

The following is a certification, by George King, Judge of St. Landry Parish on 8 October 1834, of the inventory, which was held on 12 August 1834.

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry

Pursuant to a commission to me directed by the Honorable Parish Judge of the Parish of Lafayette, I, George King, Judge and ex-officio Notary Public, in and for the aforesaid Parish of St. Landry, have this day the twelfth of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, proceeded to the residence of Joseph Matte Senr, situated in said Parish of St. Landry on Plaquemine Brulée distant about eighteen miles from the courthouse of Opelousas in order to make an estimative inventory of the property in said Parish of St. Landry belonging to the estate in community between Michel Lege père of the said Parish of Lafayette and the heirs of his deceased wife, the late Dame Marguerite Louise Boutin, deceased, and to that effect have appointed Mr. Joseph Elah Andrus Senr and Mr. James Goung as appraisers who being first duly sworn, we have proceeded as follows, to wit,

First - A tract of land situated in the aforesaid Parish of St. Landry and lying on the left bank of the west fork of Plaquemine Brulée having five arpents and three fourths front by forty in depth and being the same acquired by purchase from Augustin Comeau as per act of sale bearing date the sixth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred & eight appraised at two hundred dollars.	\$200.00
2nd. A tract of land lying in said Parish of St. Landry on the right bank of Bayou Quere de Tortue having twenty arpents front by forty in depth and being the same confirmed to said Michel Leger by Commissioners Certificate B N ^o . 776 & 777 each for ten by 40 arpents appraised at three hundred dollars.	300.00
3rd. Three gentle broke mares appraised at fifteen dollars each.	45.00
4th. Fifty-five head of unbroke horse creatures of one year old & upwards appraised at eight dollars per head.	440.00
	<u>Amount carried forward</u>
	\$985.00
	<u>Amount brought forward</u>
	\$985.00
5th. Twelve head of vacherie [ranch] horses appraised at twenty-five dollars each.	300.00
6th. One hundred and ninety-nine head of horned cattle of one year old and upwards appraised at seven dollars per head.	1393.00
	<u>\$2678.00</u>

No other property having been exhibited as belonging to the estate, we have closed the Inventory amounting to the sum of two thousand six hundred and seventy-eight dollars and have hereunto signed with the appraisers at Opelousas the day & year above written, in presence of the subscribing witnesses.

Witnesses:

/s/ Daniel Coleman

/s/ Jos. Elah Andrus /s/ James Goung

/s/ Geo. R. King

/s/ Geo. King, P. Judge

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry

I, George King, Parish Judge in and for the aforesaid Parish do certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in my office.

Given under my hand and official seal at Opelousas this 8th day of October Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred & thirty-four. /s/ Geo. King, P. Judge

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The following is a petition of sale at public auction of all the property between Michel Prospere Legé and his late wife Dame Marguerite Louise Boutin.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Lafayette

Be it remembered that on this eleventh day of October Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four at the request of Michel Legé pere and of the legal heirs and representatives of his deceased wife, Dame Marguerite Louise Boutin all present and duly represented.

I, Thomas B. Brashear, Parish Judge and Ex-officio Public Auctioneer within and for said Parish, [proceeded] to the residence of the said Michel Legé pere in the Parish aforesaid for the purpose of selling at public auction to the last and highest bidder all the property composing the community heretofore existing between the said Michel Legé pere and his late wife Dame Marguerite Louise Boutin aforesaid.

The conditions of the present sale is founded on the deliberations of the meeting of family dated on the eight day of October instant, and of the order of Court of Probate within and for said Parish of the same date and make payable as follows to wit, for all sums six to fifty dollars payable in four months; all sums over fifty dollars payable in one, two and three years by equal installments from the day of sale. The purchasers to give their separate notes with satisfactory security, all sales payable to the order of Michel Legé pere and to the heirs of the late Dame Margret Louise Boutin, his deceased wife, said notes considered to be ten per cent per annum interest _____ from the time due until paid and the land & [farm] to remain mortgaged to _____ the payment of the purchase money; the present sale having been duly advertised as the law directs _____ . [remainder of the page, or pages, missing.]

Done figured and prepared at the residence of the said Michel Legé, pere in said Parish. The day and year above written in presence of _____ and _____ competent witnesses of aforesated, who have hereto signed with the appraisers and me, Judge and Notary aforesaid, after due noting:

<i>Witnesses:</i>	<i>/s/ André Martin</i>	<i>his</i>	<i>his</i>	<i>his</i>
<i>/s/ C. Voorhies, Jr.</i>	<i>/s/ Constant Breau</i>	<i>Celestin x Dugas</i>	<i>Marcellin x Dugas</i>	<i>Jean Lepin x Dugas</i>
	<i>/s/ Michel Lege</i>	<i>mark</i>	<i>mark</i>	<i>mark</i>

Michel Lege

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The following is a transcript of the public auction and subsequent certification of proceeds received from the probate sale on 8 October 1834, belonging to the estate in community between Michel Prospere Legé and the heirs of his deceased wife, the late Dame Marguerite Boutin.

State of Louisiana, Parish of S. Landry

Pursuant to a commission to me directed by the Honorable Parish Judge of the Parish of the Parish of Lafayette, I, George King, Parish Judge and Ex-officio auctioneer in and for the aforesaid Parish of Saint Landry have this day the twelfth of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, proceeded to the residence of Joseph Matte Senr in the Parish of Saint Landry on the Plaquemine Brulée distant about eighteen miles from the courthouse in the town of Opelousas, in order to sell at public auction all the property in this Parish belonging to the estate in community between Michel Leger, pere of said Parish of Lafayette and


the heirs of his deceased wife, the late Dame Marguerite Boutin, payable as follows (to wit): one third in the month of March next, one third in the month of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and the remaining third in the month of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven - all sums not punctually paid to bear interest from maturity until payment at the rate of ten per cent per annum; the real estate to remain mortgaged until the payment therefore be completed - purchasers to give approved personal security - the sale having been advertised by posting advertisements at the door of the courthouse and Catholic Church and inserted in the Opelousas Gazette thirty days and upwards, and the terms and conditions proclaimed aloud to the people in attendance we have proceeded as follows, to wit,

First - One bay stud horse sold to André Prudhomme for twenty dollars. Security	\$20.00
2. One sorrel stud horse sold to André Prudhomme for twenty-one dollars and fifty cents. Security.	21.50
3. One gentle mare sold to Mrs. Prude for twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents.	<u>27.50</u>
Amount carried forward	\$69.00
Amount brought forward	\$69.00
4. One gentle mare sold to Onezime Ledée for seventeen dollars. Security Evoriste Guillory /s/ E. Guillory his mark x Onezime Ledee	17.00
5. One horse sold to Evariste Braux for seven dollars. Security Toassin Miller his mark x Toassin Miller his mark x Evariste Braux	7.00
6. One horse sold to Evariste Braux for sixteen dollars. Security Toassin Miller his mark x Toassin Miller his mark x Evariste Braux	16.00
7. One horse sold to Jose Gradingo for thirteen dollars. Security Edmond Donato /s/ Edmond Donato /s/ Jose Gradingo	13.00
8. One horse sold to Jean B ^e Lebleu for forty dollars and fifty cents. Security Jean B ^e Lebleu fils his mark x Jean B ^e Lebleu fils his mark x Jean B ^e Lebleu père	40.50
9. Five mares and colts sold to André Prudhomme for eleven dollars and seventy-five cents each. Security	58.75
10. Five mares and colts sold to Toassin Miller at eleven dollars each. Security Evariste Breaux his mark x Evariste Breaux his mark x Toassin Miller	55.00
11. A tract of land situate in the aforesaid Parish of St. Landry and lying on the left bank of the west fork of the Plaquemine Brulées, having five arpents and two thirds front by forty arpents in depth and being the same acquired by purchase from Augustin Comeaux as per act of sale bearing date the sixth of December 1808 sold to Placide Thibodeau for three hundred and eighty-five dollars. Security Anezime Matte. his mark x Anezime Matte his mark x Placide Thibodeau	385.00
12. Ten head of mares and colts sold to Toassin Miller at ten dollars per head security Evariste Breaux. his mark x Evariste Breaux his mark x Toassin Miller	<u>100.00</u>
Amount carried forward	\$761.25
Amount brought forward	\$761.25
13. Nine mares without colts sold to Jean B ^e Lebleu, fils at ten dollars each. Jean B ^e Lebleu père his mark x Jean B ^e Lebleu fils his mark x Jean B ^e Lebleu père	90.00
14. Eighteen colts of one and two years sold to Toassin Miller at seven dollars and seventy-five cents each. Security Evariste Braux. his mark x Evariste Breaux his mark x Toassin Miller	139.50
15. One horse sold to Jerome Janny for sixteen dollars and thirty-seven and a half cents. Security Pierre Belard his mark x Pierre Belard his mark x Jerome Janny	16.37½
16. One horse sold to Simon Matte for seventeen dollars and seventy-five cents. Security Hilaire Leger his mark x Hilaire Leger his mark x Simon Matte	17.75
17. One stud two years old and two yearlings bearing the mark of Toassin Miller sold to Louis Belard fils for seventeen dollars. Security bay sold to Toassin Miller Sen ^r Evariste Breaux his mark x Evariste Breaux his mark x Toassin Miller	17.00

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| 18. One horse sold to Jean B ^f . Lebleu for thirty-one dollars and seventy-five cents. Security Jean B ^f . Lebleu fils his mark x Jean B ^f . Lebleu fils his mark x Jean B ^f . Lebleu pere | 31.75 |
| 19. One horse sold to Josephe Doucet, fils for twenty-one dollars and fifty cents. Security Bay sold to Placide Leger. Security Augustin Leger his mark x Augustin Leger | 21.50 |
| 20. One horse sold to Michel Stutes for sixty dollars. Security Louis Doucet fils. his mark x Louis Doucet fils his mark x Michel Stutes | 60.00 |
| 21. One horse sold to Josephe Doucet, fils for forty-one dollars and fifty cents. Security. Bay sold to Christopher Gatte. Security Toassin Miller. his mark x Toassin Miller his mark x Christopher Gatte | 41.50 |
| Amount carried forward | \$1193.62 |
| Amount brought forward | 60.00 |
| 22. One horse sold to André Prudhomme for sixty dollars. Security. | 60.00 |
| 23. One horse sold to Julien Leger fils for forty-five dollars and fifty cents. Security Augustin Leger his marks x Augustin Leger his marks x Julien Leger fils | 45.50 |
| 24. One mare sold to Anselm Doucet fils for eleven dollars and seventy-five cents. Security Onezime Matte his mark x Anselm Doucet his mark x Onezime Matte | 11.75 |
| 25. One young horse sold to William Johnson for twenty-five dollars and fifty cents. Security | 25.50 |
| 26. One young horse sold to Augustin Leger for seventeen dollars. Security Placide Leger his mark x Augustin Leger his mark x Placide Leger | 17.00 |
| 27. One young horse sold to Augustin Leger for eighteen dollars and fifty cents. Security Placide Leger his mark x Placide Leger his mark x Augustin Leger | 18.50 |
| 28. One young horse sold to Pierre Guidry, fils for twenty-six dollars. Security | 26.00 |
| 29. One young horse sold to Louis Doucet, fils for twenty-nine dollars and fifty cents. Security Simon Matte his mark x Simon Matte his mark x Louis Doucet | 29.50 |
| 30. One young mare sold to William Johnson fourteen dollars. Security | 14.00 |
| 31. The unbroke horse creatures of one year old and upwards bearing the brand thus  and running at large excepting one filly marked on the shoulder sold to Augustin Leger for forty-six dollars. Security Placide Leger. his mark x Placide Leger his mark x Augustin Leger | 46.00 |

[Note: this is the first document found by a member of our Leger family that revealed Michel Prospere's cattle brand.]

Amount carried forward	\$ _____
Amount brought forward	\$ _____

32. One hundred and ninety-nine head of horned cattle (purchaser to have the brand and all the cattle bearing the same thus  and running at large, except those marked on the thigh reversed, and one cow marked with the same brand three times and her yearling marked with the brand once, sold to Andre Nerault at twelve dollars and twelve and an half cents per head. Security.
- Note: one hundred dollars of this lot payable in cash, to defray expenses. 2412.87¹
- Paid /s/ Andre Nerault \$3900.25

Having sold all the property belonging to said Estate in this Parish, except the lands on the bayou Quere c Tortue, the sale of which is adjourned until the 21st of September next at the residence of the late John Lyo deceased; we have closed the sale for the present amounting to the sum of three thousand nine hundred dolla and twenty-five cents and have hereunto signed in presence of the subscribing witnesses the day and year fir above written.

Witness: /s/ George R. King
 /s/ Onezime Prudhomme /s/ George King, P. Judge

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry

I, George King, Parish Judge in and for the aforesaid, do certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of all the original process-verbal of the probate sale of the estate of the late Dame Marguerite Boutin dec'd, on file and of record in my office.



Given under my hand and official seal of Opelousas this 8th Oct. A.D. 1834

/s/ George King, P. Judge

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The following is a copy of the succession of Dame Marguerite Louise Boutin.

Succession in community between Michel Legé, pere and the heirs of his late wife, Dame Margret Louise Boutin.

First- One pair of young bulls adjudged to Andre Martin for the sum of twenty-five dollars.	25.00
2. One gentle beef & one bull adjudged to Placide Legé for the sum of twenty-five dollars.	25.00
3. Three bulls 3 years old adjudged to Landry Braux for the sum of nineteen dollars.	19.00
4. Three fat cows adjudged to Alexandre Legé for the sum of forty-four dollars & fifty cents.	44.50
5. Three cows adjudged to Emille Mouton for the sum of twenty-five dollars.	25.00
6. One cow & calf adjudged to Emille Mouton for the sum of fifteen dollars.	15.00
7. Nine head of horned cattle of one & two year old adjudged to Emille Mouton for the sum of sixty dollars.	60.00
8. Twenty-eight head of sheep adjudged to Landry Braux for one & half dollars per head.	42.00
9. One _____ of the _____ adjudged to Andre Martin for fourteen dollars.	14.00
10. One gentle horse adjudged to Theodore L. Robert for five dollars seventy-five cents.	5.75
11. One old horse adjudged to Edmond Reeves for twenty dollars.	20.00
12. One plough & harrow adjudged to Michel Legé, pere for the sum of ten dollars.	10.00
13. One plough & fluke adjudged to Joachim Miller for the sum of six dollars twelve cents.	6.12
14. One horse cart adjudged to Joachim Miller for the sum of seventeen dollars sixty-two cents.	17.62
15. [missing from copy of inventory]	
Amount Brought Forward	\$326.00
16. One corn mill adjudged to Pierre Doucet for forty-six dollars.	46.00
17. _____ 1st choice adjudged to Julien Lege for forty-three 3/4 cents each.	3.06 ³ / ₄
18. Seven _____ 2nd choice adjudged to Landry Braux for the sum of sixty-two 1/2 cents each.	4.37 ¹ / ₂
19. Seven _____ 3rd choice adjudged Edmond Reeves for thirty-seven 1/2 cents each.	2.62 ¹ / ₂
20. Eight _____ 3rd choice adjudged to Julien Lege for the sum of thirty-seven 1/2 cents each.	3.00
21. One jar adjudged to Julien Legé for three 25/100 dollars.	3.25
22. One jar adjudged to Landry Braux for three 25/100 dollars.	3.25
23. Two jugs & one snack jar adjudged to Alexandre Legé for the sum of three dollars.	3.00
24. Two demijans & two pots adjudged to Julien Lege for the sum of four 75/100 dollars.	4.75
25. Four jugs adjudged to Charles Simon for three 50/100 dollars.	3.50

26. One lot tools adjudged to Alexandre Legé for five dollars.	5.00
27. Two skilllets - 1 jar & three bottles adjudged to Julien Lege for the sum of two dollars.	2.00
28. One lot of tools adjudged to Michel Lege pere for six dollars.	6.00
29. One lot of hoes adjudged to Joachim Miller for one 25/100 dollars.	1.25
30. One lot old iron adjudged to Alexandre Legé for one dollar.	1.00
31. One grind stone adjudged Narcisse Dugat for five 50/100 dollars.	5.50
32. One ____ adjudged to Tho. B. Brashear for eighty-seven cents.	.87
33. [missing from copy of inventory]	
	Amount brot. forward
	<u>\$437.43²/₃</u>
34. One mulato woman named Eliza aged twenty years and her child named Caroline aged two years both slaves for life adjudged to Basil C. Crow for the price and sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars.	750.00
35. One negro woman named Rose aged thirty-three years a slave for life adjudged to Madam Prude for the price and sum of three hundred & ten dollars.	310.00
36. One negro boy named Louis aged seventeen years a slave for life adjudged to Michel Legé, pere for the price and sum of six hundred fifty dollars.	650.00
37. One mulato girl named Carmelite aged sixteen years a slave for life adjudged to Michel Lege, pere for the price and sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars.	750.00
38. One pr ____ adjudged to Michel Lege, pere for four 50/100	4.50
39. One ____ adjudged to Michel Lege, pere for fifteen dollars.	15.00
40. One caleche adjudged to Michel Legé, pere for the sum of fifteen dollars.	15.00
41. One loom adjudged to Michel Legé, pere for the sum of fifteen dollars.	15.00
42. One ox cart adjudged to Michel Legé, pere for the sum of four dollars.	4.00
43. Snack table adjudged to Michel Legé, pere for the sum of two dollars.	2.00
44. One jar adjudged to Michel Legé, pere for the sum of three dollars.	3.00
45. One wheel adjudged to Michel Legé, pere for the sum of two dollars.	2.00
46. Two cows & calves adjudged to Michel Legé, pere for the sum of ten dollars each.	20.00
47. Two cows & calves adjudged to Michel Legé, pere for the sum of ten dollars each.	20.00
48. One bed adjudged to Michel Legé, pere for the sum of ten dollars.	10.00
49. [missing from copy of the inventory]	
	Amount brought forward
	<u>\$3,011.75³/₄</u>
50. Two pairs work oxen adjudged to Michel Lege, pere for thirty dollars per pair.	60.00
51. One hundred pannels pieux fence adjudged to Cesar Mouton for forty-six dollars.	46.00
52. One hundred pannels pieux fence adjudged to Obid Broussard for forty-six dollars.	46.00
53. One hundred pannels pieux fence adjudged to Alexandre Lege for thirty-six dollars fifty cents.	36.50
54. One hundred pannels pieux fence adjudged to ____ for forty dollars.	40.00
55. One hundred pannels pieux fence adjudged to Leonard Dugas for thirty-eight dollars.	38.00
56. Fifty pannels pieux fence adjudged Leonard Dugas for twenty dollars.	20.00
57. Garden fence adjudged to Alexandre Lege for the sum of four 75/100 dollars.	4.75
58. One hundred pannels pieux fence adjudged to James Washington for eighteen dollars.	18.00
59. One hundred pannels pieux fence adjudged to James Washington for seventeen dollars.	17.00
60. Sixty pannels pieux fence adjudged to Louis Chaisson for eight 50/100 dollars.	8.50
61. One armoire adjudged to Madame Prude for the sum of fifty-two dollars.	52.00
62. One corner cupboard adjudged to Augustin Leger for twenty-three dollars.	23.00
63. One lot cherry plank & posts adjudged to Alexander Legé for eighteen dollars & fifty cents.	18.50
64. Eleven plank adjudged to Alexandre Legé for four 25/100 dollars.	4.25
65. One wheel adjudged to Joachim Miller for six dollars	6.00
66. One wheel adjudged to Placide Lege for the sum of three 12½ /100 dollars	3.12½
67. One carabine adjudged to Landry Braux for three dollars	3.00
	Amount carried forward
	<u>\$3,456.56³/₄</u>

	<i>Amount brot. forward</i>	\$3,456.56¼
68. One bed adjudged to Julien Lege for twenty dollars & fifty cents.		20.50
69. One bed adjudged to Alexandre Lege for the sum of fifteen dollars.		15.00
70. One bed adjudged to Michel Legé, fils for twenty-five 50/100 dollars		25.50
71. One bed adjudged to Narcisse Dugas for twenty 25/100 dollars.		25.25
72. One table adjudged to Landry Braux for one 50/100 dollars.		1.50
73. One table to Augustin Legé for three 50/100 dollars.		3.50
74. One pot adjudged to Placide Legé for six dollars.		6.00
75. Two pots adjudged to Joachim Miller for four 50/100 dollars.		4.50
76. One pot adjudged to Julien Legé for four 50/100 dollars		4.50
77. One spade adjudged to Joachim Miller for one dollar.		1.00
78. One _____ adjudged to Cyrille Thibodeaux for seven dollars.		7.00
79. One bar adjudged to Landry Braux for five 50/100.		5.50
80. One bar adjudged to Placide Lege for two 50/100 dollars.		2.50
81. One bar adjudged to Louis Chaisson for one dollar.		1.00
82. One bar adjudged to Joachim Miller for three 50/100 dollars.		3.50
83. One table adjudged to Joachim Miller for three 50/100.		3.50
84. Two demijeans adjudged to Julien Legé for four 75/100 dollars.		4.75
85. Two _____ adjudged to Louis Chaisson for two 50/100 dollars.		2.50
86. [Missing from copy of inventory.]		_____

	<i>Amount brot. forward</i>	_____
87. Two pitchers adjudged to Julien Lege for two dollars.		2.00
88. Two pitchers adjudged to Joachim Miller for the sum of two dollars.		2.00
89. One lot pots adjudged to Michel Lege, pere for the sum of ten dollars.		10.00
90. Two buckets & one snack jar adjudged to _____ one 50/100		1.50
91. One pair _____ to Michel Lege, pere for the sum of three dollars.		3.00
92. Eight chairs adjudged to Alexandre Lege for six dollars.		6.00
93. One tract of land lying being _____ Landry on the right bank of the Bayou _____ arpents front by forty in depth and being _____ Michel Legé _____ by _____ Julien Legé _____ Placide Legé taking the _____ half and _____ taking the lower half.		_____
		<u>\$4015.50</u>

Having completed the sale of all property belonging to the said community, except the lands _____ situated in the said parish _____ the land _____, we have closed the present sale amounting to the sum of four thousand and fifteen dollars fifty cents. Closed & figured in presence of _____ and _____ competent witnesses, who have hereto signed with the appraisers and all the interested & me, Judge and _____.

	<i>his mark</i>	<i>his mark</i>	<i>his mark</i>	<i>his mark</i>
Witnesses:	Joachim x Miller	Michel x Legé fils	Julien x Legé	Augustin x Legé
	<i>her mark</i>	<i>his mark</i>	<i>her mark</i>	
	Modeste x Legé	Placide x Legé	Pauline x Legé	

[Remainder of signature line missing from copy of inventory.]

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List of attorney expenses and fees.

Succession:

Michel Legé pere & heirs of his deceased wife, Dame Louise Boutin, to Parish Judge Lafayette. D[ebts]

<i>order on petition for meeting of family</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>meeting of family homologation & for Opelousas</i>	<i>7.50</i>
<i>order of petition for inventory</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>appraisers.....</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>inventory & exemplification.....</i>	<i>7.50</i>
<i>ordering meeting of family.....</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>act of family meeting. homologation.....</i>	<i>7.50</i>
<i>ordering public sale.....</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>exemplification of farm.....</i>	<i>3.50</i>
<i>5 transfers.....</i>	<i>7.50</i>
<i>5 extracts.....</i>	<i>7.50</i>
<i>5 _____</i>	<i>7.50</i>
<i>writing notes & identifying _____</i>	<i>20.00</i>
<i>writing 3 petitions.....</i>	<i>6.00</i>
<i>com[mission] on \$4,000.....</i>	<i>40.00</i>
	<i>119.50</i>
<i>act of power of attorney.....</i>	<i>5.00</i>
	<i>\$124.50</i>

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