

family of New Haven: and it appearing that the said paper writings and every part thereof, is in the true and genuine hand writing of the said J. B. Mercer, deceased, as shown by the oaths and examination of W. J. Blommon, Geo. B. Mearns, W. D. McCaug and G. Ed. Taylor, which said affidavits are hereto attached, and it appearing that the said paper writings consisting of page one and two, dated Jan. 1-1905 were duly subscribed by J. B. Mercer, and that the paper writing on page four, dated Jan. 1-1905, was duly subscribed by J. B. Mercer, and it further appearing that the paper writing on page six and seven, dated April 26, 1913, was duly subscribed by J. B. Mercer, and it appearing that the said paper writings on page one, two and three, were lodged with Mary Lily Mercer for safe keeping, as appears from her affidavit of Mary Lily Mercer, hereto attached:

And it further appearing that the paper writing on page four was lodged in the hands of Mary Lily Mercer for safe keeping, as shown by the affidavit of the said G. E. Dickinson and Mary Lily Mercer: and it further appearing that the paper writing on pages six and seven were lodged into the hands of Mary Lily Mercer, for safe keeping, as appears from the affidavit of Mary Lily Mercer, hereto attached, and it further appearing that the said paper writings together constitute the holographic will of the said J. B. Mercer deceased:

It is now considered, ordered and adjudged that the said paper writings and every part thereof, proven to be in the hand writing of the said J. B. Mercer, and safely kept as aforesaid, consisting of page one, two and envelope three, four and envelope five, six and seven and envelope eight, be and the same is hereby adjudged and found to be and constitute the last will and testament of J. B. Mercer, deceased.

Let the said will and said affidavits together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This the 4th day of December, 1913.

W. M. Harris

Chief Superior Court.

State of North Carolina
New Haven county

J. W. Harris, Clerk of the Superior Court, in and for the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of said will, with the probate thereof of J. B. Mercer, deceased, as the same is taken from and compared with the original filed in this office.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 11th day of January, 1915

W. M. Harris

Chief Superior Court.

1915

No.

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In the name of God, Amen, I Benjamin West of Somerset Town ship in Brunswick county and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this mortal and transitory life, do hereby make, order, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

That is to say, first - I give and bequeath and dispose of my personal and real estate as follows to-wit: - To my eldest son Richard (5) acres of land, lying and being on the north side of the main road, adjoining the land of Joseph Standland, S. P. Tinsworth, To my son George, 5 acres of land lying and being west of Richard and adjoining the same, the land of Joseph Standland. To my daughter Clara 5 acres of land lying and being west of George and adjoining the same the land of Joseph Standland. To my daughter Charity and her children (7) acres of land, lying and being on the south side of the main road, and adjoining the land of Mr. A. J. Mercer & S. P. Tinsworth. To my daughter Alice 5 acres of land lying and being west of Clara, adjoining the same the land of Joseph Standland. To my daughter Kate 5 acres of land lying and being west of Alice, adjoining the same the land of Joseph Standland. To my daughter Annie

5 acres adjoining the same the land of Victoria, being my youngest child being west of Annie adjoining the same. To my daughter Emma the balance of my land being (5) acres on the main road adjoining the land of Richard and others, with all the land belonging, also all my personal estate is to be disposed of as follows.

which on bearing the following list is embodied in each one: Said list is on sheet number, against said or now being due January 1st 1914.

and appoint Henry West to be executor of my will by me made and subscribed my name and official seal on the 11th day of Oct. in the year of our Lord 1914.

Benjamin West (Seal)
witnessed by the said Benjamin West and to each of us, and he or she to above mentioned, as aforesaid, and all at the before signed and as written last.

My Commission is to 1914.

1915

State of North Carolina : In the superior court,
County of Brunswick : Before the clerk.

In re. will of
Benjamin Motts, deceased :

The paper writing heret attached and purporting to be the last will and testament of Benjamin Motts, deceased, is exhibited before the undersigned Clerk Superior Court by Hartford Motts, one of the devisees under the said will, and therefore the following prop. thing is taken by the oath and examination of E. P. Fulwood, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and C. Ed. Taylor, as follows :

North Carolina :
Brunswick County :

E. P. Fulwood, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a subscribing witness to the said paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Benjamin Motts, and that he saw Benjamin Motts execute this writing as his last will and testament, and that affiant attested it at the request of said Benjamin Motts, deceased; and that at the time of its execution said Benjamin Motts was, in affiant's opinion, of sound mind and disposing memory. Affiant further avers that J. B. Mercer, the other subscribing witness to said will, signed the same as a witness in the presence of affiant and that affiant saw him sign the same, and that said J. B. Mercer is now dead.

E. P. Fulwood

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Feb. 1915.

R. J. McWhorter

Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina :
Brunswick County :

C. Ed. Taylor, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is well acquainted with the hand-writing of J. B. Mercer, one of the subscribing witnesses to the paper-writing purporting to be the will of Benjamin Motts, deceased, which is heret attached, dated the 28th day of Oct. 1895, having often seen him write, and that the name of the said J. B. Mercer, appearing as a witness to said will is in the genuine hand-writing of the said J. B. Mercer, deceased.

C. Ed. Taylor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Feb. 1915.

A. J. McWhorter

Clerk Superior Court.

This case was argued the 4th day of Feb. 1915.

W. J.

And therefore it is considered and adjudged by the court that the said paper-writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of Benjamin Motts, deceased, and it is ordered that the same, with the foregoing examination and this certificate be recorded and filed.

This 4th day of February, 1915.

A. J. McWhorter

Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina :
Brunswick County :

I, Jacob McCall of the County of Brunswick, State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make, declare, ordain and publish this my last will and testament.

I give, devise and bequest to my friend Dave Ward, all my estate, both real and personal, wherever situated, for and during the term of his natural life, and at his death to his son Hugh D. Ward.

In witness whereof, I, the said Jacob McCall have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 14th day of February, A.D. 1907.

Jacob McCall

(Seal)

Signed, read, declared and published by the said Jacob McCall to be his last will and testament in the presence of me, who at her request and in her presence, and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

E. H. Grammer

N. J. Dew

State of North Carolina :

Brunswick County : In the superior court.

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Jacob McCall deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Dave Ward a devisee and legatee, and the due execution thereof by said Jacob McCall of the will and examination of E. H. Grammer and N. J. Dew the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for him self, separately and jointly, that he and she is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him and her purporting to be the last will and testament of Jacob