

North Carolina In the Superior Court,
Rowan County? Before the Clerk,

In the matter of the Probate of the last
Will and Testament of America C. Davis
deceased.

A paper writing, dated Sept. 13, 1878, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of America C. Davis, deceased, late of the County of Rowan, N.C. and a re-publication ratification and Confirmation of the same and dated Aug. 14, 1885, and various Codicils made and added by America C. Davis to her said last will and Testament bearing different dates, is this day presented in open Court by J. B. Neal and O. D. Davis, the executors therein named, for probate, and it appearing that the witnesses to the original will, J. M. Carson and N. A. Foster, are dead and that they lived in Ashe County, North Carolina, and that Wm. M. Trauson, one of the subscribing witnesses to a codicil to the last will and Testament of America C. Davis, deceased, lives in the town of Jefferson, Ashe County, N.C. and it further appearing that W. C. Fields, another attesting witness to a codicil to the said last Will and Testament of America C. Davis, deceased, lives in the town of Sparta in Alleghany County N.C. It further appears that the necessary witnesses to prove the handwriting of J. M. Carson and N. A. Foster live in the town of Jefferson, N.C. and that the said Wm. M. Trauson lives more than seventy five miles from Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, and that W. C. Fields lives more than 75 miles from Salisbury, N.C. It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that a commission be issued to a competent person to take the deposition of witnesses to prove the handwritings of J. M. Carson and N. A. Foster the attesting witnesses to the said paper writing, and also to prove the handwriting of America C. Davis, deceased, the testatrix; and also to take the depositions of Wm. M. Trauson and W. C. Fields, the attesting witnesses to a codicil to the said last Will and Testament of America C. Davis, deceased. And it is further considered and adjudged that H. L. Park be and he is appointed a Commissioner to take the depositions of J. E. Foster, J. M. Todd, Rosa Neal Brammoch, Wm. M. Trauson, and W. C. Fields, at such times and places as he the said H. L. Park, Commissioner, shall see fit and proper. And a commission is now issued to the said

H. L. Park, to take the depositions of J. E. Foster, J. M. Todd, Rosa Neal Brammoch, Wm. M. Trauson and W. C. Fields to be returned on June 10, 1903. And this cause is now continued to Wednesday June 10, 1903.

This June 4, 1903.

J. J. McCubbin.
Clerk Superior Court.

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In the matter of the proof and probate
of the last Will and Testament of America
C. Davis, deceased.

To H. L. Park, Jefferson, N. C. Greeting:-
We reposing special trust ^{and confidence} in your integrity, do authorize and empower you to cause, J. E. Foster, J. M. Todd and Rosa Neal Brammoch, and Wm. M. Trauson, of Jefferson N.C. and W. C. Fields of Sparta, N.C. to appear before you at such times and places as you may appoint and then on oath to examine touching all such things matters and things as the said J. E. Foster, J. M. Todd, and Rosa Neal Brammoch may know of and concerning the handwritings of and signature of Mrs. America C. Davis to a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of America C. Davis, dated Sept. 13, 1878, and also her signature and execution of a re-publication, ratification and confirmation of same dated August 14, 1885, and of the handwritings of J. M. Carson, and N. A. Foster, whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to said will and re-publication, ratification and Confirmation, and the signatures of said J. M. Carson and N. A. Foster and such other and further facts as they may know of the execution of said will and ratification of same; and to examine the said Wm. M. Trauson and W. C. Fields, upon all such matters and things touching the execution by Mrs. America C. Davis of a codicil to her last Will and Testament and dated Sept. 29, 1896 and of all such things as they may know of witnessing said codicil to said last will and Testament. And the depositions so taken by you in writing, the same to transmit to my office in the town of Salisbury, N.C. on or before June 10, 1903.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in the town of Salisbury, N.C. This June 4, 1903
J. J. McCubbin, Clerk Superior Court.

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