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State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
Brunswick County }

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Valentine Smith deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Henry L. Laison the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Valentine Smith by the oath and examination of Mr. H. Bellamy and J. Willard Bellamy the subscribers witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself doth swear and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Valentine Smith that the said Valentine Smith in the presence of this defendant subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1906.

And the defendant further saith, that the said Valentine Smith 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 defendant did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will, a man attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testator.

And this defendant 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 defendant subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Valentine Smith 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 defendant. And further these defendant say not.

Geo. H. Bellamy  
J. Willard Bellamy

Severally sworn and subscribed, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1908, before me.

R. S. Newton,  
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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 Valentine Smith deceased. Let the said Will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1908.

R. S. Newton,  
Clerk Superior Court.

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County of Brunswick

I, Valentine Smith 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.

My executor, hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, 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.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Miriam Smith, all my property both personal and real, and at her death to my adopted daughters, Maggie Victoria Lay and Anna Florence Lay.

And whereas my said above named adopted daughters are minors; Now therefore my will and desire is that my trusty friend Henry L. Laison be and is hereby constituted and appointed Testamentary guardian (with tools) of the said above named adopted daugh-

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gters; and to hold the custody of their estate until they shall arrive at the full age of twenty one years. I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Henry S. Laison my lawful executor (with bond) 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 fact & clause thereof, hereby revoking & declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

I witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1906.

Valentine Smith Esq.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Valentine Smith 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.

Geo. H. Bellamy.  
J. Willard Bellamy.

No. 144

State of North Carolina. In the Superior Court  
Brunswick County : Before the Clerk.

In the matter of the administration }  
of the estate of Frederic }  
Kidd, deceased.

Donald MacRae and E. S. Martin being duly sworn and a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Frederic Kidd, deceased, late of the Said County of Brunswick, bearing date the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1906, having been exhibited and shown to them, do severally and each for himself de- pose and say as follows, to wit:

That he is one of the subscribing witnesses to the Said paper writing now exhibited to him and purporting to be the last will and testament of the Said Frederic Kidd, and that the Said Frederic Kidd subscribed his name at the end of Said paper writing in the presence of this official and the other subscribing witness; that the Said Frederic Kidd did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the Said paper writing to be his last will and testament, and this official did thereupon, at the request of the Said Frederic Kidd, subscribe his name at the end of Said paper writing as an attesting witness thereto, in the presence of the Said Frederic Kidd and the other subscribing witness.

This affiant further says that the Said Frederic Kidd was at the time of subscribing the Said will, of sound and disposing mind and memory, and of full age to make a will.

Donald MacRae  
E. S. Martin.