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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF) IN THE PROBATE COURT
) OF
PATRICIA GAIL COWDEN,) JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
Deceased.)

CASE NO.:

PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
(Self-Proved Will)

Comes the petitioner, Richard Noland Cowden, and shows this Court the following facts:

1. Patricia Gail Cowden (the "decedent") died testate at Birmingham, Alabama on or about the 2nd day of October, 2020 and, at the time of such death, was an inhabitant of Jefferson County, Alabama.

2. Surrender herewith is the decedent's Last Will and Testament dated November 25, 2015 and Codicil dated August 16, 2018 naming the petitioner as Executor/Personal Representative thereof, which was duly signed by the decedent when over eighteen (18) year of age, and was attested to by the following witnesses:

Last Will and Testament Witnesses:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Address</u>
Linda Cole	P. O. Box 36386 Hoover, Al 35236
Richard Cowden	4901 Sulphur Springs Rd. Hoover, AL 35226
First Codicil Witnesses:	
Linda Cole	P. O. Box 36386 Hoover, Al 35236
Rachael Cowden	737 77 th Way So. Birmingham, AL 35206

3. The decedent's Last Will and Testament, as identified in paragraph 2 hereof, was self-proved in a manner substantially in accordance with the requirements of Ala. Code § 43-8-132. The name and present address of the officer authorized to administer oaths before whom said will was acknowledged are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Address</u>
Wendy Guillory	185 Carrington Lane Calera, AL 35040



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4. The decedent's Codicil, as identified in paragraph 2 hereof, was self-proved in a manner substantially in accordance with the requirements of Ala. Code § 43-8-132. The name and present address of the officer authorized to administer oaths before whom said will was acknowledged are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Address</u>
Linda Joyce Curl	55 Ridge Dr. Locust Fork, AL 35097

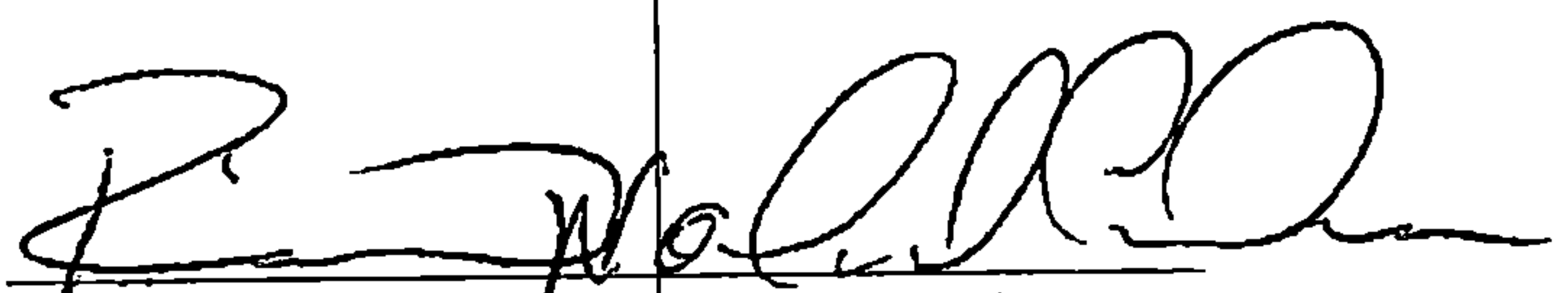
5. The following is a true, correct and complete list of the names, ages, conditions, relationships and addresses of the decedent's surviving spouse and next-of-kin (as determined by Application of Ala. Code § 43-8-42):

<u>Name, age, condition, relationship</u>	<u>Present Address</u>
P Richard Cowden (over 19 yrs of age, OSM, spouse)	4901 Sulphur Springs Rd. Hoover, AL 35226
W Mary Sodano (over 19 yrs of age, OSM, daughter)	839 Dogwood Circle Birmingham, AL 35244
W Rachael Cowden (over 19 yrs of age, OSM, daughter)	737 77 th Way Sp. Birmingham, AL 35206
W Faith Cowden (over 19 yrs of age, OSM, daughter)	2127 Joyce Street Birmingham, AL 35205

WHEREFORE, the petitioner prays that this Court will take jurisdiction of this petition, will cause all such notice or citations to issue to the said surviving spouse, next of kin, and attesting witnesses as may be proper in the premises; and will cause such proceedings to occur, and such proof be taken, and render such orders and decrees as will duly and legally effect the probate and record in this Court of said will (and all codicils thereto) as the last will and testament of the decedent. This petition is deemed to be verified pursuant to Ala. Code § 43-8-22.

Attorney for Petitioner:


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Hoover, Alabama 3536
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(205) 253-2025


Petitioner: Richard Noland Cowden
Address: 4901 Sulphur Springs Rd
Hoover, AL 35226

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF) IN THE PROBATE COURT
PATRICIA GAIL COWDEN,) OF
Deceased.) JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO.:

WAIVER OF NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

I, **Rachael Cowden**, a resident of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, being one of the next-of-kin (as determined by application of the Ala. Code §43-8-41 or 43-8-42, as appropriate) of Patricia Gail Cowden, deceased, and being over the age of nineteen (19) years, hereby accept service and waive notice of the filing of the petition to probate the last will and testament (including all codicils thereto) of said decedent. I do hereby waive notice either by personal service or by publication and consent and request that said will, which bears the date of November 25, 2015, and codicil which bears the date of August 16, 2018, be admitted to probate without further notice of any kind to me, and the Executor/Personal Representative named in said will and codicil be appointed as provided therein. I acknowledge that by this Waiver of Notice I am **NOT** giving up my right to contest said will or to make an objection to the handling of the administration of the estate of the deceased by the Executor/Personal Representative thereof.

Dated this 29 day of AUGUST, 2021.

WITNESS:

Linda Cole
(Signature of witness)

Linda Cole
(Name of Witness)

Rachael Cowden
(Signature of person making waiver)

Name: Rachael Cowden
Address: 737 77th Way
Birmingham, AL 35206

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)

PATRICIA GAIL COWDEN,
Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT

OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: 21BHM 02193

WAIVER OF NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

I, **Faith Cowden**, a resident of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, being one of the next-of-kin (as determined by application of the Ala. Code §43-8-41 or 43-8-42, as appropriate) of Patricia Gail Cowden, deceased, and being over the age of nineteen (19) years, hereby accept service and waive notice of the filing of the petition to probate the last will and testament (including all codicils thereto) of said decedent. I do hereby waive notice either by personal service or by publication and consent and request that said will, which bears the date of November 25, 2015, and codicil which bears the date of August 16, 2018, be admitted to probate without further notice of any kind to me, and the Executor/Personal Representative named in said will and codicil be appointed as provided therein. I acknowledge that by this Waiver of Notice I am **NOT** giving up my right to contest said will or to make an objection to the handling of the administration of the estate of the deceased by the Executor/Personal Representative thereof.

Dated this 29 day of AUGUST, 2021.

WITNESS:

Linda Cole
(Signature of witness)

Linda Cole
(Name of Witness)

Faith Cowden
(Signature of person making waiver)

Name: Faith Cowden
Address: 2127 Joyce Street
Birmingham, AL 35205

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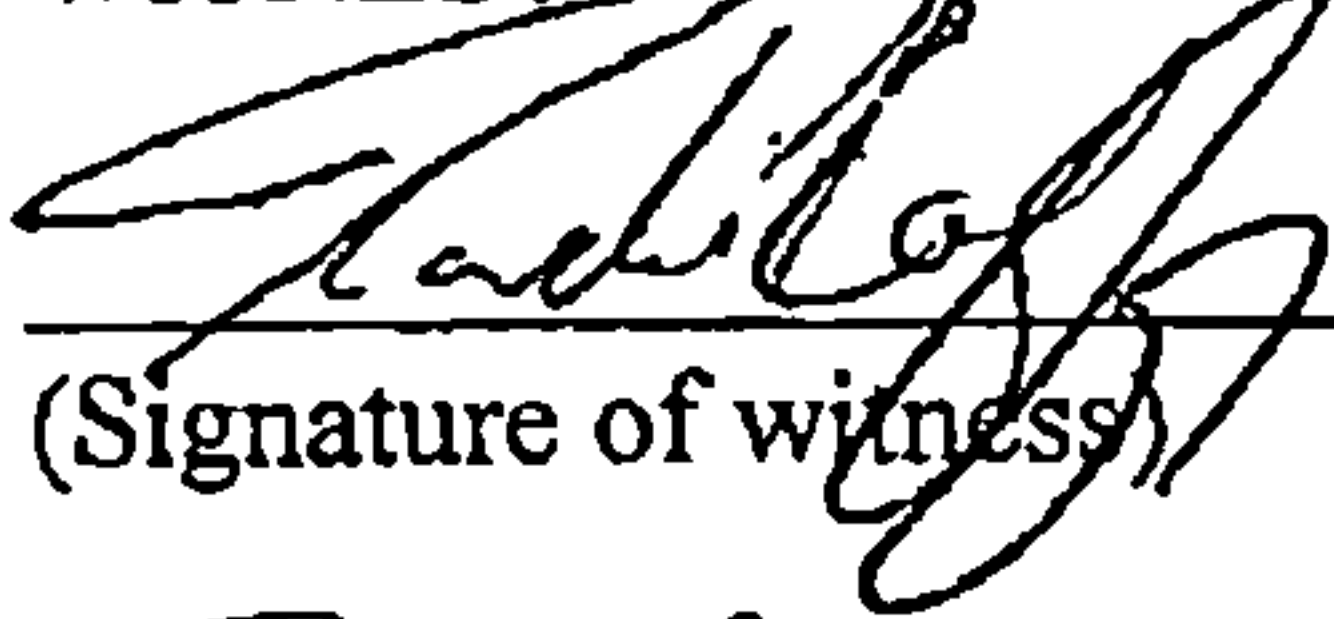
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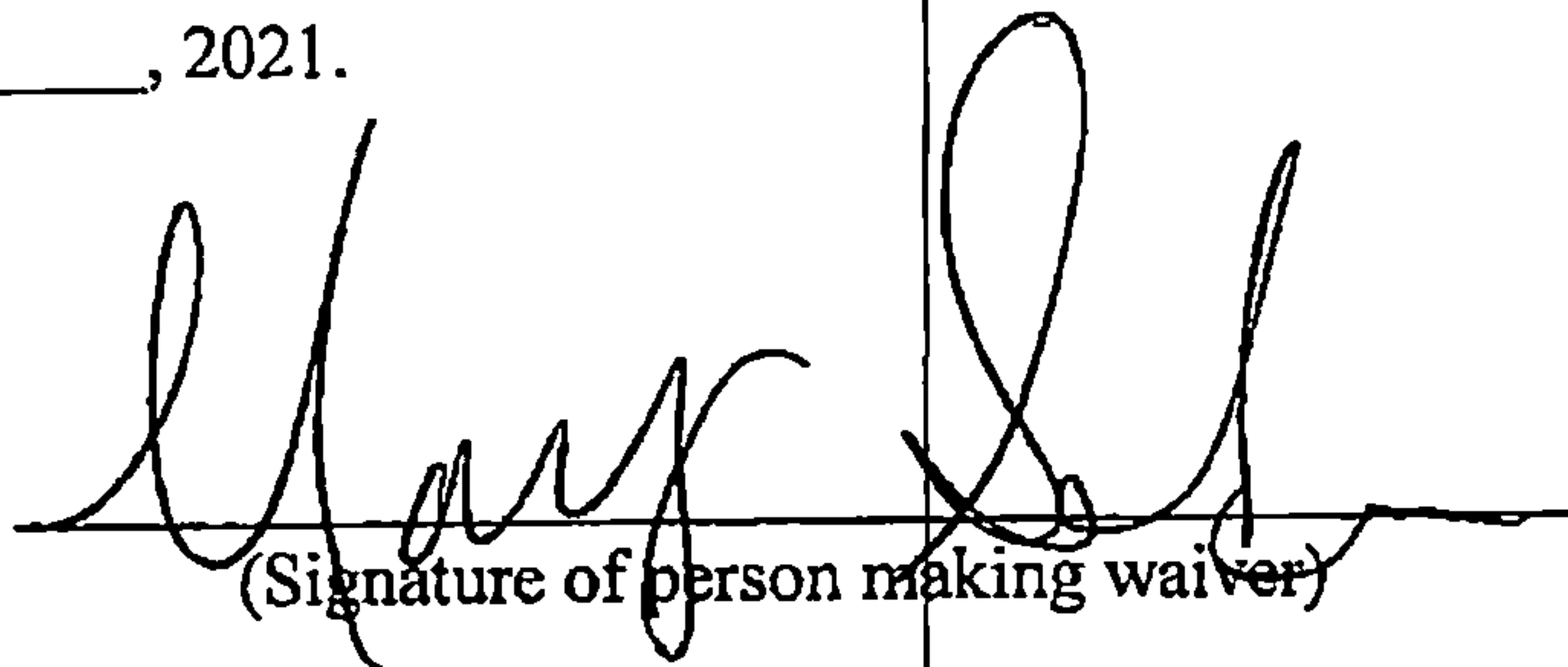
I, Mary Sodano, a resident of Shelby County, State of Alabama, being one of the next-of-kin (as determined by application of the Ala. Code §43-8-41 or 43-8-42, as appropriate) of Patricia Gail Cowden, deceased, and being over the age of nineteen (19) years, hereby accept service and waive notice of the filing of the petition to probate the last will and testament (including all codicils thereto) of said decedent. I do hereby waive notice either by personal service or by publication and consent and request that said will, which bears the date of November 25, 2015, and codicil which bears the date of August 16, 2018, be admitted to probate without further notice of any kind to me, and the Executor/Personal Representative named in said will and codicil be appointed as provided therein. I acknowledge that by this Waiver of Notice I am NOT giving up my right to contest said will or to make an objection to the handling of the administration of the estate of the deceased by the Executor/Personal Representative thereof.

Dated this 29 day of Aug., 2021.

WITNESS:


(Signature of witness)

Terry Coffey
(Name of Witness)


(Signature of person making waiver)

Name: Mary Sodano
Address: 839 Dogwood Circle
Birmingham, AL 35244

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
PATRICIA GAIL COWDEN

FILED IN OFFICE THIS THE
31st DAY OF Sept, 2021
FOR PROBATE AND RECORD.
Shelby C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE

I, Patricia Gail Cowden, a resident citizen of Jefferson County, Alabama, being of sound mind and disposing memory, and over the age of eighteen (18) years, do hereby make, publish and declare this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills and Codicils that may have been made heretofore by me. I acknowledge that I have a dual residency in Alabama and in Florida, but my primary residence is in the state of Alabama.

ITEM ONE

Funeral Arrangements

I, Patricia Gail Cowden, direct my Personal Representative, pursuant to Ala. Code §43-2-831, to make appropriate arrangements for the burial of my body. I may leave instructions regarding a memorial service arrangement, and I direct my Personal Representative to follow any instructions.

ITEM TWO

Debts

I hereby direct that all of my just debts, including my funeral expenses and the expenses of my last illness, be paid by my Executor or Executrix hereinafter named (hereinafter sometimes referred to as my "Personal Representative") as soon after my death as practical. In his or her discretion, my Personal Representative shall pay from my domiciliary and all the costs of ancillary administrations and similar proceedings in other jurisdictions, if any. In the event that any of the property under this will should be encumbered by mortgage or lien, or shall be pledged to ensure any obligation, I would direct that any such indebtedness shall be paid from my estate if my Personal Representative deems it advisable under the then existing circumstances, but that the beneficiary receiving said property shall take it subject to the encumbrance.



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ITEM THREE

A. I hereby give, devise and bequeath all of my estate, whatsoever and wheresoever, both real property and personal property, or mixed, including all of my personal effects of whatever kind or character, and including all the rest, remainder and all residuary property to which I maybe entitled, or of which I may have the power to dispose of at my death, together with any insurance thereon unto my husband, Richard Nolan Cowden, absolutely, for his sole use and benefit if he shall be living at my death. I hereby vest in my Executor/Personal Representative the full power and authority to determine what objects of property are included in the foregoing description contained in this ITEM.

B. If my husband does not survive me, or if my husband and I shall die simultaneously, or in, or under circumstances that make it difficult to determine which of us died first, I direct that he shall be deemed to have pre-deceased me for the purpose of this will, and I direct further that the provisions of this will shall be construed upon that assumption, irrespective of any provisions of law establishing a contrary presumption or requiring survivorship for a fixed period as a condition of taking property by inheritance.

C. In the event my husband, Richard Nolan Cowden is not living at my death, I then give, devise and bequeath all of the property herein above described in Paragraph (A) of this ITEM to my daughters: Mary Sodano, Rachel Cowden and Faith Cowden in equal shares *per stirpes*, if they are living at my death. In the event, one or more of my daughters does not survive me but leaves lineal descendants, I then give, devise and bequeath that deceased daughter's share of my estate, as set forth herein and described Paragraph (A) of this ITEM, to her lineal descendants in equal shares *per stirpes*, subject to the provisions made below for a beneficiary under thirty (30) years of age.

ITEM FOUR**Appointment of Personal Representative and Trustee**

A. I, Patricia Gail Cowden, do hereby constitute and appoint my husband, Richard Nolan Cowden, as Executor, sometimes referred to herein as my Personal Representative. In the event my husband, Richard Nolan Cowden shall predecease me, becomes ill, incapacitated, incompetent, resigns or otherwise be unable to serve as my Personal Representative, then I nominate and appoint Denise Wallace as my alternate/successor Personal Representative.

B. I, Patricia Gail Cowden nominate and appoint Denise Wallace as the Trustee for the *Trust For Descendants Under Age Thirty (30)* created herein.



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C. No named Personal Representative or named Trustee, including any named co-alternates or named successors serving hereunder shall be required to give bond or to file an inventory or accounting in any court, or to render any report in court upon final settlement of acts performed as my Personal Representative. However, any Personal Representative, alternates or successor serving hereunder 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.

ITEM FIVE

Powers of the Personal Representative

Without limitation of the powers conferred by statute or general rules of law, my Personal Representative shall have the following powers and authorities with respect to any property contained in my estate:

- (A) To ask, demand, sue for, recover, and receive all sums of money, debts, dues, goods, wares, merchandise, chattels, effects, and things of whatsoever nature or description which are now or hereafter shall be or become due, owing, payable, or belonging to me or to my estate, or by any right, title, or means howsoever, and upon receipt thereof to make, sign, execute, and deliver such receipts, releases, or other discharges for the same respectively as my personal representative(s) shall deem just and proper for my estate and for the beneficiaries hereunder;
- (B) To settle any account or reckoning whatsoever wherein I now am or at any time after my death shall be in any wise interested or concerned with any person whomsoever, and to pay or receive the balance thereof as the case may require;
- (C) To rent or lease any property of my estate for such time and upon such terms and for such rental price as my personal representative(s) shall deem just and proper for my estate and for the beneficiaries hereunder;
- (D) To sell, grant, bargain, assign and convey all of my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, or any part thereof for such price and on such terms, as my said personal representative shall deem just and proper for my estate and for the beneficiaries hereunder;
- (E) To grant, bargain, sell and convey any of the personal property of the estate or any interest therein, for such price and on such terms, as my said personal representative shall deem just and proper for my estate and for the beneficiaries hereunder;



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- (F) To execute, acknowledge, and deliver, good and sufficient deeds, bills of sale and conveyances for the same, either with or without covenants and warranties;
- (G) To sue, defend, settle, adjust, compound, submit to arbitration and compromise all actions, suits, accounts, reckoning, claims, and demands whatsoever that now are, or hereafter shall be, pending between me and any person, firm, association or corporation, in such manner and in all respects as my said personal representative shall deem just and proper for my estate and for the beneficiaries hereunder;
- (H) To commence, prosecute, discontinue, or defend all actions or other legal proceedings touching my estate or any part thereof, or touching any matter in which I or my estate may be in any wise concerned;
- (I) To make, receive, and endorse checks and drafts, deposit and withdraw funds, acquire and redeem certificates of deposit in any banks or other financial institution, or handle any other financial transactions of any monies for me or on my behalf or any other financial concern in my name, and any of such money or any other money to which I am entitled or to which I may be entitled shall be deposited, withdrawn or invested so as my personal representative shall think fit in the payment of any debts, interest, taxes, assessments, insurance, and expenses due and payable or to become due and payable on account of my real and personal estate, or in and about any of the purposes stated herein;
- (J) To exercise the general control and supervision over all any lands, tenements, business investments, investments, and hereditaments of my estate; to prevent, by all lawful means, the commission of any trespass or waste, or other injury thereupon; and, to sue for protection against any such damages which may accrue by means of the commission of any trespass or waste upon the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, or any part thereof, by any person whomsoever;
- (K) In general, to retain any property owned by me at the time of my death;
- (L) To employ such attorneys, accountants, custodians, investment counsel and other persons the Personal Representative may deem advisable and to pay such reasonable compensation as the Personal Representative may deem proper from time to time without Court approval;
- (M) To make any division or distribution in kind or partly in kind and partly in money, and to determine the value of any property so allocated, divided or distributed, to allocate specific securities, other property or undivided interests therein to any beneficiary or share of my estate, not

withstanding that the property so allocated may differ in kind from property allocated to any other beneficiary or share of my estate;

(N) In general, to exercise all powers in the management of my estate which any individual could exercise in the management of similar property owned in his or her own right, upon such terms and conditions as to the Personal Representative may seem best, and to execute and deliver all instruments and to do all acts which the Personal Representative may deem necessary or advisable in connection with the administration of my estate.

ITEM SIX

Trust For Descendants Under Age Thirty(30)

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Powers of the Trustee

Without limitation of the powers conferred by statute or general rules of law, the named Trustee and any successor for this Trust For Descendants Under Age Thirty (30) created in PARAGRAPH (A) of ITEM THREE herein above, shall have the absolute discretion, without requiring bond, to:

A. If any descendant to whom my Personal Representative or the Trustee shall be directed to distribute any share of my estate or the principal of any trust is under the age of thirty (30) years when the distribution is to be made then though his or her share shall be fully vested in him or her, the Trustee shall continue to hold the same as a separate trust with all of the powers and authority given the Trustee herein until such descendant attains the age of thirty (30) years. During the term of this Trust, the Trustee shall use and apply so much of the net income and principal of the trust as the Trustee shall deem reasonably necessary or desirable for such descendant's support and maintenance, for his or her education, for his or her health, including medical, surgical, hospital or other necessary institutional care. Any excess income not so distributed shall be added to principal. When such descendant attains the age of thirty (30) years, or sooner dies, then the Trustee shall transfer and pay over the principal and any undistributed income, free of trust, to such descendant, or to his or her estate, as the case may be;

B. Any trust created hereunder may, but need not be, terminated when, in the sole discretion of the Trustee or Successor Trustee, the income of such trust shall become too low to cover all fees and



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expenses of administration and also to yield a reasonable return to the beneficiary(s). In such event, the Trustee shall distribute the assets of such trust to the then current beneficiary(s) of the income. If any such beneficiary shall be a minor at the date of such distribution, then the property of his or her trust shall be paid to a parent or relative of such beneficiary selected by the Trustee as custodian under the Uniform Transfers (or Gifts) to Minors Act in effect in the state of such beneficiary's residence.

C. During the term of the administration of this Trust, I hereby authorize and empower my Trustee to exercise all powers conferred upon my Personal Representative as set forth in ITEM Five, it being my same intention to confer the broadest investment power and discretion upon my Trustee(s). However, nothing herein shall limit my Personal Representative or Trustee from delivering any part any such beneficiary's share of such property directly to such beneficiary of my estate as deemed suitable by my Personal Representative and my Trustee.

D. Nothing contained in this ITEM shall be construed as a limitation upon the rights, powers, duties and responsibilities of any Trustee of this trust established for the benefit of any such minor child.

ITEM SEVEN

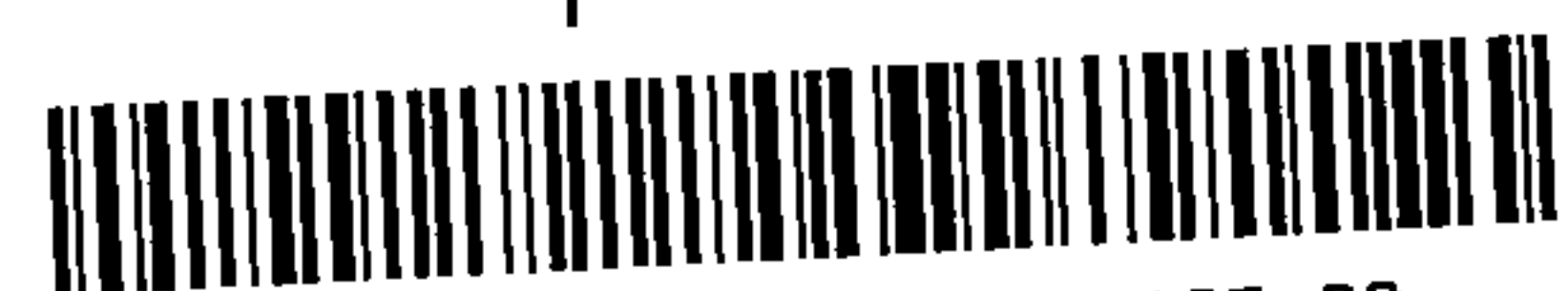
Miscellaneous

A. References in this Will to "Executor", "Executrix", or "Trustee" mean and include "Personal Representative" or the named alternate/successor, or the named Trustee.

B. Throughout this Will, the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine and vice-versa, and both shall be deemed to include the neuter, and vice-versa; and the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, and vice-versa, whenever the context admits such construction.

C. Provisions made herein for my husband shall be in lieu of, and not in addition to, homestead, exempt property, family allowance and any other statutory interest or allowance.

D. In this Will, references to "descendants" mean any descendants, whether born in wedlock or out-of-wedlock, of the designated ancestor, provided always, however, that legal adoption before the person adopted reached the age of twenty-one (21) years shall be the equivalent in all respects to blood relationship.



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LAST ITEM

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Patricia Gail Cowden, the Testator, sign my name to this instrument this 25 day of November, 2015, 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 18 years of age or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.

Patricia Gail Cowden
TESTATOR

We, Linda Cole and RICHARD W. COWDEN the witnesses, sign our names to this instrument, being first duly sworn, and do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that the testator signs and executes this instrument as her last will and that she 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 18 years of age or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.

Linda Cole
WITNESS

3250 Independence Dr. Homewood, AL
ADDRESS

R. W. Cowden
WITNESS

4901 SULPHUR SPRINGS RD.
ADDRESS HOOVER, AL 35226

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by Patricia Gail Cowden, the testator and subscribed and sworn to before me by Linda Cole, and Richard Cowden, witnesses, this 25 day of Nov., 2015.

W. J. Willey
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 10/27/17



CERTIFICATE TO THE PROBATE OF WILL

State of Alabama
Jefferson County

CASE NUMBER: 21BHM002193

I, 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 **PATRICIA GAIL COWDEN** 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 3rd day of September 2021.



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JUDGE OF PROBATE



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STATE OF ALABAMA)
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**FIRST CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
PATRICIA GAIL COWDEN**

I, Patricia Gail Cowden, a dual resident of Jefferson County, Alabama and the state of Florida, being of sound and disposing mind, and do make, publish and declare this to be the first Codicil to the Last Will and Testament executed by me on November 25, 2015, in the presence of Wendy Guillory, Notary Public; and Linda Cole and Richard Cowden, witnesses.

I hereby amend my Last Will and Testament dated November 25, 2015 by first stating that my husband's full legal name is Richard Noland Cowden but due to a typographical error it is typed as Richard Nolan Cowden in my Last Will and Testament dated November 25, 2015; and I further amend my Last Will and Testament dated November 25, 2015 by deleting Item Four (4) that Last Will and Testament by substituting the following Item Four (4) as follows:

ITEM FOUR

Appointment of Personal Representative and Trustee

A. I, Patricia Gail Cowden, do hereby constitute and appoint my husband, Richard Noland Cowden, as Executor, sometimes referred to herein as my Personal Representative. In the event my husband, Richard Noland Cowden, shall predecease me, becomes ill, incapacitated, incompetent, resigns or otherwise be unable to serve as my Personal Representative, then I nominate and appoint my daughter, Mary Sodano, as alternate Executrix, sometimes referred to herein as my Personal Representative.

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In the event Mary Sodano shall predecease me, becomes ill, incapacitated, incompetent, resigns or otherwise be unable to serve a alternate Executrix (Personal Representative), I direct that my daughters, Rachel Cowden and Faith Cowden may serve as my as alternate Co-Personal Representatives.

B. I, Patricia Gail Cowden, nominate and appoint husband, Richard Noland Cowden as the Trustee for the *Trust For Descendants Under Age (30)* created in Item Six (6) my Last Will and Testament dated November 25, 2015. In the event my husband, Richard Noland Cowden, shall predecease me, becomes ill, incapacitated, incompetent, resigns or otherwise be unable to serve as my Trustee, then I nominate and appoint my daughter, Mary Sodano, as my Successor Trustee. In the event, Mary Sodano shall predecease me, becomes ill, incapacitated, incompetent, resigns or otherwise be unable to serve as Successor Trustee, I direct that my daughters, Rachel Cowden and Faith Cowden may serve as Co-Successor Trustees.

C. No named personal representative, named alternate personal representative or named trustee, including any named successor or alternate co-successor trustees serving hereunder shall be required to give bond or to file an inventory or accounting in any court, or to render any report in court upon final settlement of acts performed as my personal representative, trustee, any named successor or alternate co-successor trustees. However, any personal representative, alternates or successors serving hereunder 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.

In all other respects, I ratify and confirm all of the provisions of my Last Will and Testament dated November 25, 2015.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto signed my name to this first Codicil to my Last Will and Testament, said Codicil consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, in the presence of the persons witnessing it at my request on this the 16 day of August, 2018.

Patricia Gail Cowden
PATRICIA GAIL COWDEN

We, Linda Cole and Rachel Cowden, the witnesses, sign our names to this instrument, being first duly sworn, and do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that the testatrix signed executed this instrument as her first Codicil to her Last Will and Testament, and that she signed it willingly, and that each of us, in the presence and hearing of the testatrix, hereby signs this Codicil as witness to the Testatrix's signing; and that, to the best of our knowledge, the Testatrix is eighteen (18) years of age or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.

Linda Cole
Witness

3430 Independence Dr.
Bham, AL 35209
Address

Rachel Cowden
Witness

4901 Sulphur Springs Rd.
Hoover, AL 35226
Address

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

The foregoing instrument, consisting of this page and two (2) other pages, was subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by Patricia Gail Cowden, the Testator, and subscribed and sworn to before me by Linda Cole and Rachel Cowden, witnesses, this 16th day of August, 2018.

Linda Joyce Curl
Notary Public
My Commission expires: 11/03/2020



IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF) IN THE PROBATE COURT
) OF
 PATRICIA GAIL COWDEN,) JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
 Deceased.)
 CASE NO.:

PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
(WITHOUT BOND)

Comes the petitioner, Richard Noland Cowden, and shows this Court the following facts:

1. In the Last Will and Testament and Codicil of Patricia Gail Cowden, deceased (the "decedent"), which will and codicil have been or shall be duly probated and admitted to record in this Court, the petitioner is named as the Personal Representative thereof.

2. The petitioner is an inhabitant of the State of Alabama above the age of nineteen (19) years, and is not disqualified under the law from serving as such Executor/Persona; Representative. Under the terms of the decedent's will, her Personal Representative is exempted from giving bond as such executor/executrix.

3. The decedent died seized and possessed of certain real and personal property, the value of which is estimated, in the aggregate, to be approximately \$750,000.00.

WHEREFORE, to the end that the properties constituting said estate may be collected and preserved for those who appear to have a legal interest therein, and that said will may be executed according to the requests and directions of the decedent, the petitioner prays that the Probate Judge of this Court will grant letters testamentary to the petitioner (and if appropriate, the other executor(s) named in said will) without entering into bond, as is provided by the terms of said Will and authorized by Ala. Code §43-2-81. This petition does not require verification under the applicable statutes.

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 Petitioner: Richard Noland Cowden
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LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

PATRICIA GAIL COWDEN

Deceased

CASE NO. 21BHM02193

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

The Will of the above-named deceased having been duly admitted to record in said county, **Letters Testamentary** are hereby granted to RICHARD NOLAND COWDEN, 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 3rd day of September, 2021.

(SEAL)

Sherri C. Friday

Judge of Probate

I, Sherri C. Friday, Judge 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, September 3, 2021.

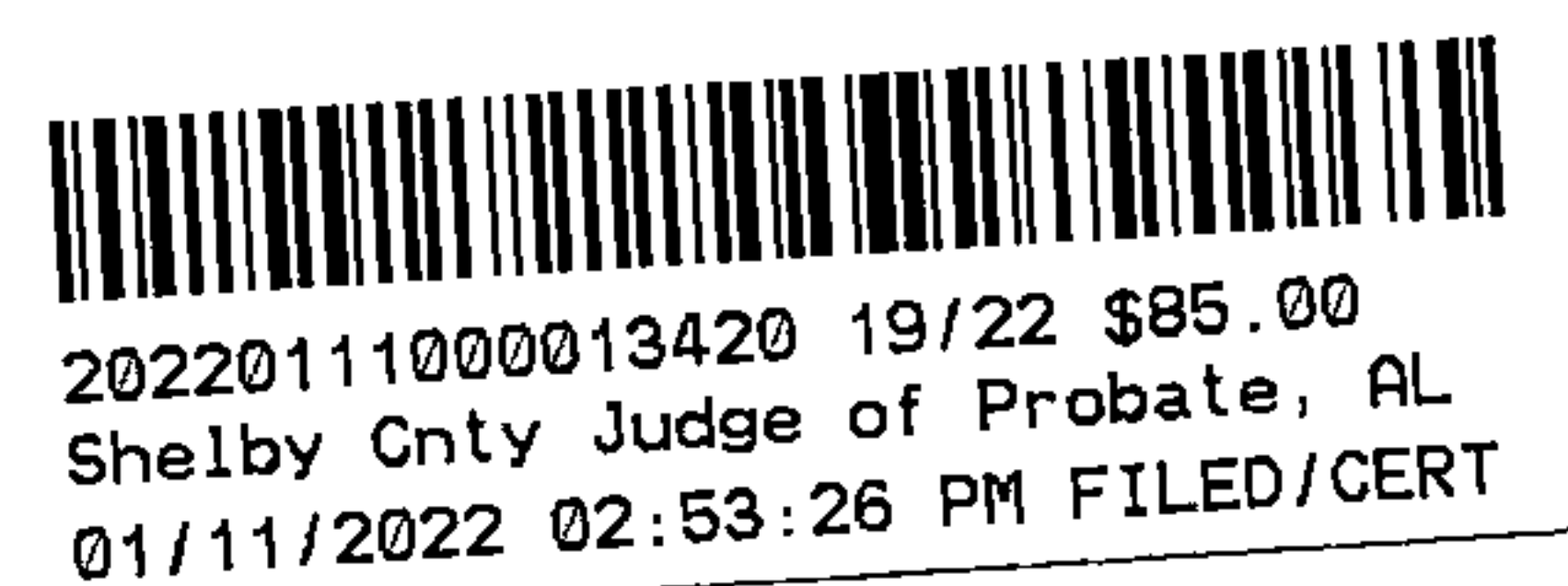
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DONE this date, September 3, 2021.

Thomas C. Dickey

Judge of Probate



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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA
JEFFERSON COUNTY**

I, Pamela T. Jones, Chief Clerk of the Probate Court of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing papers to be, and contain a full, true and correct copy of the **PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, WAIVER OF NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL (X3), LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, CERTIFICATE TO THE PROBATE OF WILL, FIRST CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, ORDER ON FILING AND PROBATING LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT AND 1ST CODICIL, and ORDER GRANTING LETTERS TESTAMENTARY WITHOUT BOND**, as it appears on file and of record in this Court.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court, this the 7th day of January, 2022.

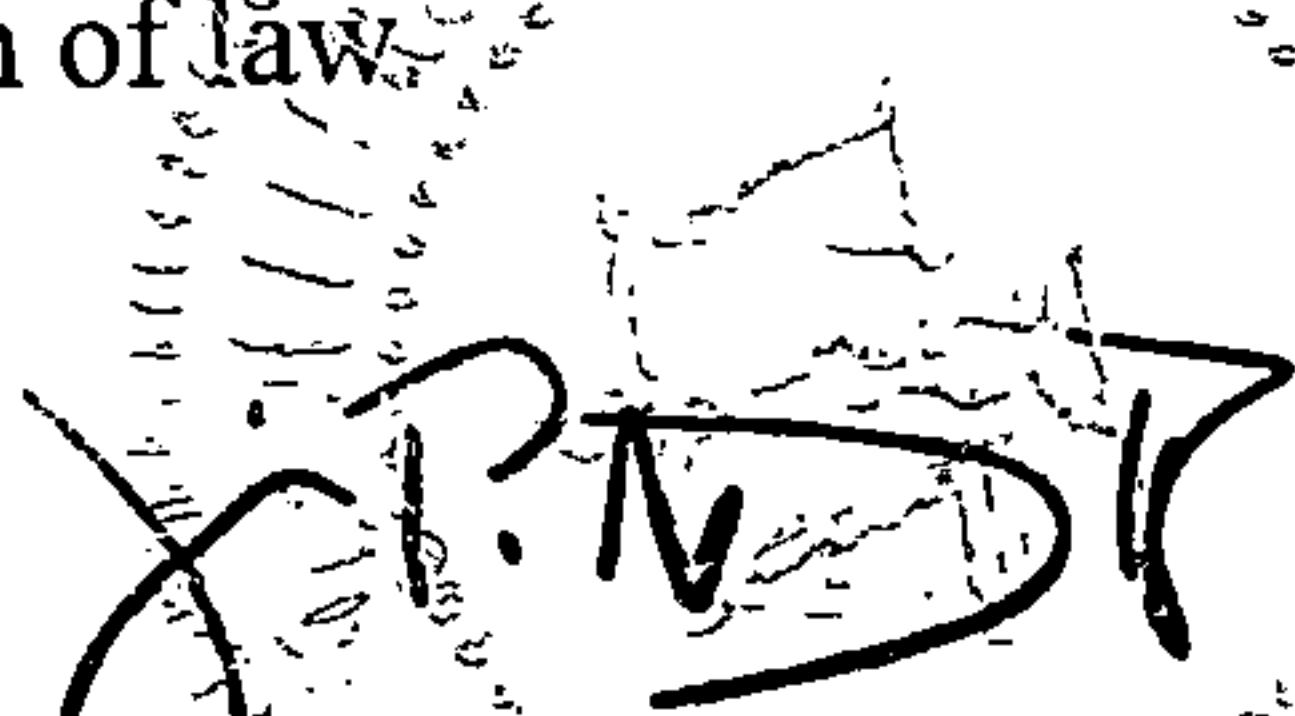

Chief Clerk

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA
JEFFERSON COUNTY**

I, James P. Naftel II Judge of the Probate Court of said County and State, do hereby certify that, JAMES P. NAFTEL II, whose name is signed to the preceding certificate of exemplification, is the Pamela T. Jones Chief Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, duly appointed and sworn, and that said Court is a Court of Record, and that full faith and credit are due to his official acts.

I further certify that the seal affixed to the said exemplification is the seal of the said Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, and that the attestation thereof is in due form of law.

This the 7th day of January, 2022.


Judge of Probate

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA
JEFFERSON COUNTY**

I, Pamela T. Jones, Chief Clerk of the Probate Court of said County and State, do hereby certify that Sherri C. Friday, whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate, is the Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, duly elected and sworn, and that the signature of said Judge is genuine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this the 7th day of January, 2022.


Chief Clerk