

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK

I, Levenia Parker, of the aforesaid County and State, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament:

FIRST: My executor hereinafter named, James Moore, shall give my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of the first money which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

SECOND: I give and devise to my friend, George Hankins, Jr., the eastern half of my store.

THIRD: I give and devise to my friend, Ernest Alton Swain, the western half of my store.

FOURTH: I give and bequeath to my friend, Lureva Swain, at my death all of my household furniture.

FIFTH: I give and bequeath to my friend, Eddie Junior Warnette, my radio.

SIXTH: I give and bequeath to my nephew, Clinton Parker, one soda fountain.

SEVENTH: I give and bequeath to my nephew, Raphael Parker, my kitchen furniture and stove consisting of all my kitchen utensils that belongs to the store, and one lot adjoining the back of my store, which is 33 feet long and 39 feet wide.

EIGHTH: I give and devise to my friend, Sam Hankins, my dog.

NINTH: I give and bequeath to my colored friends at the Brunswick County Home, all of my clothes.

TENTH: I give and bequeath to my nephew, Carey Nixon, my insurance I am carrying with Ned Hankins.

ELEVENTH: I give and bequeath to my friend, George Hankins, Jr., one strip of land, and my garage to be used as an out house for George Hankins, Jr., and Ernest Alvin Swain that is now on this land.

I hereby constitute and appoint my trusted friend, James Moore, my lawful executor to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last Will and Testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness Whereof, I, the said Levenia Parker, do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 27 day of November, 1940.

Levenia Parker

Signed, sealed and published and declared by the said, Levenia Parker, to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence (and in the presence of each other), do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

WITNESSES:

A.W. SMITH Southport

E.E. McCoy

It is further my request and my desire and wishes that my fixtures with the exceptions of my soda fountain and my kitchen furniture to be sold together and what money comes into the hands from the proceeds of sale to be given to my sister, Effie Nixon. My wishes are that I want my jewelry, such as watch and rings and anything containing in my trunk to be given by my executor, James Moore, to Effie Nixon, my sister. Further my wishes are the moneys comes from the Order of Tents to which I belonged to shall be used as my expenses for burial, which will be in the hands of Lureva Swain, who shall pay to Bud McCoy for funeral expenses.

I have turanover to Mima Spuldin 2 diamond Ring Balue \$150.00 for Safe Keeping at my death to be return to James Moore/

Sign. Levenia Parker

Witness

W. W. Smith Southport.

E.E. McCoy

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

SS. In The Superiro Court, Before the Clerk.

A paper-writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Levenia Parker, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said county, by James Moore the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Levenia Parker is proved by the oath and examination of A. W. Smith and E. E. McCoy, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn do depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Levenia Parker; that the said, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 27 day of November, 1940.

AND THE DEPONENT FURTHER SAITH, That the said Levenia Parker the testatrix aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing her ~~name~~ aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will, as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testatrix. And this deponent further said that at the same time when the said testatrix subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Levenia Parker 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.

Severally sworn and subscribed, this 9 day of June, 1941, before me.

A. W. Smith

E. E. McCoy

M. B. Watkins

Assistant Clerk Superior Court.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

SS. In the Superior Court.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper-writing and every part, thereof is the last Will and Testament of Levenia Parker deceased, and the same, with the foregoing examination and this certificate, are ordered to be recorded and filed.

This 9 day of June, 1941

M. B. Watkins

Assistant Clerk Superiro Court.

State of North Carolina  
County of New Hanover

I, Hubert Matthew Shannon, of the aforesaid county and State, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament:

First: My executrix, hereinafter named, shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses, together will all my just debts, out of the first moneys which may come into her hands belonging to my estate.

Second: I give and devise to my beloved wife, Lena Durden Shannon, all money which I may have in bank, all of my Liberty Bonds and equity in unpaid for Liberty Bonds, building and loan stock, personal effects, books, household and kitchen furniture, and all personal property of any character, other than life insurance, which I may in any manner own at my death, said property to be her property absolute and unconditionally.

Third: My Executrix shall collect all of my life insurance, and shall immediately after collecting same use the proceeds for the payment of all mortgage debts, or other liens, which may then exist against the lot of land now occupied by me as our home, at Audubon, New Hanover County, North Carolina, and any residue remaining after discharging said mortgage and liens I give and bequeath to my wife as her absolute property.

Fourth: I give and devise to my wife a certain lot of land designated as Lot No. 16, in Block No. 2, of the official plan of the town of Boca Grande, State of Florida, the same to be her sole property in fee-simple absolute.

Fifth: I give and devise to my wife in fee-wimple the house and lot of land now occupied by me as our home, at Audubon, New Hanover County, North Carolina, said lot of land being known and designated as Lot No. 411 of the official map, or plan, of Audubon, which said map, or plan, is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina.

Sixth: I give, devise, and bequeath all the residue of my estate, real, personal, and mixed, to my wife, she same to be hersole property absolute, according to my property rights of estate therein

Seventh: My will and desire is that my wife shall, in keeping with her promises heretofore made to me, have our children educated in Roman Catholic Schools, and that our children shall be brought up and reared as practical communicants of the Roman Catholic

Church. In the rearing and educating of our children, it is my desire that my wife shall at all times consult with my Father in all matters affecting the education and religious training of our children.

Eighth: I hereby constitute and appoint my wife, Lena Durden Shannon, my lawful executrix to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof--hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness Whereof, I, the said Hubert Matthew Shannon, do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 8th day of May, 1920.

Hubert Matthew Shannon (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Hubert Matthew Shannon to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

S. M. Empie

W. F. Jones

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA }  
Brunswick County. } SS: In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk.

A paper-writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Hubert Matthews Shannon, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said county, by Lena Durden Shannon the executrix therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Hubert Matthews Shannon is proved by the oath and examination of W. F. Jones, the subscribing witness thereto, who being duly sworn do depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Hubert Matthews Shannon; that the said Hubert Matthews Shannon, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 8th day of May, 1920.

AND THE DEPONENT FURTHER SAITH, That the said Hubert Matthews Shannon the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will, as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Hubert Matthews Shannon 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.

Severally sworn and subscribed, this 26th day of June, 1941, before me.

S. T. Bennett  
Clerk Superior Court.

W. F. Jones

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA " IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.  
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK "

Lottie Mae Newton, being duly sworn, according to law, deposes and says that she is well acquainted with the handwriting of Hubert Matthews Shannon, whose will the attached paper writing, dated May 8th, 1941, purports to be, having often seen him write and that the name of the said Hubert Matthews Shannon subscribed to said will is in the genuine handwriting of the said Hubert Matthews Shannon.

Lottie Mae Newton.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17th day of June 1941.

S. T. Bennett  
Clerk Superior Court.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA " IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER "

Dwight McEwen & A. B. Rhodes being duly sworn, according to law, depose and say that they and both of them are well acquainted with the handwriting of S. M. Empie, one of the subscribing witnesses to the paper writing purporting to be the last will of Hubert Matthews Shannon, deceased, which is hereto attached, dated May 8th, 1920, having often seen him write, and that the name of the said S. M. Empie subscribed as a witness to said will is the genuine handwriting of the said S. M. Empie.

Dwight McEwen  
A. B. Rhodes

(SEAL) Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11th day of June, 1941.

A. L. Mayland  
Asst. Clerk Superior Court.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA " IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.  
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK "

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Hubert Matthews Shannon, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by Lena Durden Shannon, the executrix therein mentioned; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Dwight McEwen and A. B. Rhodes, that S. M. Empie, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, is dead, and it is further proved by the oath and examination of the said Dwight McEwen and A. B. Rhodes, that they are both well acquainted with the handwriting of the said S. M. Empie, having often seen him write, and that the name of the said S. M. Empie, subscribed as a witness to the said will, is in the handwriting of the said S. M. Empie.

IT IS THEREFORE, considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Hubert Matthews Shannon, and it is ordered that the same with the foregoing examinations and this certificate, be recorded and filed.

This 27th day of June, 1941.

S. T. Bennett  
Clerk Superior Court.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA | IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK |

A PAPER-WRITING purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Hubert Matthews Shannon, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by Lena Durden Shannon, the executrix therein mentioned; and is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Dwight McEwen and A. B. Rhodes; that S. M. Empie, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto is dead, and it is further proved by the oath and examination of the said Dwight McEwen and A. B. Rhodes that they are both well acquainted with the handwriting of the said S. M. Empie, having often seen him write and that the name of the said S. M. Empie, having often seen him write and that the name of the said S. M. Empie subscribed as a witness of said Will is in the handwriting of the said S. M. Empie; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of W. F. Jones, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Hubert Matthews Shannon; that the said Hubert Matthews Shannon, in the presence of W. F. Jones, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing which is now shown the said W. F. Jones and which bears date of the 8th day of May, 1920 and that the said Hubert Matthews Shannon, the testator aforesaid did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing, so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his Last Will and Testament and the said W. F. Jones did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator; the said W. F. Jones further says that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said Last Will and Testament as aforesaid, and at the time of the said W. F. Jones subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Hubert Matthews Shannon was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and under any restraint, to the knowledge, information and belief of the said W. F. Jones.

It is further proved by the oath and examination of Lottie Mae Newton that she is well acquainted with the handwriting of Hubert Matthews Shannon, whose will the attached paper-writing dated May 8th, 1920, purports to be, having often seen him write and that the name of the said Hubert Matthews Shannon subscribed to said will is in the genuine handwriting of the said Hubert Matthews Shannon.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED AND ADJUDGED by the Court that the said paper-writing and every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of the said Hubert Matthews Shannon, and IT IS ORDERED that the same with all the foregoing examinations and this certificate be recorded and filed.

This the 26th day of March, 1942.

S. T. Bennett  
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT