

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

In Re: Will of Luola M. Sprunt.

The paper writing hereto attached and purporting to be the last will and testament of Luola M. Sprunt, deceased, is exhibited by the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina, by James Lawrence Sprunt, one of the executors therein named, and thereupon, the following proof thereof is taken by the oath and examination of Charles Fisher and Shirley Carter, the Subscribing witnesses thereto, as appears from their depositions duly and properly taken under the orders of this Court and under commission issued by this Court, it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of this Court that the said will was executed by said Luola M. Sprunt in the City of Baltimore, Maryland, and that said witnesses to said will then and now resided and reside in the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland, said proof being as follows:

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J. Lawrence Sprunt, being duly sworn, deposes and says; That Luola M. Sprunt of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, is dead, leaving a last will and testament; which is herewith exhibited to the Court, in which said last will and testament she disposed of property in the County of New Hanover, and appointed

affiant, together with James Sprunt and Kenneth M. Murchison as executors; that the following persons, under the said will, are entitled to share in said estate as distributees and legatees, to-wit:

James Lawrence Sprunt.
Luola Murchison Hurkamp.
Charles H. Hurkamp, Jr.,
Jessie M. Carter,
Florence H. Kiddler,
John B. Murchison,
George C. Kiddler,
Marion Murchison Hurkamp,
Katherine Murchison Ellis,
Frances Ellis,
Katherine Murchison,
Aurèle de Mauriac Murchison,
Jane Murchison Ellis,
Kenneth M. Murchison,
James Sprunt,

That the said will was executed outside of the State of North Carolina to-wit, in the City of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, and that Charles Fisher and Shirley Carter are witnesses to said will. That both of said witnesses are residents and citizens of the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore, in said State.

That it is necessary that a commission be issued to some competent person to be selected by the Court, authorizing the said Commissioner to take the examination of the said witnesses to prove the said will.

Wherefore, This affiant, exhibiting the said will, for probate, respectfully request that an order may be made appointing a Commissioner to take the testimony of the said witnesses, and upon the coming in of the same that the said will may be admitted to probate.

James Lawrence Sprunt

Sworn and subscribed to before
me this 11th. day of March 1916.
W. N. Harris, Clerk Superior Court.

In The Superior Court: : Before The Clerk
of New Hanover County :

In Re: Will of Luola M. Sprunt.

To W. N. Harris, Clerk Superior Court
New Hanover County.

We, the undersigned, James Sprunt
and Kenneth M. Murchison, appointed
executors in and by the will of Luola M.
Sprunt, which has been exhibited to this
Court for probate, do hereby, each for our-
ves, solemnly renounce our right to qual-
ify as such executors, and request that a
resignation and renunciation be accepted
and that James Laurence Sprunt, the
executor named in said will, be appointed
by this Court as sole executor.

James Sprunt. (Clerk)
Kenneth M. Murchison.

Witness:

W. J. Bergen.
Leo B. Costin.

State of North Carolina. :
County of New Hanover. :

I, Dogier L. Latta, a Notary Public in
for the County of New Hanover and State
North Carolina, do hereby certify that Ja-
Sprunt, to me known and known by me
to be one of the persons who executed the
foregoing renunciation, personally ap-
peared before me this day and acknowledged
the due execution of the same by him for
purpose therein set forth.

Witness my hand and notarial seal at
Wilmington, North Carolina, this 15th

of March 1916.
(Notarial Seal)

Dogier Latta, Notary Public
Commission expires Sept. 3rd, 1916.

State of New York.
County of Erie.

I, Millard F. Bartlett, a notary Public in
and for the State of New York and County
of Erie, do hereby certify that Kenneth M.
Murchison, to me known and known by
me to be one of the persons who executed
the foregoing renunciation, personally
appeared before me this day and acknowledged
the due execution of the same by him for the
purposes therein set forth.

Witness my hand and notarial seal at
Buffalo, New York, this 24th day of March, 1916
(Notarial Seal)

Millard F. Bartlett, Notary Public
Commission expires March 30th, 1916.

State of North Carolina :
In The Superior Court of : Before The Clerk.
New Hanover County. :

No. 361

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A paper writing purporting to be the last
will and testament of Luola M. Sprunt, de-
ceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned
Clerk of the Superior Court of the County
of New Hanover, by J. Laurence Sprunt,
one of the executors therein mentioned
and it appearing to me, from the affidavit
of the said J. Laurence Sprunt, that it is
necessary in order to prove the said will,
that a commission issued out of this
Court to some competent person to take
the testimony of Charles Fisher and Shirley
Carter, witnesses to said will, and it further
being made to appear that the said will
was made out of this State and that

the witnesses reside out of this State, at
now.

Ordered and Adjudged: That a commission issue out of this Court to Augustus W. Bradford, Notary Public, 102 East Lexington Street, Baltimore, Maryland, authorizing, empowering and directing the said Augustus W. Bradford to summon before him the said Charles Fisher and Shirley Carter, witnesses to said will, to take their testimony relating to the due execution of the said will by the said Luola M. Sprunt; and to transcribe the testimony of said witnesses and certify the same to this Court, under his seal, in accordance with Law.

Dated this 11th day of March 1916.

W. N. Harriss, Clerk Superior Court
of New Hanover County

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To Augustus W. Bradford, Esq.
Greeting.

We, reposing special trust and confidence in your integrity, do authorize and empower you, to cause Charles Fisher and Shirley Carter to appear before you, at such time and place as you may appoint, and then on oath examine touching all such matters and things as they and each of them shall be of and concerning the execution of a certain paper writing dated June 29th, 1914, purporting to be the last will and testament of Luola M. Sprunt, which has been exhibited to this Court by James Laurence Sprunt, one of the executors therein named for probate, which said paper writing is hereto attached and exhibited. And the depositions of said Charles Fisher and Shirley Carter,

writing, by you so taken, the same to transmit, sealed with your seal, to our Superior Court for the County of New Hanover on or before the 22nd day of March 1916.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court at office in the City of Wilmington this 11th day of March 1916.
(Official Seal)

W. N. Harriss.
Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina :
In The Superior Court : Before The Clerk.
of New Hanover County :

In Re: Will of Luola M. Sprunt.

Pursuant to the annexed commission to me directed, I, Augustus W. Bradford, Commissioner, under the authority hereof on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1916, at 12 o'clock, at my office, No 102 East Lexington Street, in the City of Baltimore County of Baltimore and State of Maryland, proceeded to take the depositions of Charles Fisher and Shirley Carter, who being first duly sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, doth each for himself depose and say, as follows:

- Charles Fisher, being first duly sworn, doth depose and say:
- Q: What is your name, age and place of residence?
 - A: Charles Fisher age 35 years Residence Ruxton, Maryland.
 - Q: Where were you residing on the 29th day of June 1914?
 - A: Ruxton, Baltimore County Maryland.
 - Q: Did you know Luola M. Sprunt?
 - A: Yes Sir.
 - Q: In what City and State did she live?
 - A: Wilmington, North Carolina.
 - Q: Is she now living?

- A: No Sir, she is dead.
- Q: Do you know Shirley Carter, and did you know him June 29th, 1914, and if so, was he living at that time?
- A: I knew him he was living at Ruston Baltimore County, Md.
- Q: Did you ever see the paper writing exhibited herewith to you purporting to be the last will and testament of Luola M. Sprunt, and if so, when, where, and under what circumstances?
- A: Yes sir on June 29th 1914 at Ruston Baltimore Co. Md., at Mrs Luola M. Sprunt request.
- Q: Did you subscribe to the said paper writing as a witness thereto, and is the signature at the end of said paper writing purporting to be signed by you, your true and genuine signature?
- A: I did subscribe to the said paper writing thereto and the signature thereto is mine as a witness.
- Q: Did Luola M. Sprunt execute the said paper writing, and did you see her do so?
- A: Yes Sir.
- Q: Did the said Luola M. Sprunt declare the said paper writing to be her last will and testament at the time that she executed the same, and was this done prior to the time she subscribed the said paper writing?
- A: She did declare the paper writing to be her last will and testament which was prior to the time that she subscribed the said paper writing and after.
- Q: Did Shirley Carter subscribe to the said paper writing as a witness thereto, and is the signature at the end of said paper writing purporting to be his signature in his own handwriting, and is it a genuine signature?
- A: Yes.
- Q: Did the said Shirley Carter subscribe to the said paper writing in your presence?

and in the presence of the said Luola M. Sprunt?

- A: Yes Sir.
- Q: Did you and Shirley Carter subscribe to the said paper writing as witnesses in the presence of each other and in the presence and at the request of the said Luola M. Sprunt?
- A: Yes Sir.
- Q: Did the said Luola M. Sprunt, at the time of subscribing the said paper writing, declare the same to be her last will and testament in the presence of you and in the presence of Shirley Carter, and request you and the said Shirley Carter to attest the same as subscribing witnesses thereto?
- A: Yes Sir.
- Q: Was the said Luola M. Sprunt, at the time of subscribing to and executing the said will, of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was she under any restraint to your knowledge, information or belief?
- A: Said Luola M. Sprunt at the time of subscribing and executing the said will was of sound mind and memory in my opinion was of full age to execute a will and she was not under any restraint to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. And further this deponent saith not. Sworn and subscribed Charles Fisher before me this 15th day of March 1916.

Augustus W. Bradford,
Notary Public.

(Notarial Seal)

Shirley Carter, being first duly sworn, doth depose and say:

- Q: What is your name, age and place of residence?

- A: Shirley Carter age 45 years. Resident
Baltimore City and Puxton, Md.
- Q: Where were you residing on the 29th
day of June 1914?
- A: At Puxton Baltimore County Maryland
- Q: Did you know Luola M. Sprunt?
- A: Yes, very well.
- Q: In what City and State did she live?
- A: Wilmington, North Carolina.
- Q: Is she now living?
- A: No, she is dead.
- Q: Do you know Charles Fisher, and did
you know him June 29th, 1914, and if
so, where was he living at that time?
- A: I know him and knew him on June 29th
1914 he was living at that time at Puxton
Baltimore, Co Md.
- Q: Did you ever see the paper writing exhib-
ited herewith to you, purporting to be
the last will and testament of Luola M.
Sprunt, and if so, when, where, and under
what circumstances?
- A: Yes. I saw the paper writing purporting
to be the last will and testament of
Luola M. Sprunt on June 29th, 1914 at
Puxton Baltimore County Md. and at
that time Luola M. Sprunt was staying
at my house on her way to New York and
she asked me to be a witness to her will.
- Q: Did you subscribe to the said paper writ-
ing as a witness thereto, and is the sign-
ature at the end of said paper writing
purporting to be signed by you, your
true and genuine signature?
- A: Yes I subscribed to the said paper writing
as a witness thereto and the signature at
the end thereof is my true and genuine
signature.
- Q: Did Luola M. Sprunt execute the said
paper writing, and did you see her do it?
- A: Yes Luola M. Sprunt executed the said
paper writing in my presence and I
saw her do it.
- Q: Did the said Luola M. Sprunt declare

- the said paper writing to be her last
will and testament at the time that
she executed the same, and was this
done prior to the time that she subse-
ribed the said paper writing?
- A: Luola M. Sprunt did declare the said
paper writing to be her last will and
testament at the time she executed the
same and both before and after she had
subscribed her name thereto and prior
to the time that I subscribed thereto as
a witness.
- Q: Did Charles Fisher subscribe to the
said paper writing as a witness
thereto, and is the signature at the
end of said paper writing purporting
to be his signature in his own hand
writing, and is it his genuine sign-
ature?
- A: Charles Fisher subscribed to said paper
writing as a witness thereto and I saw
him subscribe his name and his
signature is in his own handwriting
and it is his genuine signature.
- Q: Did the said Charles Fisher subscribe
to the said paper writing in your
presence and the presence of the said
Luola M. Sprunt?
- A: Yes.
- Q: Did you and Charles Fisher subscribe
to the said paper writing as witnesses
in the presence of each other and in
the presence and at the request of the
said Luola M. Sprunt?
- A: Yes.
- Q: Did the said Luola M. Sprunt, at the
time of subscribing said paper writ-
ing declare the same to be her last
will and testament in the presence of
you and in the presence of Charles
Fisher, and request you and the said
Charles Fisher to attest the same as
subscribing witnesses thereto.
- A: Yes.

2: Was the said Luola M. Sprunt, at the time of subscribing to and executing the said will, of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was she under any restraint to your knowledge, information or belief?

A: The said Luola M. Sprunt at the time of subscribing to and executing the said will was of sound mind and memory and of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

And further this deponent saith not.

Shirley Carter.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of March 1916.

(Notarial Seal)

State of Maryland.
City of Baltimore.

I, Augustus W. Bradford, Notary Public and Commissioner, acting under and in pursuance of the power vested in me by the annexed commission, do hereby certify that the foregoing eight (8) sheets constitute the depositions of Charles Fisher and Shirley Carter, and were taken by me in my office, No. 102 East Lexington Street, in the City of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, on the 15th day of March, 1916, the said witnesses having been first sworn by me and that the questions propounded to said witnesses were read to them by me and their answers written down by me, and then read over to said witnesses, and were each subscribed before me at the time and place above mentioned.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 15th day of March, 1916.

(Notarial Seal)

Augustus W. Bradford
Notary Public

I, Luola Murchison Sprunt, of the City of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, in the State of North Carolina, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in the manner following that is to say:

(1) I give and bequeath unto my son James Laurence Sprunt, my solitaire diamond engagement ring, and my jewelled bracelet which was my wedding gift from my husband.

(2) I give and bequeath to my daughter-in-law Amoret Cameron Sprunt, my string of pearls, and my pearl and diamond ear-rings, and my diamond crown pin.

(3) I give and bequeath to my niece and namesake Luola Murchison Hurkamp, my large single stone diamond ring to be presented to her on her 18th birthday by her mother or guardians.

(4) I give and bequeath to my nephew Charles H. Hurkamp Jr. my princess ring, with pearl and two diamonds surrounded with small diamonds set therein.

(5) I give and bequeath to my sister Jessie M. Carter my ring set with two pear shaped and two round diamonds.

(6) I give and bequeath to Florence H. Kidder daughter of Mrs. George W. Kidder of Wilmington, North Carolina, my diamond chain.

(7) I give and bequeath to my son James Laurence Sprunt, my cousin John P. Murchison, George E. Kidder, and to the survivors and survivor of them, as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, one hundred and fifty (150) shares of the capital stock of The Murchison National Bank, of Wilmington, North Carolina, and one hundred and fifty (150) shares of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company standing upon the books of said Corporations in my name; in Trust nevertheless for the following purposes only: To hold