

I, Carl J. Wezen, of the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle and State of Delaware, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills heretofore made by me.

I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my Executrix hereinafter named, as soon as conveniently may be done after my decease.

I give, devise and bequeath all my estate, real, personal and mixed of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situated unto my beloved wife, Augusta A. Wezen, to her, her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

I nominate constitute and appoint my said wife, Augusta A. Wezen, Executrix of this my last will and testament, and it is my will that she shall not be required to give bond as such Executrix.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have to this my last will and testament set my hand and affixed my seal, this 8th day of November, A. D., 1901.

Carl J. Wezen, (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and published and declared by the above named testator as and for his last will and testament, in our presence, who at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses the day and year last aforesaid.

William S. Prickett.

Asa Walter Griffith.

North Carolina,) In the Superior Court.
Catawba County.) Before the Clerk.

In the Matter of Probating the Will)
of Carl J. Wezen, Deceased.) Affidavit.

Augusta A. Wezen, the person who exhibits in open Court the paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Carl J. Wezen, deceased and applies to have the same admitted to probate being first duly sworn doth deposes and say:-

1. That Carl J. Wezen, late of Catawba County, North Carolina, died in Hickory, in said County and State on the second day of November, A. D., 1903, leaving a Last Will and Testament which is herewith exhibited and that affiant is the sole legatee and devisee under said will.

2. That the property left by the said Carl J. Wezen, deceased, is several Hundred Dollars in money on deposit in the First National Bank of Hickory, N. C., and Two Insurance Policies on his life issued by the Prudential Insurance Company of America and payable to his estate, said policies approximating Fifteen Hundred dollars, (\$1500.00) and being in the possession of the affiant at Hickory, in said County and State.

3. That affiant, who is the only person entitled to said property resides at Hickory, Catawba County, North Carolina.

4. That said will was made and executed at Wilmington, in the State of Delaware on the 8th day of November, 1901 and the witnesses thereto are William S. Prickett, now residing at Wilmington, in the State of Delaware and Asa Walter Griffith now residing at Alleghany, in the State of Pennsylvania.

WHEREFORE, affiant prays that a commission may issue from the Superior Court of Catawba County to some suitable person selected by the Court and residing in the City of Wilmington, State of Delaware authorizing the Commissioner therein named to take the examination of the said William S. Prickett, touching the execution of the said Will and that another commission issue to some suitable person selected by the Court residing in the State of Pennsylvania and the City of Alleghany, authorizing the Commissioner therein named to take the examination of Asa Walter Griffith touching the execution of the said Will and for any other and further relief to which affiant may be entitled under this affidavit.

Augusta A. Wezen.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 16th day of November A. D. 1903.

Witness my hand and official seal,

E. B. Cline, N. P.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

North Carolina,) In the Superior Court.

Catawba County.) Before the Clerk.

In the Matter of the Probating of the)

Will of Carl J. Wezen, Deceased.) O R D E R.

Upon reading the foregoing affidavit, this day filed, it is adjudged and ordered by the Court that a Commission issue from the Court to George W. Todd, of Wilmington, Delaware, authorizing and empowering him to take the deposition of William S. Prickett a witness to the paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Carl J. Wezen, deceased, touching the execution of the same and that a commission also issue to J. V. Schrock of Alleghany, Pennsylvania, authorizing and empowering him to take the deposition of Asa Walter Griffith a witness to the said paper writing, touching the execution thereof, and that the said commissions with the examinations of the said witnesses, be returned into this Court for an adjudication thereon according to law.

Done at Office in Newton, Catawba County, North Carolina, this 16th day of November, A. D., 1903.

L. H. Phillips, C. S. C.
Catawba County, N. C.

To George W. Todd, Wilmington, Delaware, GREETING:@

WE, reposing special trust and confidence in your integrity, do authorize and empower you to cause William S. Prickett, to appear before you at such time and place as you may appoint, and him under oath to examine touching all such matters and things as he shall know of and concerning the execution by Carl J. Wezen, late of Catawba County, North Carolina, of a certain paper writing purporting to be his last will and Testament, executed by him on the 8th day of November, A. D., 1901, and the deposition in writing by you so taken, the same to transmit, sealed with your seal, to the Clerk of our Superior Court,

WITNESS, the signature of L. H. Phillips, Clerk and the seal of said Court, at office in Newton, North Carolina, this the 16th day of Nov. A. D., 1903.

L. H. Phillips, C. S. C.
Catawba County, N. C.

North Carolina,) In the Superior Court,

Catawba County.) Before the Clerk.

In the Matter of the Probating of the)

Will of Carl J. Wezen, Deceased.) DEPOSITION.

Pursuant to the annexed Commission to me directed, I, Geo. W. Todd, Commissioner, under authority thereof, on the 23rd day of November, A. D., 1903, at 2.30 o'clock, P. M., at the office of William S. Prickett, Market and Ninth Streets and City of Wilmington County of New Castle, State of Delaware proceeded to take the deposition of William S. Prickett one of the subscribing witnesses to a certain paper writing now exhibited to me, purporting to be the last Will and testament of Carl J. Wezen, deceased, that the said Carl J. Wezen in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 8th day of November, A. D. 1901. and the said deponent further saith that the said Carl J. Wezen, Testator as aforesaid did at the same 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 of and in the presence of the said 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 the deponent subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Carl J. Wezen 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 this deponent saith not.

William S. Prickett.

The foregoing deposition of William S. Prickett was sworn to and subscribed before me at the time and place mentioned above.

This 23rd day of November, A. D., 1903.

George W. Todd (SEAL)
Commissioner.

TO J. V. Schrock, Alleghany, Pennsylvania, GREETING:

WE, reposing special trust and confidence in your integrity, do authorize and empower you to cause Asa Walter Griffith to appear before you at such time and place as you may appoint, and him under oath to examine touching all such matters and things as he shall know of and concerning the execution by Carl J. Wezen, late of Catawba County, North Carolina, of a certain paper writing purporting to be his last will and testament, executed by him on the 8th day of November, 1901, and the deposition in writing by you so taken, the same to transmit, sealed with your seal, to the Clerk of our Superior Court.

WITNESS, L. H. Phillips, Clerk And the seal of said Court, at office in Newton, N. C. this the 16th day of November, A. D., 1903

L. H. Phillips, C. S. C.
Catawba County, N. C.

North Carolina,) In the Superior Court.
Catawba County.) Before the Clerk.

In the Matter of the Probating of the)
Will of Carl J. Wezen, Deceased.) DEPOSITION.

Pursuant to the annexed Commission to me directed, I, J. V. Schrock Commissioner, under authority thereof, on the 27th day of November, A. D., 1903, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at the office of Carnegie Street Co., 88 Rebecca Street, and City of Alleghany, County of Alleghany, State of Pennsylvania proceeded to take the deposition of Asa Walter Griffith one of the subscribing witnesses to a certain paper writing now exhibited to me, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Carl J. Wezen, deceased and he the said Asa Walter Griffith being first duly sworn to speak the truth of and concerning the said paper writing and the execution thereof, deposes and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Carl J. Wezen, deceased, that the said Carl J. Wezen, in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 8th day of November, A. D., 1901.

And the said deponent further saith that the said Carl J. Wezen, Testator as 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 of and in the presence of the said 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 the deponent subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Carl J. Wezen 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 this deponent saith not.

Asa Walter Griffith.

The foregoing deposition of Asa Walter Griffith was sworn to and subscribed before me at the time and place mentioned above.

This 27th day of November, A. D., 1903.

J. V. Schrock, Commissioner.

North Carolina,) : SS In the Superior Court.
Catawba County.)

IT IS THEREFORE, ordered and adjudged by the Court that the paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will and testament of Carl J. Wezen, deceased, let the said Will, together with the probates, affidavits, Commissions, and Letters testamenting all be recorded and filed.

This 3rd day of December, 1903.

L. H. Phillips, C. S. C.

North Carolina,) : SS In the Superior Court.
Catawba County.)

I, Augusta A. Wezen, do swear (or affirm) that I believe this writing to be and contain the last Will and Testament of Carl J. Wezen, deceased; and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying his debts and then his legacies, as far as the said estate shall extend, or the law will charge me, and that I will well and faithfully execute the office of an executor agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in me, and according to law: so help me, God.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 3rd day of December, 1903

Augusta A. Wezen.

L. H. Phillips, C. S. C.

North Carolina,)

: Before the Clerk of Superior Court.

Catawba County.)

To all whom these presents shall come - GREETING:

It being satisfactorily proven to the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for Catawba County, that Carl J. Wezen, late of said County, is dead having made and published his last will and testament, and it appearing that Augusta A. Wezen is entitled to be Executrix of the estate of said deceased, and having qualified as Executrix according to law:

Now, these are therefore to empower the said Executrix to enter in and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, and the same to take into possession wheresoever to be found, and all the just debts of the said deceased to pay and satisfy, and the residue of said estate to distribute according to law.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County this the 3rd day of December, 1903.

L. H. Phillips, C. S. C.

Will of A. Y. Sigmon.

North Carolina,)

Catawba County.)

I, Aaron Y. Sigmon, 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.

1. My Executors hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses this including the erection of such a monument as shall be chosen by my wife in keeping with my means.

2. I direct my Executors to sell and convey as soon as may be either at public or private sale in whole or in parts any, or all of what is known as my Baker's Mountain lands and also my land lying near Hildebrand known as the Benton Forge lands also my houses and lots in Hildebrand, except the house and lot where my son Swan E. Sigmon now lives which will be herein after devised together with all machinery stock, tools, lumber or any other property upon or using in connection with said lands and out of the proceeds, pay all just debts which I may be owing, if any indebtedness still remains it is to be discharged out of any other funds on hand and if any surplus is over it is to become a part of the estate, generally and provided that before all said property is sold any contracts for lumber which I may have made shall be completed.

3. I give and devise to my beloved wife, Agnes Sigmon, for the term of her natural life, my residence on Lincolnton Street in Hickory, N. C., and the Blacksmith^{shop} Lot across Street and the two small servants Houses immediately North of the garden with sufficient land for an outlet to the Street and for wood yard. I also bequeath to her for life all furniture and fittings in my residence in order that she may have a home both for herself and our unmarried children. I further devise to her for life the following houses and lots in Hickory one at the corner of a cross street running into Newton Street which J. Z. Alexander now occupies, another on Newton Street which Mrs. Bettie McGuire now occupies another on same Street which E. C. Holden now occupies another joining occupied by J. Monroe Sigmon, another on Lincolnton Street, which Frank Jones now occupies, another on same Street farther East

adjoining the land of J. P. Winkler now occupied by Mrs. Sherrill (Col) another joining now occupied by Tillman Crider the foregoing to be in lieu of her dower or third of my real Estate. I direct my Executors to expend if necessary as much as Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for repairs upon my said residence the same to be paid out of my general estate.

4. I hereby devise and bequeath to my said wife Agnes and to my children Swan E., Maud, Georgie, McKinley, Sadie and Dewey Hobson share and share alike the same