

State of North Carolina : In the Superior Court
County of New Hanover :

No. 354

In the matter of the administration of the estate of Dr. John D. Bellamy before John D. Taylor, Clerk, Superior Court.

Elijah M. Bellamy, being duly sworn, doth say; That Dr. John D. Bellamy, late of New Hanover County is dead, leaving a last will and testament; and that she is the proper person entitled to letters of administration on the estate of the said Dr. John D. Bellamy, further, that the value of the personal effects of said estate, as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application is about Five Thousand Dollars, and that Elijah M. Bellamy is entitled to the same as sole legatee and devisee under the last will and testament of the said Dr. John D. Bellamy.

Elijah M. Bellamy.

Swear and subscribed before me, this 21st day of September - 1896.
John D. Taylor -
Clerk Superior Court.

Knowing that my life will soon be over here, I do hereby declare this to be my last will & requesteth to my wife Elijah M. Bellamy all my personal real and personal to do with it as she may determine. I charge my children to be gentle and considerate with their mother, who has been to me a faithful and loving wife, and to become most anxious and tender parents to us in our absence between brothers and sisters.

John D. M.

witness my hand, this
19th day of March - 1891

State of North Carolina : In the Superior Court
County of New Hanover :

Personally appeared before me, John D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the County and State aforesaid, Elijah M. Bellamy who being by me first duly sworn and examined on oath concerning the last will and testament of Dr. John D. Bellamy, deceased, deposes and says that after the death of the late Dr. John D. Bellamy, there was found in a pocket-book containing his valuable papers and effects the paper writing now exhibited in this handwriting of the said Dr. John D. Bellamy and signed by him purporting and appearing to be the last will and testament of said Dr. John D. Bellamy and that she believes such paper writing to be the last will and testament of the said Dr. John D. Bellamy.

Elijah M. Bellamy

Swear and subscribe to before
me this the 21st day of
September - 1896

John D. Taylor,
Clerk Superior Court.
New Hanover Co.

State of North Carolina : Before the Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of New Hanover : The Superior Court of the County of New Hanover, State aforesaid, on this 21st day of September A.D. 1896, personally appeared Wm. D. Bellamy, W. J. D. Bellamy, John D. Bellamy and Robert H. Bellamy, four competent and creditable witnesses, and themselves the aforesaid instrument of writing, dated the 19th day of March - 1891, pertaining to the last will and testament of Dr. John D. Bellamy deceased being shown to them and they having been carefully examined before an oath swearing the execution of the said instrument, deposes and says and

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Elijah M^r Bellamy.

Swear and subscribed before me, this 21st day of September - 1896.
John D. Taylor -
Clerk Superior Court.

Knowing that my life will soon be over here, & do hereby declare this to be my last will. I bequeath to my wife Elijah M^r Bellamy all my personal real and personal to do with it as she may determine. I charge my children to be gentle and considerate with their mother, who has been to me a faithful and loving wife, and to them the most anxious and tender parent. Let us all put in peace between brothers and sisters, but love one another.

John D. Bellamy
witness my hand, this
13th day of March - 1896

State of North Carolina : In the Superior Court, County of New Hanover:

Personally appeared before me, John D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the County and State aforesaid, Elijah M^r Bellamy, who being by me first duly sworn and examined on oath concerning the last will and testament of Dr. John D. Bellamy, deceased, deposor and a copy thereof after the death of the late Dr. John D. Bellamy, there was found in a pocket-book, containing his valuable papers, and effects the paper writing now exhibited in the handwriting of the said Dr. John D. Bellamy and signed by him purporting and appearing to be the last will and testament of said Dr. John D. Bellamy and that she believes such paper writing to be the last will and testament of the said Dr. John D. Bellamy.

Elijah M^r Bellamy.

I swear & subscribe to before me this the 21st day of September - 1896

John D. Taylor,
Clerk Superior Court,
New Hanover Co.

State of North Carolina : Before the Clerk of, County of New Hanover : the Superior Court before me John D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of New Hanover, State aforesaid, on this 21st day of September A.D. 1896, personally appeared Wm. G. D. Bellamy, John D. Bellamy and Robert H. Bellamy, joint comptest and creditable witnesses, and themselves the annexed instrument of writing, dated the 13th day of March - 1896, purporting to be the last will and testament of Dr. John D. Bellamy deceased, being sworn to before me and being then severally examined by me on oath touching the execution of the said instrument, so deposing and saying and

each for himself purposes and being that he is acquainted with the handwriting of the said Dr. John D. Bellamy, having often seen him write, and knows that the name of the said John D. Bellamy, subscribed to the said will, and that said will itself and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said John D. Bellamy and that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Dr. John D. Bellamy.

Lucinda Bellamy,
W. F. H. Bellamy,
John D. Bellamy Jr.
Robert N. Bellamy

Generally known to and subscribed before me,
this the 21st day of September A.D. 1896

John D. Taylor.

Clerk of the Superior Court
New Hanover County:

State of North Carolina: Before the Clerk of
County of New Hanover: the Superior Court:

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and testament of Dr. John D. Bellamy, deceased, is exhibited in open court for probate by Eliza McElroy Bellamy; and it is known from by the oath and examination of the said Eliza McElroy Bellamy that the said will was found, after the death of the said John D. Bellamy among the valuable papers and effects of the said John D. Bellamy, in a pocket book which said papers were lost, and it is further proven by the oath and examination of Lucinda Bellamy, W. F. H. Bellamy, John D. Bellamy and Robert N. Bellamy, your Competent and creditable witnesses, that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said Dr. John D. Bellamy, having often seen him write, and that the name of the said John D. Bellamy subscribed to the said will and

said will itself and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said John D. Bellamy and that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Dr. John D. Bellamy; it is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said John D. Bellamy, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed, and at the same time Eliza McElroy Bellamy came into court and duly qualified as administratrix cum testamento annexo according to law.

This date 21st day of September A.D. 1896

John D. Taylor,
Clerk of the Superior Court,
New Hanover County.

New Hanover County - In the probate court,
State of North Carolina:

To all whom these presents shall come:
Greetings:

It being satisfactorily proven before
John D. Taylor, Clerk Superior Court, New Hanover
County that Dr. John D. Bellamy, late of said
County is dead having made and published
his last will and testament, and it appearing
that Eliza McElroy Bellamy is entitled to the
administration of the estate of said deceased, and
having qualified as administratrix, with the
said will annexed on the 21st day of September
1896, according to law:

Now these presents are to empower the said
Administratrix to enter in and upon all and singular
the goods, and chattels, rights and credits of said
deceased and the same to take into possession,
wherever to be found, and all the just debts of
the said deceased to pay and satisfy, and the residue
of said estate distribute according to law.

Witness my hand and seal of said court, this 21st
day of September - 1896 -

(Signed) John D. Taylor

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover:

I, M. J. Shaffer, Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached (six sheets) to be and constitute a true and correct copy and transcript of the last will and testament of John D. Bellamy deceased, and the probate thereon, as the same is taken from, and compared with the original on file in this office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, in office at Wilmington the 18th day of July 1923.

M. J. Shaffer.

State of North Carolina, a/c. Clerk Superior Court.
County of Brunswick:

It appearing to me undersigned for the certificate of M. J. Shaffer, Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the County of New Hanover, State aforesaid, that the foregoing is a true copy of the exemplification of the last Will and Testament of John D. Bellamy, deceased, on file in his office, and the proceedings in the probate thereof; and it is further appearing to me that the said will was duly executed in the manner and form required by law for the devises of real and personal property and that first appears upon the face of the foregoing exemplification and proof of said will.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by me that the foregoing copy or exemplification of the said will and probate be allowed filed and recorded in the same manner as if the original has been proved and duly proven and allowed before me This the 13th day of August 1923.

A. T. McReatham
Clerk Superior Court of
Brunswick County North

State of North Carolina: In the Superior Court
County of New Hanover: Before J. D. Taylor, Clerk.

In the matter of the administration:
of the Estate of Eliza M. Bellamy:

John D. Bellamy being duly sworn, doth say, that Eliza M. Bellamy, late of New Hanover County, died on the 18th day of October, 1907 leaving a last will and testament; and that John D. Bellamy the executor named therein, is the proper person entitled to letters testamentary on the estate of the said Eliza M. Bellamy. Further that the value of the personal effects of said estate as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application is about Seven hundred and fifty Dollars, and the real estate consists of several houses and lots in the City of Wilmington N.C., a tract of land in the County of Brunswick, and an interest in the Clarence Coal Field Co. Clarence, County N.C. and that Harriette Bellamy, W. J. H. Bellamy, Eliza Bellamy, Elean D. Bellamy, John D. Bellamy, George W. Bellamy, Robert H. Bellamy, Elsie D. Remes, and Elean D. Taylor are entitled as legatees and devisees thereto.

John D. Bellamy,
Swear to and subscribed
before me, this the 18th day
of November 1907

Jno. D. Taylor,
Clerk Superior Court,

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover:

I, M. J. Shaffer, Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached (six sheets) to be and constitute a true and correct copy and transcript of the last will and testament of John D. Bellamy deceased, and the probates thereto, as the same is taken from, and compared with the original on file in this office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, in open at Wilmington N.C. this the 18th day of July 1923.

M. J. Shaffer.

State of North Carolina, A. S. Clerk Superior Court.
County of Brunswick:

It appearing to me undersigned from the certificate of M. J. Shaffer, Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the County of New Hanover, State aforesaid, that the foregoing is a true copy of the exemplification of the last Will and Testament of John D. Bellamy, deceased, on file in his office, and the proceedings in the probate thereof; and it is further appearing to me that the said will was duly executed in the manner and form required by law for the devises of real and personal property and that first appears upon the face of the foregoing exemplification and probate of said will.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by me that the foregoing copy or exemplification of the said will and probate be allowed filed and recorded in the same manner as if the original has been proved and duly proven and allowed before me This the 13th day of August 1923.

A. T. McReath
Clerk Superior Court of
Brunswick County, North Carolina

State of North Carolina: In the Superior Court
County of New Hanover: Before J. D. Dainger, Clerk.

In the matter of the administration:
of the Estate of Eliza M. Bellamy:

John D. Bellamy being duly sworn, doth say, that Eliza M. Bellamy, late of New Hanover County, died on the 18th day of October, 1907 leaving a last will and testament; and that John D. Bellamy the executor named therein, is the proper person entitled to letters testamentary on the estate of the said Eliza M. Bellamy, further that the value of the personal effects of said estate as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application is about Seven hundred and fifty Dollars, and the real estate consists of several houses and lots in the City of Wilmington N.C., a tract of land in the County of Brunswick, and an interest in the Clarendon Coal Field Co. Clarendon, County N.C. and that Mandie Bellamy, W. G. H. Bellamy, Eliza Bellamy, Ellen D. Bellamy, John D. Bellamy, George W. Bellamy, Robert H. Bellamy, Elsie D. Barnes, and Eliza D. Dainger are entitled as legatees and devisees thereto.

John D. Bellamy
Sworn to and subscribed
before me, this the 18th day
of November 1907

Jno. D. Dainger,
Clerk Superior Court,

No. 355

my last will and testament:

Not knowing how soon I may die, I declare
this to be my last will and testament.
I give and bequeath to my beloved husband
John D. Bellamy, all the property I may leave
at my death both real and personal. During
his natural life, after the death of my said
husband, I give to my daughters who may
be unmarried at his death, an income of
Five hundred Dollars per annum, but should
either marry, the income of her marriage
shall cease, and such daughter shall be as
my other children, sharing only as they.
Should the net annual income of all my
property after paying all repairs, insurance
and expenses, exceed Five hundred Dollars
annually to each unmarried daughter, then
the annual excess shall be equally divided
among my other children or their descendants
then living; all my furniture shall remain
for the use of my daughters, then living
at the death of my husband.

Elijah M. Bellamy

wilmington N.C. Oct. 19th - 1881

I further add to and explain my will
Oct. 19th - 1881 -

after the death of my husband, I wish
my unmarried daughters to have in addition
to the Five hundred Dollars, per annum, to have
the use of the dwelling and premises where I
now reside during their natural lives free from
rent. Should they wish not to live together then
my Executor shall rent the house and premises
and pay over the net rent to said unmarried
daughters, covering taxes and house and
premises, this in addition to the Five hundred
Dollars each per annum.

I give all my wearing apparel to
my daughters.

I appoint all my executors

managing all her property devised and to see
that my daughters are protected in their rights.

Elijah M. Bellamy

This 7 May - 1892.

If my daughters wish to sell any
of houses and vacant lots in the southern
part of city, they can sell and use the money
at their discretion.

E. M. B.

At my death, if the plantation has
not been sold and the money already used
or invested, it must then be sold, and the
money equally divided between all my heirs
Nov. 12. 1904.

Elijah M. Bellamy

State of North Carolina, In Superior Court,
County of New Hanover,

Elijah D. Bellamy, being duly sworn;
deposes and says: That the annexed papers
writing without authorizing witnesses and
the same exhibits thereto attached purporting
to be the last will and testament of Elijah
M. Bellamy deceased was found among
the valuable papers of the said Elijah M.
Bellamy after his death.

Elijah D. Bellamy
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 1st day
of November, 1907.

John D. Taylor,
Clerk Superior Court.

Wilmington NC Nov. 14-1907

To - The Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County:-

We hereby renounce our rights to qualify as Executors of the last will and testament of Eliza M. Bellamy.

Marsden Bellamy
W. J. H. Bellamy
Robert H. Bellamy
Geo H. Bellamy

State of North Carolina: Superior Court;
County of Brunswick:

Marsden Bellamy W. J. H. Bellamy and Robert H. Bellamy being by me first duly sworn deponents and saying and each for himself, deposes and saith, that he is acquainted with the handwriting of the said Eliza M. Bellamy having often seen her write and truly believes that the name of the said Eliza M. Bellamy subscribed to her will and the three codicils attached thereto and the said will itself and the three said codicils and every part thereof, which is hereto attached, purporting to be the last will and testament of Eliza M. Bellamy are in the handwriting of the said Eliza M. Bellamy and that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Eliza M. Bellamy.

Marsden Bellamy
W. J. H. Bellamy
Robert H. Bellamy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 19th day of November 1907.

Jno. D. Taylor.
Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina: In the Superior County of New Hanover, Court:

a proper writing without subscribing witnesses purporting to be the last will and testament of Eliza M. Bellamy deceased with three codicils attached thereto is exhibited for probate in open court by John D. Bellamy and by the executors herein named, and it is thereupon proved by the oaths and examination of Eliza D. Bellamy that the said will and the three codicils thereto attached was found among the valuable papers of the said Eliza M. Bellamy after her death; and it is further proven by the oaths and examination of three competent and creditable witnesses:- to wit:

Marsden Bellamy W. J. H. Bellamy and Robert H. Bellamy, that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said Eliza M. Bellamy, having often seen her write and truly believe that the name of the said Eliza M. Bellamy subscribed to the said will and the three codicils thereto and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said Eliza M. Bellamy; and it further proves by the affidavits of the three last named witnesses that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Eliza M. Bellamy;

It is therefore, considered by the court that the said proper writing with the three codicils thereto attached to the last will and testament of the said Eliza M. Bellamy, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

and thereupon the said John D. Bellamy, executor, as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking oaths required by law, Marsden Bellamy, W. J. H. Bellamy, George H. Bellamy and Robert H. Bellamy, the four other executors named in said will having in writing filed their written renunciation of their right to qualify as executors.

This the 19th day of November A.D.