

State of North Carolina
 Know all men by these presents that
 I Walter G. Curtis of the County of Brunswick
 and State aforesaid, being of sound
 and disposing mind do make publish
 and declare this my last will and tes-
 tament hereby revoking all other and
 former wills by me at any time here-
 tofore made. I give bequeath and de-
 vise all of my real and personal prop-
 erty of what soever kind and wherever
 situated to my wife Margaret Johnston
 Curtis, for her separate use benefit and
 control during the period of her natural
 life and after the death of my said
 wife I give bequeath and devise all of
 my said real and personal property and
 estate unto my three sons, Clarence
 Walter Curtis, Nathaniel Cortland
 Curtis and Howard Coit Curtis and to
 their heirs in absolute fee simple, to be
 divided between them equally, share
 and share alike.

I authorize, empower and direct my
 executor hereinafter named by and with
 the written consent of my said wife
 to sell, transfer and dispose of any of
 my real or personal property which
 in his discretion seemeth best for the
 interest of the estate and to deliver to
 the purchaser or purchasers thereof
 good and sufficient deeds in fee sim-
 ple or otherwise and the proceeds aris-
 ing from such a sale or sales I direct
 my executor to reinvest in such man-
 ner as may to him seem best and to
 pay over to my said wife all the income
 from such investments for her separate
 use and benefit during the term of her
 natural life and after her death then
 to pay over both principal and interest
 and all unexpended income from such
 reinvestments unto my said three sons
 to be divided between them share and share

alike. As it is my wish that my li-
 brary should not be divided or sold
 at a sacrifice. I authorize my executor
 when the time arrives for the final di-
 vision of my estate among my three sons
 as aforesaid, that my said library shall
 go to one of them at a fair valuation, as
 part of his equal share of my estate and
 my executor is hereby directed to carry
 out this provision of my will in such
 manner as shall seem to him just and
 equitable. I nominate and appoint
 my son Clarence Walter Curtis to be the
 executor of this my last will and
 testament without bond.
 In testimony whereof, I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal this 27th day of
 January 1894.

W. G. Curtis Esq.

Signed and declared by the said Walter
 G. Curtis, as and for his last will and
 testament in the presence of us who at
 his request in his presence and in the
 presence of each other, have hereunto
 subscribed our names as witnesses.

W. E. Guthrie

J. A. Buant.

State of North Carolina
 County of Brunswick

Cuthport

July 29, 1904

In the name of God Amen!
 I W. G. Curtis being of sound and
 disposing mind and memory, full
 knowing the uncertainty of human
 life do make and ordain this Cod-
 icil to my last will and Testament
 hereby ratifying and confirming all
 the provisions of the aforesaid will ex-
 cept as hereinafter mentioned.
 I hereby revoke the appointment of
 my son Walter Clarence Curtis as

Executor of the foregoing will and Testament and appoint my son Howard Coit Curtis as executor with my wife Margaret J. Curtis and in the final distribution of my estate I hereby ordain the following as a final distribution of my said estate to wit:

The rest and residue of my said estate shall be divided equally among my three sons except that from the share of my son Walter Clarence Curtis shall be deducted the sum of one thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars which shall be added share and share alike among my two sons Nathaniel Cortlandt Curtis and Howard Coit Curtis and the sum remaining after deducting this one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars aforesaid shall be paid over to my son Walter Clarence Curtis as his share of my said estate and I hereby desire to explain that this deduction of one thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars from the share of my son Walter Clarence Curtis is made for the reason that I have been obliged to borrow and mortgage my estate to secure the payment of the debt for his benefit and as he has not paid the mortgages or any part or preparation of them and has left it to pay them to my other sons Cortlandt and Howard it is therefore just and right that they should be reimbursed for their payment at the expense of my son Walter Clarence Curtis.

The Executors herein mentioned shall not be required to give bond.

W. G. Curtis (Seal)

Signed and sealed in the presence of and at the request of the said Testator who in our presence acknowledged the same to be his

and for the purpose above mentioned
M. C. Guthrie
J. D. Stuart

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Wilmington
A paper purporting to be the last Will & Codicil of the said W. G. Curtis deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Mr. M. J. Curtis & N. C. Curtis the executors therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said W. G. Curtis by the oath and examination of M. C. Guthrie and J. D. Stuart the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and say and each for himself, depose and oath that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of W. G. Curtis that the said W. G. Curtis in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 29th day of July 1904.
And the Deponent Further Saith, That the said W. G. Curtis 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 & Codicil 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 & Codicil as aforesaid at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness