibility to any beneficiary by reason of so doing, all without the necessity of any court proceedings or judicial supervision or approval, regardless of any beneficial vested or contingent interests of any minors, incompetent beneficiaries, or unborn beneficiaries. Any superseded fiduciary shall, at the cost and expense of the trust or estate, execute and deliver all conveyances and assignments, and do or cause to be done any and all acts and things as may be necessary to vest in the remaining fiduciary, if any, and the successor fiduciary all of the rights, titles and interests of the superseded fiduciary hereunder, and to confirm to such successor fiduciary the authority to act as such. Such action shall be taken by the superseded fiduciary within ninety (90) days after the receipt of the notice of such removal or the giving of notice of resignation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the said DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, SR., Testator, set forth my hand and seal to this, my Last Will and Testament, on this the 29th day of June, 2011.


DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, SR.

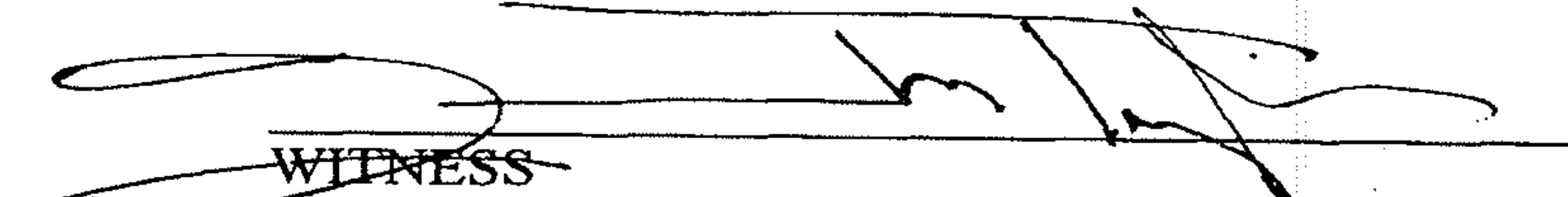
I, DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, SR., the Testator, sign my name to this instrument this 29th day of June, 2011, and being first duly sworn do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that I sign and execute this instrument as my Last Will and that I sign it willingly, that I execute it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed, and that I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.


DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, SR., Testator

We, the undersigned witnesses, sign our names to this instrument, being first duly sworn, and do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, SR., the Testator,


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signs and executes this instrument as his Last Will 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 eighteen (18) years of age or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.


WITNESS

Suite 1200 Park Place Tower
2001 Park Place North
Birmingham, AL 35203

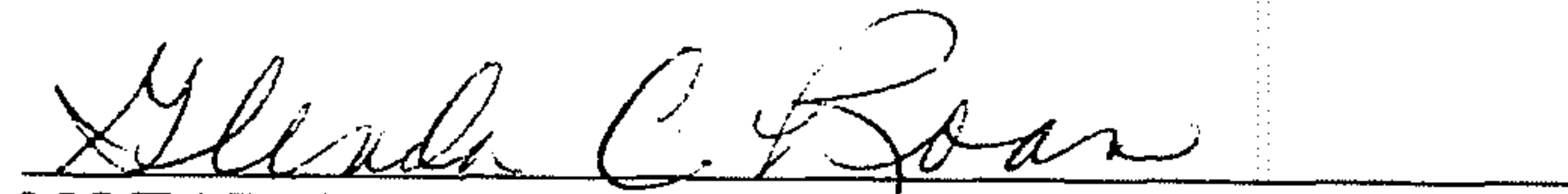

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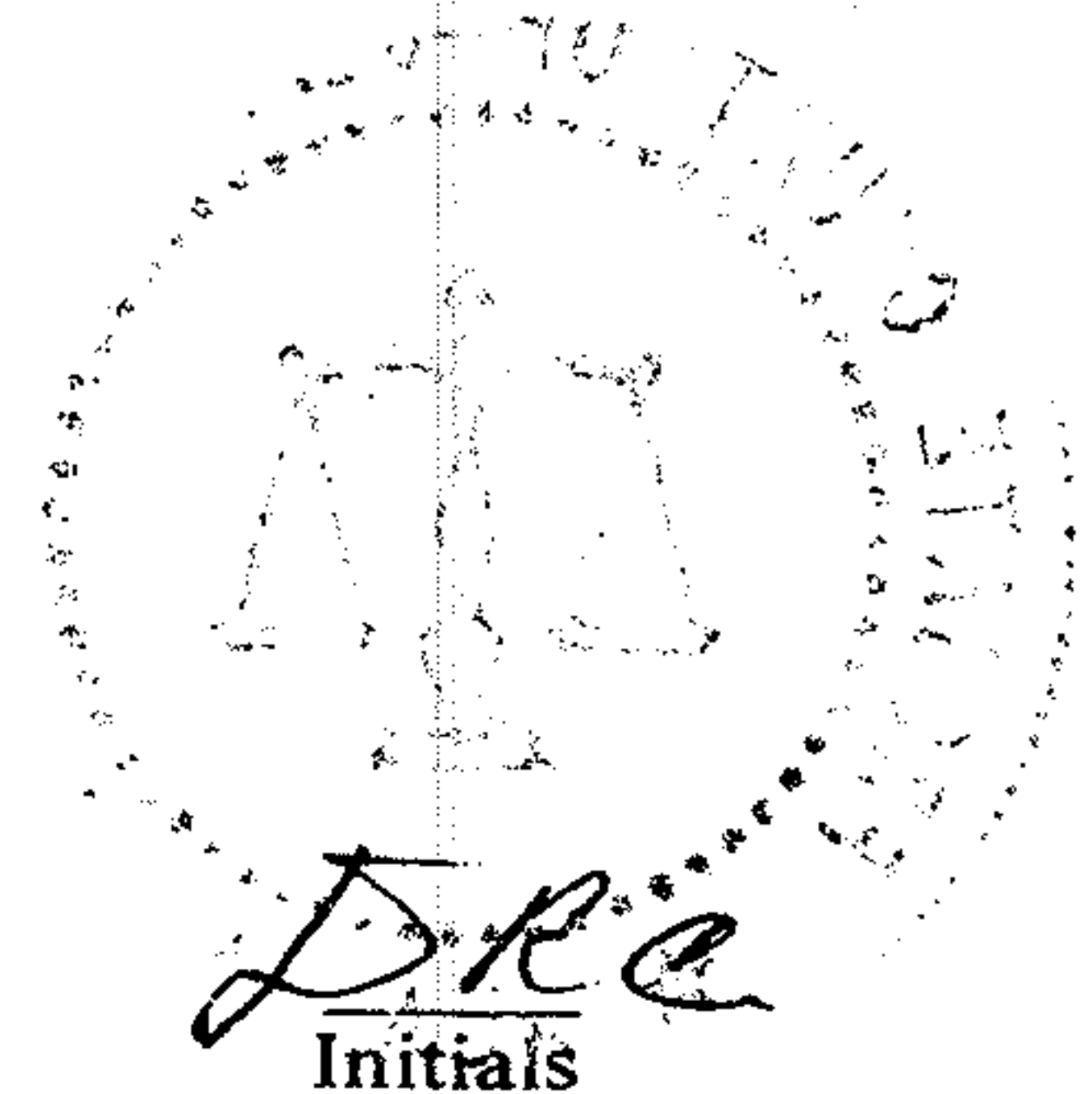
STATE OF ALABAMA)

JEFFERSON COUNTY)

SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO and ACKNOWLEDGED before me by DONALD RICHARD CRUSE, SR., the Testator, and subscribed and sworn to before me by James M. Tingle and Maxwell C. Branham, witnesses, this 29th day of June, 2011.


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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 8/22/2011

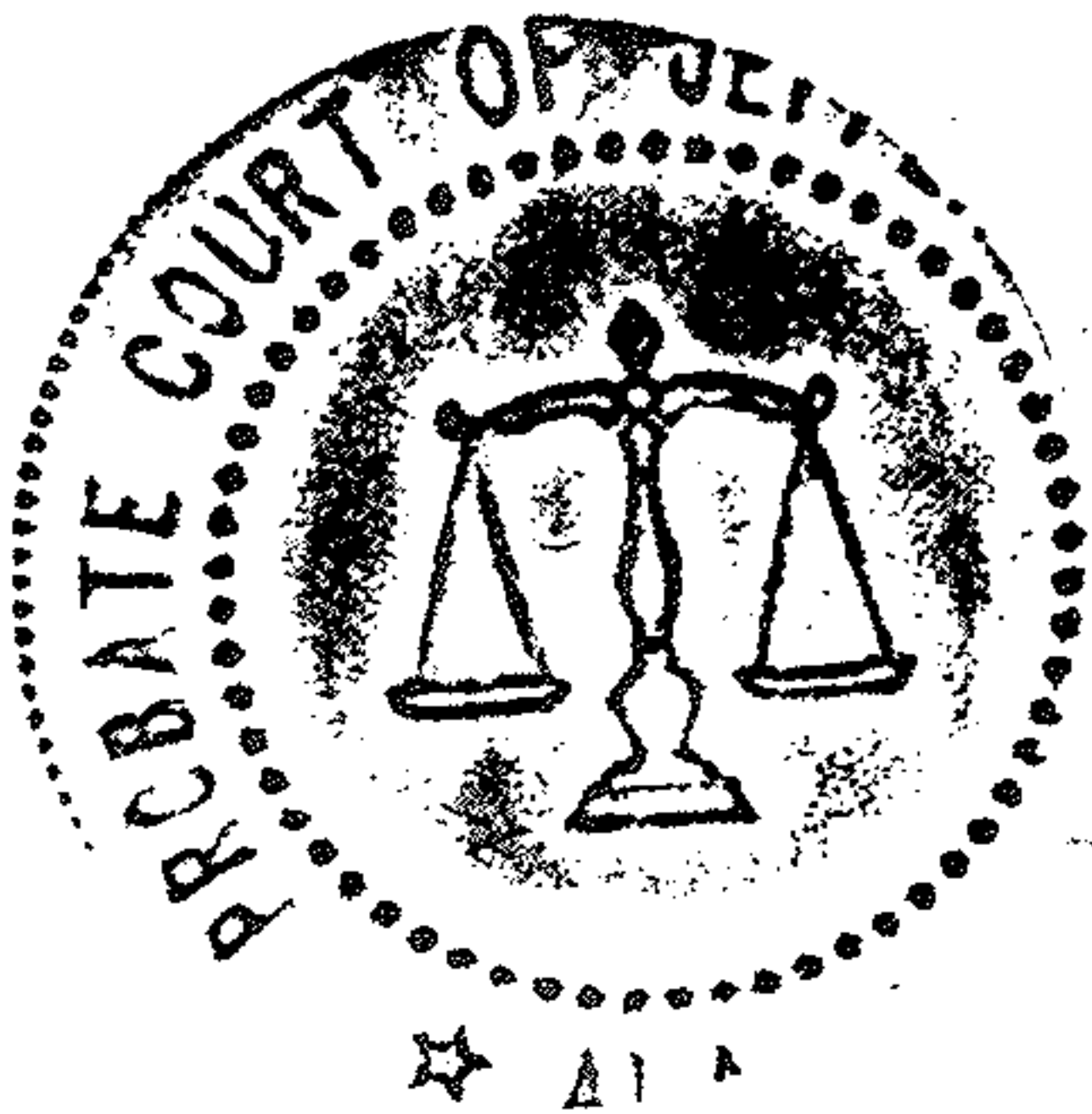
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13th DAY OF May, 2014
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Alan L. King
JUDGE OF PROBATE



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I, the Undersigned, as Judge of Probate Court in and for Jefferson County, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the instrument with the filing of same as appears of record in this office. Given under my hand and official seal, this the 13th day of March, 2018.

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