

No. 565

State of North Carolina  
County of Brunswick

I, C. Ed. Taylor, declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

I hereby will devise and bequeath unto my loved wife Jessie Stevens Taylor, her heirs and assigns, all my property, real, personal or mixed wherever located, subject to the payment of any just debts, to be hers absolute and the lands to be hers in fee simple.

II I hereby nominate and appoint my said wife, Jessie Stevens Taylor, to be my executor, without bond, to execute this my said will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 1942.

C. Ed. Taylor (Seal)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK

IN THE MATTER OF }  
C. ED. TAYLOR, } PROCEEDINGS  
DECEASED. }

The paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of C. Ed. Taylor having been propounded for probate by Jessie Stevens Taylor, who has qualified as executrix under the terms and conditions of the said will; and it appearing that the said will was holographic under the laws of the State of North Carolina, and in the county where the said C. Ed. Taylor died, the following proceedings were had:

Now comes E. J. Prevatte, a resident of Brunswick County, North Carolina and associated in the general practice of law with C. Ed. Taylor at the time of his death, before the Court, who being duly sworn, deposes and says: that on Friday afternoon following the death of Mr. Taylor on the Monday before, that he, together with Edward B. Taylor, son of C. Ed. Taylor, deceased, examined the personal papers and effects of Mr. Taylor in his file in his personal safe in his office, and on examining the said papers found this said paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Mr. Taylor filed in a container with a number of his personal securities and insurance policies;

That the paper writing signed by C. Ed. Taylor dated January 9th, 1942, found as indicated above, purporting to be his Last Will and Testament, is in the true and genuine handwriting of C. Ed. Taylor; that every part of it is in the handwriting of C. Ed. Taylor and none other, including the signature; that he has seen the said C. Ed. Taylor write on many occasions and knows his handwriting and his signature and knows the same to be genuine and none other.

E. J. Prevatte

Subscribed and sworn to before me,  
this the 8 day of November, 1944.

B. J. Holden  
Asst. Clerk Superior Court.

Now Comes Prince O'Brien, who being duly sworn, deposes and says: that he is Cashier of the local branch of the Waccamaw Bank and trust Company, Southport, North Carolina; that he was well acquainted with C. Ed. Taylor, who practiced law in Southport and was a regular depositor with the local bank for many years; that the paper writing shown to him this day in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of C. Ed. Taylor is, of his own knowledge, in the genuine handwriting, including every part thereof, together with the signature, of C. Ed. Taylor; that he has often seen him write in his true and genuine handwriting, and has seen his signature on many occasions and therefore knows the same as appears in the Last Will and Testament herein

presented to be genuine and correct.

Prince O'Brien

Subscribed and sworn to before me,  
this the 8 day of November, 1944.

S. T. Bennett  
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT,

Now comes R. C. St. George, who being duly sworn, deposes and says: that he is County Auditor of Brunswick County, North Carolina; that he was well acquainted with C. Ed. Taylor, who practiced law in Southport for many years; that the paper writing shown to him this day in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of C. Ed. Taylor is, of his own knowledge, in the genuine handwriting, including every part thereof, together with the signature, of C. Ed. Taylor; that he has often seen him write in his true and genuine handwriting, and has seen his signature on many occasions and therefore knows the same as appears in the Last Will and Testament herein presented to be genuine and correct.

R. C. St. George

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this  
the 8 day of November, 1944.

B. J. Holden  
ASST. CLERK SUPERIOR COURT

WHEREUPON, a due consideration of the paper writing presented by Jessie Stevens Taylor, and a further consideration of the sworn statements of Prince O'Brien, R. C. St. George and the statement and affidavit of E. J. Prevatte, the said E. J. Prevatte having inspected the document in the presence of the Court and so declared, it is now considered and found that the said paper writing, in the handwriting of C. Ed. Taylor, including every part thereof, was in the genuine handwriting of the said C. Ed. Taylor and that the said paper writing having been found among the valuable papers and effects of the said deceased is now CONSIDERED AND ADJUDGED to be the Last Will and Testament of the said C. Ed. Taylor, who died in Brunswick County, North Carolina, on October 16th, 1944.

It is further found that the said C. Ed. Taylor was a citizen and resident of Brunswick County, North Carolina, and this Probate Court has proper jurisdiction of the probate of the said will and the administration of the said estate.

It is therefore CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the said paper writing be filed and enrolled and recorded, together with the foregoing proceedings had in connection with the probate of the said will, in the office of this Court.

This the 8 day of November, 1944.

S. T. Bennett  
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT