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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIAM JOHN SOLOMON SR.

**PROBATE P000067166IP** 

Deceased Alaska Native

Identification No.: 989A006760

**DECISION** 

After notice served and posted as required by 43 C.F.R., part 30,hearings were held in this matter at Fairbanks, Alaska on August 8, 2012 and at Anchorage, Alaska on December 6, 2013 to determine the validity of the last will of William John Solomon Sr., deceased Alaska Native, and to settle his trust and restricted property estate.

My Findings and Conclusions based upon the evidence of record are as follows:

- 1. <u>Decedent</u>. William John Solomon Sr., whose last residence was in the State of Alaska, was born February 20, 1942 and died testate on January 30, 2008.
- 2. <u>Estate Property</u>. Decedent died owning interests in trust or restricted property under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior. There may have been funds in or due and payable to Decedent's Individual Indian Money ("IIM") account as of the date of death, however the balance of those funds must be verified by the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians prior to distribution. Any such funds shall be distributed as provided in this decision.
- 3. Will. A will of the Decedent executed on November 13, 1999 has been presented in this case. The will was signed by the Decedent but the execution of the will was not witnessed. 25 C.F.R. § 15.4 requires that a will disposing of trust or restricted property be witnessed by two, disinterested adult witnesses. Because this will was not witnessed as required by law, it cannot be approved.

A will executed by the Decedent on August 24, 1999, has also been presented in this proceeding. At the hearing on August 8, 2012, Cecelia Solomon objected to this will alleging undue influence by other family members. Cecelia was informed that a supplemental hearing would be scheduled at which time she would have the burden of proving her claims. A supplemental hearing was convened on December 6, 2013 and Cecelia was provided with written notice of the hearing as required by law. Her notice was never returned undelivered therefore I invoke the presumption that she received actual notice of the supplemental hearing. Because she failed to appear, I conclude that she has either withdrawn her objection or has voluntarily waived her right to appear and present evidence to sustain her burden of proof. Because no such evidence has been presented, her objection fails. There were no other objections to the will, which is self-proved. The Decedent's will was properly executed and at the time of execution Decedent possessed testamentary capacity and acted free of undue influence. The will is



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approved. By its terms Decedent devised all of his interests in the estate that is subject to this proceeding as follows.

Pursuant to clause SECOND of the will, the Decedent's interest in restricted Native

Allotment no. 989F17163 – parcels A and B, shall be distributed to:

| Name                                     | Date of<br>Birth | Relation to Decedent | Share   | Indian <sup>1</sup>                   | Eligible <sup>2</sup> |
|--|------------------|----------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cecelia Solomon                          | 09/02/1965       | Daughter             | 1/6     | Yes                                   | Yes                   |
| Wanda Solomon                            | 05/31/1967       | Daughter             | 1/6     | Yes                                   | Yes                   |
| Estate of Garith Solomon, DOD 01/17/2009 | 11/20/1969       | Son                  | 1/6     | Yes                                   | Yes                   |
| Madeline Solomon                         | 06/25/1971       | Daughter             | 1/6     | Yes                                   | Yes                   |
| Clarence Solomon                         | 11/16/1974       | Son                  | 1/6     | Yes                                   | Yes                   |
| Children of predeceased son              | ı William Solom  | on Jr., DOD 08/0     | 04/2007 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |                       |
| William Solomon III                      | 01/22/1989       | Grandson             | 1/12    | Yes                                   | Yes                   |
| Scott Demientieff                        | 04/29/1987       | Grandson             | 1/12    | Yes                                   | Yes                   |

Clause THIRD of the will contains a devise of property described as "Lot 5, Block 3, U.S. Survey 4485, Kaltag Townsite." The inventory does not include any property with that precise description but does include property described as "Lot 5, Block 5, U.S. Survey 4485, Kaltag Townsite." I conclude that the discrepancy is scrivener's error. Therefore, pursuant to clause THIRD of the will, the Decedent's interest in the restricted townsite lot described as lot 5, block 5, U.S. Survey no. 4485, Kaltag Townsite, (Tract no. 989F9N1) shall be distributed to:

| Name                                     | Date of<br>Birth | Relation to<br>Decedent | Share | Indian | Eligible |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------|----------|
| Estate of Garith Solomon, DOD 01/17/2009 | 11/20/1969       | Son                     | Ali   | Yes    | Yes      |

Pursuant to clause FOURTH of the will, the Decedent's interest in restricted Native Allotment no. 989F13398 shall be distributed to:

| Name             | Date of<br>Birth | Relation to<br>Decedent | Share | Indian | Eligible |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------|----------|
| Clarence Solomon | 11/16/1974       | Son                     | All   | Yes    | Yes      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Indian" for these purposes means a member or a lineal descendant of a member of a federally recognized Alaska tribe.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An Indian descendant is eligible to have inherited trust property remain in trust.



Pursuant to the residuary clause of the will, all the rest and residue of Decedent's restricted property estate, real or personal, not otherwise distributed in the will, shall be distributed to:

| Name                                     | Date of<br>Birth | Relation to<br>Decedent | Share  | Indian | Eligible |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Cecelia Solomon                          | 09/02/1965       | Daughter                | 1/6    | Yes    | Yes      |
| Wanda Solomon                            | 05/31/1967       | Daughter                | 1/6    | Yes    | Yes      |
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| Madeline Solomon                         | 06/25/1971       | Daughter                | 1/6    | Yes    | Yes      |
| Clarence Solomon                         | 11/16/1974       | Son                     | 1/6    | Yes    | Yes      |
| Children of predeceased sor              | ı William Solom  | on Jr., DOD 08/0        | 4/2007 |        |          |
| William Solomon III                      | 01/22/1989       | Grandson                | 1/12   | Yes    | Yes      |
| Scott Demientieff                        | 04/29/1987       | Grandson                | 1/12   | Yes    | Yes      |

4. Claims. No claims have been filed against this estate.

### ORDER

By the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 25 U.S.C. § 372 and 373 as amended, and other applicable statutes, and pursuant to 43 C.F.R. part 30, it is hereby **ORDERED:** 

The Superintendent or other officer in charge shall distribute the estate according to the findings and conclusions in this Decision.

Under 43 C.F.R. §§ 30.232 and 30.234, no written transcript of the hearing was made, the names of those persons who attended the hearing are set forth on the Attendance Roster included in the record, the verbatim recording of the hearing will be retained until the appeal period has expired. I certify that this decision is based upon all the evidence of record in this matter.

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This decision is final for the Department unless a petition for rehearing is properly filed in accordance with 43 C.F.R. § 30.238 (76 FR 7500, 7508, February 10, 2011) within thirty (30) days from the date of this Decision as set forth in the attached notice.

Done at Albuquerque, NM on

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James Yellowtail

Administrative Law Judge

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INVENTORY OF DECEDENTS REPORT ALL TITLE HOLDINGS

---- OWNER ---- BIRTHDATE: 02/20/1942 DEATHDATE: 01/30/2008

TRB CL NUMBER 989 A 006760

----- NAMES OR ALIASES -----LAST NAME

FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME

SOLOMON ESTATE, Sr.

WILLIAM

WILLIAM

JOHN

SOLOMON

J.

SOLOMON, SR. SOLOMON, SR. WILLIAM

WILLIAM

J.

SOLOMON, SR. SOLOMON, SR.

WILLIAM WILLIAM

JOHN JOHN

---- TRACT ID ---- TITLE LAC PFX NUMBER SFX PLANT

LAND AREA

RESOURCES

---- DATE OF LAST ----

EXAM DATE VERIFY DATE

989 F 13398

ANCHORAGE, AK

DOYON

Both (Except O & G) 04/22/2004

07/20/2010

ROBERT G DEMOSKI, SR

SEC TOWNSHIP RANGE COUNTY

ST MERIDIAN

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

6 009.00S 011.00E NULATO

AK Kateel River

LOT 999, USS: 13822

4.750

SECTION CUMULATIVE

ACRES ACRES

4.750

DESCRIPTION:

THE "999" FOUND IN THE LOT FIELD IS A PSEUDO CODE AND DOES NOT AFFECT THE TRUE TITLE OF

AK Kateel River

THIS TRACT.

AK Kateel River

LOT 9, USS: 07401 126.660

131.410

7 009.00S 011.00E NULATO

LOT 9, USS: 07401

LOT 999, USS: 13822 23.580 154.990 5.000 159.990

TOTAL SECTION ACRES: 159.990

159 990

- OWNER - --- DOCUMENT --- NAME IN WHICH TYP OT INT CLS TYP NUMBER

FIRST ACQUIRED

FRACTION ACQUIRED

TOTAL ESTIMATE VALUE

I R A 11 IT SA89N92

12 009.00S 010.00E NULATO

SOLOMON SR.WILLTAM

1 12

Acquired From 989U000850

DAYTON DEMOSKI, LENA

\$<u>80,000</u>

INDIVIDUAL SHARE MONETARY VALUE

AGGREGATE SHARE CONVERTED TO LCD

AGGREGATE DECIMAL

\$ 6,666.67

1 12

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9N1

RESOURCES

EXAM DATE VERIFY DATE

LAC PFX NUMBER SFX PLANT

989 F

LAND AREA DOYON

09/03/2009

WILLIAM J SOLOMON AND LIDWIN M SOLOMON

ANCHORAGE, AK

CUMULATIVE

ACRES

---- DATE OF LAST ----

ACRES

STATE: AK COUNTY: NULATO

LOT: 5 BLOCK: 5 SUB-DIVISION:

USS:

0.532

0.532

4485

1 2

Both (Except O & G) 09/03/2009

KALTAG TOWNSITE.

TOTAL LOT BLOCK SUB-DIVISION ACRES:

0.532

0.532

- OWNER - --- DOCUMENT --- NAME IN WHICH

TYP OT INT CLS TYP NUMBER

FIRST ACQUIRED

FRACTION ACQUIRED

TOTAL ESTIMATE

R A 09 SO 2784

SOLOMON WILLIAM

VALUE

Acquired From 9995000003 .

BLM TOWNSITE TRUSTEE

INDIVIDUAL SHARE MONETARY VALUE

AGGREGATE SHARE CONVERTED TO LCD AGGREGATE DECIMAL

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17163A

LAC PFX NUMBER SFX PLANT

ANCHORAGE, AK

DOYON

Both (Except O & G) 10/29/2007

10/29/2007

WILLIAM J. SOLOMON, SR.

SEC TOWNSHIP RANGE COUNTY 18 012.00S 002.00E NULATO

ST MERIDIAN

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

SECTION CUMULATIVE

49.000

ACRES ACRES

49.000

DESCRIPTION:

THE "999" FOUND IN THE LOT FIELD IS A PSEUDO CODE AND DOES NOT AFFECT THE TRUE TITLE OF

THIS TRACT.

19 012.00S 002.00E NULATO AK Kateel River

AK Kateel River

LOT 999, USS: 7829

LOT 999, USS: 7829

30.980 79.980

TOTAL SECTION ACRES:

79.980 79.980

- OWNER - --- DOCUMENT --- NAME IN WHICH

TYP OT INTCLS TYP NUMBER

FIRST ACQUIRED

FRACTION ACQUIRED

TOTAL ESTIMATE

VALUE

I R A 38 SO 961

SOLOMON SR.WILLIAM J.

1

Acquired From 975X000999

UNITED STATES

\$60,000

INDIVIDUAL SHARE MONETARY VALUE

AGGREGATE SHARE CONVERTED TO LCD AGGREGATE DECIMAL

\$ 60,000

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DWALLNER

---- TRACT ID ----TITLE

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LAND AREA

RESOURCES

EXAM DATE

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989 F 17163B ANCHORAGE, AK

DOYON

Both (Except O & G)

10/29/2007

10/29/2007

WILLIAM J. SOLOMON, SR.

SEC TOWNSHIP RANGE COUNTY ST MERIDIAN

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

ACRES

SECTION CUMULATIVE

10 014.00S 001.00W NULATO

AK Kateel River

25.000

ACRES

25.000

DESCRIPTION:

THE \*999\* FOUND IN THE LOT FIELD IS A PSEUDO CODE. AND DOES NOT AFFECT THE TRUE TITLE OF

THIS TRACT.

15 014.00S 001.00W NULATO AK Kateel River

LOT 999, USS: 7828

LOT 999, USS: 7828

55.000

80.000

TOTAL SECTION ACRES:

80.000

80.000

- OWNER - --- DOCUMENT --- NAME IN WHICH

TYP OT INT CLS TYP NUMBER

FIRST ACQUIRED

FRACTION ACQUIRED

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VALUE

R A 38 SO 876

SOLOMON SR.WILLIAM J. 1

Acquired From 975X000999

UNITED STATES

s 60,000

INDIVIDUAL SHARE MONETARY VALUE

AGGREGATE SHARE

AGGREGATE DECIMAL

CONVERTED TO LCD

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TOTAL MONETARY VALUE: SURFACE \$ 132,667 MINERAL \$\_

OVERALL TOTAL MONETARY VALUE: \$ 132,667 (a)

#### CERTIFICATION OF VALUE

THE VALUE STATED IN THIS INVENTORY IS AN ESTIMATE AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE PRESENT FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY. FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THE VALUE MUST BE MADE BEFORE ENTERING INTO ANY NEGOTIATIONS OR CONTRACTS INVOLVING THESE PROPERTIES.

Fairbonks AK CERTIFYING OFFICER'S LOCATION LEASES (ADDITIONAL LEASES ON SEPARATE PAGE): LEASE NUMBER EXPIRATION DATE ANNUAL SHARE(\$) \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### CERTIFICATION OF TITLE

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THE FOREGOING IS AN ACCURATE INVENTORY ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS OF THE LAND TITLES AND RECORDS OFFICES OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OF THE TRUST OR RESTRICTED INTERESTS OWNED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED DECEDENT AT THE TIME OF HIS DATE OF DEATH, JANUARY 30, 2008.

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\* \* \* \* END OF REPORT \* \* \* \*

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IN REPLY REFER TO: LTRO SH/cr

# **UNITED STATES** DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

**BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS** ALASKA REGION ALASKA LAND TITLES & RECORDS OFFICE 3601 C Street, Suite 1100 Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5947 (907) 271-1622 FAX (907) 271-4801

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing DECISION, Probate P000067166, is a full, true, and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records and files of Indian Affairs, Alaska Land Titles & Records Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on March 31, 2014 at Anchorage, Alaska.

> Thomas y Vanha Scott Houk,

Acting Supervisory Legal Administrative Specialist

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Attn: Realty

122 First Avenue, Suite 600 Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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