

Last Will and Testament of G. W. Mordecai

State of North Carolina }
Wake County } In the Probate Court

A script without subscribing witness thereto purporting to be the last Will and Testament of George W. Mordecai deceased, of the County aforesaid, and alleged to be altogether in his proper hand writing, which said script is in the following words and figures, to wit:

I George W. Mordecai of the County of Wake, State of North Carolina, being sound and disposing mind and memory do make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

First I desire my body to be buried in a plain decent manner in the lot which I purchased in the new cemetery near Raleigh, unless my wife should desire it to be deposited elsewhere, in which case her wishes are to be consulted.

Secondly I desire all my just debts to be paid, which are very few and of which as well as of my property, I leave a memorandum accompanying this Will.

Thirdly I give and desire to my sisters Ellen and Emma Mordecai and to the survivor of them and the heirs of such survivor, The House and Lot I purchased in the city of Richmond Virginia on sixth below Leigh Street. It was purchased for the benefit of my mother and her family, and they have enjoyed the benefit ever since its purchase, my said sisters having received the rents thereof since the death of my mother.

Fourthly I give to my niece Mrs. Ellen Mordecai of Raleigh, Three thousand dollars in money and to each of her children Margaret and Samuel T. Mordecai, One thousand dollars.

Fifthly I give to each of the children of my nephew Henry Mordecai, who may be living

at my death and to each of the children of my brother Augustus, and of my sister Eliza who may be living, the sum of One hundred dollars to purchase from articles of my affections.

Sixthly I give to my brother Alfred Mordecai of Philadelphia, One thousand dollars.

Seventhly Having recently purchased the property lately of belonging to John Devereux near Raleigh, on which his family now reside, and being anxious to secure a home for my niece Margaret Devereux and her family, I give the same, reserving there from that part of the land lying east of the present road leading to the houses and of the fence I recently put up across the grove, to my nephew Thomas P. Devereux, his heirs and assigns in trust to hold the same for the sole use and benefit of his Mother Margaret Devereux for the and during the joint lives of herself and her husband, and should she survive her husband, then for the use of his said mother during her life, but should her husband survive her, then for his use during his life, and after the death of the said John and Margaret Devereux, then for the use of such of the children of the said John and Margaret Devereux as may be living at the death of the survivor of them, with full power and authority on the part of the said Thomas P. Devereux to sell and dispose of the same or any part thereof by and with the consent of the said John and Margaret or of the survivor, and the money arising from such sale to invest by and with their consent or the consent of the survivor, in such other real or personal property as he and they may think proper the property so purchased to be held for the same purposes and on the same trusts as are hereby declared as to said property.

Natural Insurance Company, the life of John Devaux for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars. I request my executor to keep up said Insurance by paying the annual premiums thereon, if she thinks my means will justify her in so doing and to transfer said Policy to the five daughters of said John Devaux, viz. Annie Kate, Margaret, Laura and Mary Livingston Devaux, but if she cannot keep same as above directed, and request John Devaux to keep the same renewed.

Ninthly I give to my nephew George W. Mordecai for the gray horse, saddle and bridle now in his possession my gold watch and gold watch chain, and Five Hundred Dollars in money.

Tenthly Owing to the severe losses I have sustained by the war, I am unable to make such provisions as I desired for the various members of my family and I trust they will not attribute any omission to my inability, and not to want of affection or inclination to do so.

Eleventhly I desire that the debt due me by the Messrs. Nash of Hillsboro shall not be collected so long as they continue to pay the interest thereon regularly, unless circumstances should render it necessary to do so.

Twelfthly I have a judgment in Wake Superior Court against Lewis W. Peck for \$5438³⁴/₁₀₀ on which partial payments have been made in land and money, but leaving \$3635⁸⁵/₁₀₀ still due. I have purchased under execution on said judgment part of Lot No. 176 in the City of Raleigh in the corner of Wilmington and Newborn Streets and have agreed to convey all my interest in said Lot to Mrs. Mary B. Peck wife of said Lewis W. Peck or her trustee, on receiving the additional sum of Two Thousand Dollars with interest at 8 percent from 1 January 1870, which I agree to pay in full satisfaction of said judgment, and

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on payment of said sum. I desire my executor to convey said Lot to said Mary B. Peck or her trustee.

All the rest of my property, not herein before disposed of, of what ever kind and description, or wheresoever situated, I give, desire and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret B. Mordecai, her heirs and assigns and I hereby constitute my said wife sole executor of this my ~~last~~ will, and in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seals, this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy.

Geo. W. Mordecai
Is pronounced for probate as the such last will and testament, and the same is duly proven by the following persons each of whom is of lawful age, to wit Charles Dewey, John Devaux, Paul Cannon and Wm E. Anderson, who being duly sworn do depose and say and each one, for himself doth depose and say that he is acquainted with the hand writing of the said George W. Mordecai, and that the said script and every part thereof is in the proper hand, writing of the said George W. Mordecai. And the said Charles Dewey, John Devaux, Paul Cannon and Wm E. Anderson, do further depose and say that the said script was found on the fourth day after the decease of the said George W. Mordecai among his valuable papers and effects.

C. Dewey Seal
J. Devaux Seal
P. C. Cannon Seal
W. E. Anderson Seal

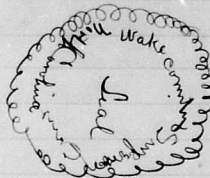
Sworn and subscribed
before me, this the 9th
day of March 1871

J. N. Bunting Probate Judge

North Carolina

Wake County

Chas. D. Upchurch Clerk
of the Superior Court do hereby Certify that
the foregoing is a full true and perfect Copy
of the Last Will and Testament of W.
Worcester deceased as appears of record
and now on file in my office



In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said
Court at office in Raleigh this
23rd day of March A.D. 1889
Chas. D. Upchurch
Clerk Superior Court Wake Co.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior
Buncombe County. } Court.

A paper purporting to be the Last
Will and Testament of Abraham Stevenson decd.
is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of Court
for said County, by the execut therein
mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said

by the oath and examination of J. M. Young
the subscribing witness thereto: who being duly sworn,
doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and
saith, that he is subscribing witness to the paper-
writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will
and Testament of Abraham Stevenson, that the said
Abraham Stevenson, in the presence of this deponent,
subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing
which now shown as aforesaid, and which bore date
of the day of 1888

And the deponent further saith, That the said
Abraham Stevenson 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 as an attesting witness thereto,
and at the request and in the presence of the
testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the

said time when the said testator subscribed
his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and
at the time of deponent's subscribing his name
as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid,
the said Abraham Stevenson 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
deponent. And further these deponents
say not

J. M. Young Seal

Severally sworn and subscribed this 23rd
day of April 1888. before me
W. F. Reynolds

March 16 1889

I Abraham Stevenson of the County of
Buncombe and State of N. Carolina being of
sound mind but weak body and believing
that I have only a few days to live I do
make and adopt this my last will and
Testament first I leave my son David
Stevenson my executor believing he will
carry out my will, second I wish my executor
have my body buried in a decent & Christian
manner after my death then I leave to my
wife Mary Stevenson all my personal prop-
erty to be hers absolutely also I leave her
my land on which I lived being all the
land I own to be hers during her natural
life then after her death I will said
land to my son David Stevenson and
his heirs or assigns for ever from under
my hand and seal the day and date
above written signed in the presence

J. M. A. Burghin.
J. M. Young

Abraham Stevenson Seal