

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 De 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

the same and to collect the income thereon and to apply the net income, after dividing the said net income into two equal shares as near as may be, to the support, education and maintenance, respectively of my niece and namesake Luola Murchison Hirkamp and of my nephew Charles H. Hirkamp until each of them respectively shall reach the age of 25 years; and on the 25th birthday of my said nephew Charles H. Hirkamp Jr. my said Trustee or the survivors or survivor of them shall assign, transfer, and deliver, to said Charles H. Hirkamp Jr. Seventy five (75) shares of the capital stock of the Murchison National Bank, of Wilmington, North Carolina, and seventy five (75) shares of the capital stock of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co; and thereupon the Trust hereby created as to said Seventy five (75) shares of the stock of each of said corporations shall cease and determine; and upon the 25th birthday of my niece Luola Murchison Hirkamp, my said Trustee or the survivors or survivor of them shall assign, transfer and deliver, to said Luola Murchison Hirkamp Seventy five (75) shares of the capital stock of the Murchison National Bank, of Wilmington, North Carolina, and Seventy five (75) shares of the Capital stock of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, and thereupon the Trust hereby created as to said Seventy five (75) shares of the stock of each of said corporations shall cease and determine; but should my said niece or my said nephew die before reaching the age of 25 years then in that event the whole income which would be applied as hereinbefore directed shall be applied by my said Trustee or the survivors or survivor of them, to the education, and maintenance of the survivor of my said niece or nephew, and upon the 25th birthday of said surviving niece or nephew my said Trustee or the survivors or survivor of them shall assign, transfer, and deliver,

said surviving niece or nephew, the aforesaid (150) one hundred and fifty shares of the Capital stock of the Murchison National Bank, of Wilmington, North Carolina and the aforesaid one hundred and fifty (150) shares of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company; and thereupon the Trust created by this 7th clause of my last will and Testament shall cease and determine; but should neither my said nephew nor my said niece reach the age of 25 years, then in that event upon the death of the surviving niece or nephew, named in this 7th clause of my last will and Testament, my said Trustee or the survivors or survivor of them, shall assign, transfer, and deliver, to my sister Marion Murchison Hirkamp, the aforesaid one hundred and fifty (150) shares of the Capital stock of the Murchison National Bank, and the aforesaid one hundred and fifty (150) shares of the stock of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, should my said sister then be living; but should my said sister Marion Murchison Hirkamp, then be dead, then and in that event, my said Trustee shall assign, transfer, and deliver, all the (300) three hundred shares of stock heretofore mentioned, to my son James Laurence Sprunt, if he should then be living, or if then dead, to whomsoever he shall appoint by his last will and testament; and when my said Trustee or the survivors or survivor of them shall have assigned, transferred and delivered all of the aforesaid stock as hereinabove directed then the Trust created by this 7th clause of my last will and Testament shall cease and determine.

(8) I give and bequeath to my son James Laurence Sprunt, my cousin John D. Murchison and George E. Kidder, and to the survivors or survivor of them, as joint

tenants in common, the sum of twenty
 thousand (\$20,000) dollars, in Trust, nevertheless
 for the following purposes only; To use
 the same in some safe securities, and to
 divide the same into four equal shares,
 share alike or near as may be, and to pay
 each of said four shares, of the value
 \$5,000 each separately; and to collect the
 income therefrom, and to apply the net
 income from two (2) of said equal shares
 to the support, education or maintenance
 of my nieces Katherine Murchison Ellis
 and Frances Ellis, respectively, until each
 of them shall reach the age of 25 years or
 marry, whichever shall first happen, and
 as soon as each of my said nieces shall reach
 the age of 25 years, or shall marry, my
 said Trustees or the survivors or survivor
 of them shall pay over to each of them the
 principal or corpus of one of said equal
 shares with any net income accrued thereon,
 and to apply the net income from the remain-
 ing two (2) equal shares to the support,
 education, or maintenance of my two
 nieces Katherine Murchison, and Aurelie de Mauriac
 Murchison, respectively until each of them
 shall reach the age of 25 years or shall
 marry, whichever shall first happen, or
 as soon as each of my said nieces shall
 reach the age of twenty five (25) years,
 or shall marry, my said Trustees, or the
 survivors or survivor of them, shall pay over
 to each of my said nieces last above men-
 tioned the principal or corpus of one of said
 shares with any net income accrued thereon,
 and should either of my said nieces Katherine
 Murchison Ellis or Frances Ellis, die be-
 fore reaching the age of 25 years or marry-
 ing then and in that event the whole of the
 net income from the two shares first in this
 clause of my will mentioned shall be ap-
 plied to the support, education, or main-
 tenance of the survivor of them, until she
 arrive at the age of 25 years or shall

shall marry, and thereupon, whichever shall
 first happen, my said Trustees or the sur-
 vivors or survivor of them, shall pay over to
 said surviving niece, either Katherine
 Murchison Ellis or Frances Ellis the whole
 corpus or principal of the (2) two shares
 first in this clause of my will mentioned
 with any net income accrued thereon;
 and should either of my said nieces
 Katherine Murchison, or Aurelie de Mauriac
 Murchison, die before reaching the age of
 25 years or marriage then and in that
 event the whole of the net income from
 the (2) two shares secondly in this clause
 of my will mentioned shall be applied
 to the education, and maintenance, of the
 survivor of them, until she shall arrive
 at the age of Twenty Five (25) years or
 shall marry, and thereupon whichever
 shall first happen, my said Trustees
 or the survivors or survivor of them,
 shall pay over to said surviving niece,
 either Katherine Murchison or Aurelie de Ma-
 uriac Murchison, the whole corpus or
 principal of the (2) two shares secondly
 mentioned in this clause of my will,
 with any net income accrued thereon,
 but should both of my said nieces Kath-
 erine Murchison Ellis, and Frances
 die before reaching the age of 25 years or
 marriage, then and in that event the
 corpus or principal of the two shares
 first mentioned in this clause of my
 will with any accrued net income there-
 on, shall be paid to my sister Jane Mur-
 chison Ellis, if she shall then be living,
 upon the death of her surviving daughter;
 but should my said sister then be dead
 then and in that event, the corpus or
 principal of the two shares, first in this
 clause of my will mentioned, with any
 accrued net income, shall be paid over
 to my son James Lawrence I spent,
 should he then be living, but if then

dead, then the same shall be paid over to whomever my said son shall name for that purpose in his last will and testament; and should both of my nieces, Hattie Murchison, and Aurelia deMauriac Murchison, die before reaching the age of 25 years of marriage, then and in that event the co- or principal of the two shares secondly mentioned in this clause of my will with any accrued net income thereon, shall be paid over to my brother Kenneth M. Murchison, if he shall then be living, upon the death of his surviving daughter, but should my said brother then be dead, then and in that event, the same shall be paid over to my son James Laurence Sprunt should then be living, but should my said son then be dead, then the same shall be paid over to whomever my said son shall name for that purpose in his last will and testament.

(4) I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved husband James Sprunt, the lot of land and house and other improvements thereon in the city of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, in the State of North Carolina, known as lot No. 400 Front Street South, where I now live; my house and lands and houses thereon situated in Brunswick County North Carolina, known as Orion, or Orion Plantation; together with all furniture and all other personal property contained in the houses and improvements on the lands and lots hereinabove mentioned or which may be appurtenant thereto in connection therewith; for and during the term of his natural life; and from and immediately after the death of my said husband, I give devise and bequeath to my son James Laurence Sprunt, my said lands and houses thereon, known as 400 Front Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, in the State

North Carolina; and my lot of land and house thereon situate at Wrightsville Beach, in the State of North Carolina, together with all the personal property contained in said houses or on said lots of land and the time of my death, absolutely; and from and immediately after the death of my husband James Sprunt, I give devise and bequeath to my said son James Laurence Sprunt for and during the term of his natural life my lands and houses thereon situated on the Cape Fear River in Brunswick County, in the State of North Carolina, known as Orion or Orion Plantation, containing 10,000 acres of land more or less, together with the use of all the furniture and all other personal property contained in the houses or on said lands, at the time of my death, for and during the term of his natural life, and from and immediately after the death of my said son James Laurence Sprunt, I give, devise and bequeath said Orion Plantation consisting of the lands and houses above mentioned and the personal property contained therein or being thereon, to any child if only one, or to any children if more than one, of my said son James Laurence Sprunt, absolutely in fee simple forever, if said child or said children shall be living at the time of the death of my said son James Laurence Sprunt, but should my said son die without leaving any child or children of his living at the time of his death, and without leaving any grand-child living at the time of his (my son's) death, then and in that event from and immediately after the death of my said son James Laurence Sprunt, I give, devise and bequeath to John R. Murchison my cousin and George C. Kidder, the son of George W. Kidder of Wilmington North Carolina, all the lands and houses thereon situate

on the Cape Fear River, in Brunswick County in the State of North Carolina, as Orton, or Orton Plantation, containing 10,000 acres more or less, as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, and the survivor of them, in trust nevertheless for the following: To hold the same and all the personal property contained thereon or being thereon, and to collect the rents and income therefrom, and to apply the net income to the use and benefit of Katherine Murchison Ellis, Francis Ellis, daughters of my sister Jane Murchison; Katherine Murchison, and Aurelie de Marillac Murchison, the two daughters of my brother Kenneth M. Murchison; Luella Murchison Hurlkamp and Charles H. Hurlkamp Jr., children of my sister Marion Murchison Hurlkamp; and my sister Jessie M. Carter, share and share alike until the youngest of my said nieces shall have reached the age of twenty one (21) years then and in that event or if my said son James Laurence Sprunt, should die without leaving any issue of his surviving, and the youngest of my said nieces should have reached the age of 21 years at the time of my said son's death, the trust hereby created by this clause of my will shall cease and determine, and I do devise and bequeath all the lands and thereon, and all the personal property on known as Orton Plantation aforesaid situate in Brunswick County in the State of North Carolina, containing 10,000 acres of land more or less, unto and to all of my nieces and nephews hereinabove named and to my sister Jessie M. Carter, as tenants in common in fee simple forever absolutely, and in case any of my aforesaid nieces or nephews should die leaving child or children her or him surviving such child or children shall take the share the parent or parents would have

if living; and it is my will that during the continuance of the trust hereby created that my trustees nor the survivor of them, nor their successors in the trust shall not sell or otherwise dispose of any of the lands included in Orton or Orton Plantation, nor shall the timber on said lands be cut, worked, rented, or interfered with in any way.

(10) All the rest residue and remainder of my property and estate, real and personal, of every kind, nature, and description and wheresoever situated and to which I may in any manner be entitled at the time of my death, I give, devise, and bequeath to my son James Laurence Sprunt, absolutely.

(11) To enable my trustees to carry out the trust created by this my last will and testament I hereby confer upon them all powers necessary and proper to that end, including the power to sell and invest and reinvest the trust funds without requiring the purchaser to see to the application of the purchase money, except that they shall not have such power to sell as respect Orton Plantation or anything thereon or therein.

(12) I hereby constitute and appoint my husband James Sprunt, my son James Laurence Sprunt, and my brother Kenneth M. Murchison, and the survivor of them, to be the executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills and codicils by me heretofore at any time any time made; and I hereby confer upon my said executors and the survivors or survivor of them all powers necessary and proper to enable them to carry out their duties; and it is my will that they be not required to give any bond.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day

June in the year 1914.

Luola Murchison Sprunt
(Deceased)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named testatrix, as and for her last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at her request, in her presence, in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Charles Fisher.
Shirley Carter.

And thereupon, it is considered and adjudged by the Court; That the said paper writing and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of Luola M. Sprunt, deceased, and has been duly and properly proven, and it is ordered that the same with the foregoing examinations and certificate be recorded and filed; and thereupon.

The written renunciation of James Sprunt and Kenneth M. Murchison of their rights to qualify as executors in the said will, having been produced and exhibited to the Court; and the Court being of the opinion that the said James and Kenneth M. Murchison have duly renounced their rights to qualify, and James Sprunt, the other executor named in said will, having been duly sworn according to law, thereupon duly qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Luola M. Sprunt; deceased.

This 27th day of March 1916.

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

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

You swear that you believe this writing to be and contain the last will and testament of Luola M. Sprunt and that you will well and truly execute the same by first paying her debts and then her 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 executor agreeably to the trust and confidence reposed in you according to law: So help me God.

James Laurence Sprunt
Sworn and subscribed before
me this 27th day of March 1916.

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

State of North Carolina:
County of New Hanover:

I, W. N. Harris, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached to be and constitute a true and correct copy of the last will and Testament of Luola M. Sprunt; and the proceedings in the probate thereof as the same is taken from and compared with the originals on file in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, in office at Wilmington, North Carolina, this 20th day of February, 1924.

W. N. Harris
(Seal)
Clerk Superior Court
New Hanover County, North Carolina

State of North Carolina:
County of Brunswick:

It appearing to the undersigned from the certificate of W. N. Harris, 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 Luola M. Sprunt, deceased, on file in the office, and the proceedings in the probate thereof; and it further appearing to me that the said Will was duly executed in the manner and form required by law for the devise of real and personal property and that fact 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 had been produced and duly proven and allowed before me.

This the 20 day of February, 1924.

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

State of North Carolina.
Brunswick County.

No. 362

This is my last will, I give bequeath and devise to my wife, Josephine Meares in complete and perfect ownership, all my rights and property of every kind and nature, whether real or personal or mixed, wherever situated, appointing her executrix of my estate without bond and giving her full power thereof.

A. C. Meares.

This Aug. 10th 1921.

Signed, sealed, Published and declared by the said A. C. Meares 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 there.

L. D. Long.

T. M. Hickman

Filed June 9, 1924.

A. T. McKeitham C.S.C.

North Carolina, } In the Superior Court
Brunswick County } Before the Clerk.

In the matter of the Will of A. C. Meares deceased.

The paper writing hereto attached and purporting to be the last will and testament of A. C. Meares, deceased, is exhibited before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina, by Josephine Meares, the executrix herein named, and thereupon the following proof thereof is taken by the oath and examination of L. D. Long and T. M. Hickman, the subscribing witnesses thereto, as follows: