

In full age to execute a will, and was not under any influence  
to the knowledge, information or belief of these deponents; and  
further these deponents say not.

B.B. Mather  
Geo. H. French

Swearly deponed and subscribed, this 12 day  
of June 1915 before me.

A.J. Mather  
O.O.

North Carolina, I, for the Superior Court.  
New Hanover County,

It is therefore considered and adjudged by  
the Court that the said probt. writing and copy from thereof is  
the last will and testament of H.W. Hood, as desired.

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

This 12 day of June 1915.

A.J. Mather  
Administrator

No. 313.

State of North Carolina,  
New Hanover County.

In Superior Court  
Before W.D. Harris, Clerk.

In the matter of the Administration  
of the Estate of James S. Harper.

Charles S. Harper being duly sworn, doth say:  
that James S. Harper late of New Hanover County,  
died on the 9th day of March 1915 leaving a last will  
and Testament; and that Charles S. Harper & Fred Harper  
the Executors named therein, are the proper persons  
entitled to letters Testamentary on the estate of the  
said James S. Harper. Further, that the value of the  
personal effects of said Estate as far as can be ascer-  
tained at the date of this application is about  
Eighty Thousand Dollars, and the real estate con-  
sists of houses & lots in the city of Wilmington  
and in Brunswick County, N.C. and that Charles  
S. Harper, Fred Harper, Lillie B. French, Mary P. Dark,  
Annie May Vinton, Jessie D. Price, Effie Townsend and  
Elyse Wallace are entitled as legatees & devisees  
thereof.

Charles S. Harper  
Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 12th day of March A.D. 1915.  
W.D. Harris  
Clerk Superior Court, New Hanover County.

State of North Carolina  
County of New Hanover.

I, James S. Harper, being of sound mind  
and disposing memory, do make and declare this  
my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other  
wills heretofore at any time made by me.

1st. I direct my executors, hereinafter named, to pay  
all of my just debts out of the first money coming  
into their hands.

2nd. I direct my said executors to cause to be  
erected over my grave a suitable stone of a  
character and cost to be approved by them.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my wife's nieces, Effie Townsend and Ethel Wallace, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars each. In the event of the death of either of said nieces prior to my own death the sum hereby bequeathed to such niece so dying shall fall into and become a part of my residuary estate hereinafter disposed of.

4th. I give and devise to my son, Charles S. Harper, my home place in which I now reside in the City of Wilmington, known as No. 1, French Street. But the said Charles S. Harper shall be charged for said place the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars; and the residuum of my estate hereinafter disposed of shall include as a debt due by the said Charles S. Harper on account of this gift the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars.

5th. I give and devise to my daughter Mary R. Darby, my house and lot on Front Street in the City of Wilmington, known as the "Bark House" and designated as No. 5-8 South Front Street. But the said Mary R. Darby shall be charged for the said place the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars; and the residuum of my estate hereinafter disposed of shall include as a debt due from the said Mary R. Darby on account of this ~~last~~ gift the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars.

6th. I give, advise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate, of whatsoever character, including the advances to my children and stepsons heretofore made and then hereby provided for, to my children Charles S. Harper, Fred Harper, Ellis B. French, Mary R. Darby and Annie May Vitor and my stepson Jesse P. Price. Each of my said children to take a one eleventh interest in said residuary and my said stepson to take a one eleventh interest therein. And for the purpose of making the distribution hereinforesaid for me to do hereby authorize my executors to make sale of my property, real or personal, which they may deem proper to be converted into money.

7th. I hereby appoint my sons, Charles S. Harper and Fred Harper, executors of this my last will and testament and request that no security be required of them as such.

In witness whereof I, the said J. S. Harper, do herewith set my hand and seal this the 22nd day of April 1918.

J. S. Harper  
*Seal*

Signed and sealed by the said J. S. Harper, in the presence of us, who at his request and in the his presence and in the presence of each other subscribe our names as witnesses to the said will.

James J. Darby.  
Alfred G. Townsend.

State of North Carolina,  
New Hanover County.

ss. On the Probate Court.

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of James S. Harper deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said county, by Charles S. Harper & Fred Harper the executors therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said James S. Harper is proved by the oath and examination of J. J. Darby and Alfred G. Townsend the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself doth further and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now exhibited purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of James S. Harper, that the said James S. Harper in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown to aforesaid, and which bears date of the twenty second day of April 1918.

And the deponent further saith, That the said James S. Harper the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him, and exhibited it to his last will and testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, at the request and in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other; And this deponent further saith that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said James S. Harper was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

James J. Darby  
Alfred G. Townsend  
Severally sworn and subscribed this  
12th day of March 1916, before me,  
W. H. Harris  
Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina.  
New Hanover County.

Wherefore, it is considered and adjudged that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of James S. Harper, deceased, and the same with the probate thereon and the examination of the witnesses are ordered to be recorded and filed. This the 12th day of March, 1916.

W. H. Harris  
Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina  
New Hanover County.

Superior Court  
Before Clerk.

You swear that you believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of J. S. Harper and that you will well and truly execute the same by first paying his debts and then his legacies as far as the said estate shall extend or the law shall charge you, and that you will well and faithfully execute the office of Executors agreeably to the trust and confidence reposed in you according to law; So help me God.

Charles S. Harper  
Sworn and subscribed before me  
this 12th day of March, 1916.

W. H. Harris  
Clerk Superior Court, New Hanover County.

State of North Carolina.  
New Hanover County.

D. W. H. 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 the will of James S. Harper, deceased, with the probate thereon, as the same is taken from and compared with the original filed in this office.

Witness my hand and official seal,  
this the 14th day of September, 1916.

W. H. Harris  
Clerk Superior Court,  
New Hanover County.  
(Seal)