

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Norfolk ss. / Probate Court.

I, James H. Fleet, esquire, Judge of the Probate Court herein and for the County of Norfolk  
humbly certify that John D. Cobb, whose  
signature is affixed to the annexed certificate  
and attestation, is the regular and proper  
certifying officer of said Court, and has by  
law the custody of the seal, and all the records,  
books, documents and papers, of or appertaining  
to said Court, and that said certificate and  
attestation are in due form, and entitled to  
full faith & credit.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand, this twenty ninth day of May in the  
year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seven.

(Signed) James H. Fleet  
(and) Judge of Probate Court.

Received in Book H. of Wills pages 348  
& 350 inclusive June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1907

A. A. Fair  
Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina  
Buncombe County

In the Superior Court.

In the name of the Mill before Marion Cannon Esq.  
of Alfred J. Cannon.

Marianna Cannon being duly sworn says:  
that Alfred J. Cannon, late of said County is dead, having  
first made and published his last Will and Testament;  
and that she the said Marianna Cannon, is the  
executrix therein named.

Further that the said Alfred J. Cannon left real  
and personal property in this State, consisting of real  
estate, situated in the County of Cherokee, of the value  
of about eight thousand dollars, so far as can be  
ascertained at the date of this application, and also  
money invested in gold and lumber, the amount  
of which has not yet been ascertained by this applic-  
ant, and that the appraiser is the sole donee  
and legatee, and is solely entitled under said will  
to the property.

And further that the said Alfred J. Cannon  
wrote and executed his said last will and testament  
in the County of Anderson and State of Tennessee,  
while residing in said State, and that R. S. Kincaid  
and W. S. McNamee are the subscribing witnesses thereto,  
and that said witnesses reside in said County of Anderson  
and State of Tennessee, and that she is unacquainted  
with their landholdings in this State.

Wherefore she prays that the Clerk of said Court  
issue a commission to such person as he may  
select, authorizing the said commissioners to take  
the examination of said witnesses touching the  
execution of said will, and to return the commission  
with the examination of said witness to the Court  
as provided by the Statute in such case.

Marianna Cannon

Swear to and subscribed before me this the 11<sup>th</sup>  
day of February 1907.

{Original Seal}

Archibald D. Monteith  
Notary Public for Buncombe Co.

State of North Carolina  
Buncombe County

In the Superior Court.  
Before Marcus Ewing Clerk.

In the matter of the Will of Commissioner to take Examination  
of Alfred J. Cawood, of Witnesses.

State of North Carolina, to New York, Greeting:  
We reporting special trust and confidence  
in your integrity, do authorize and empower you  
to cause R.S. Kincaid and W.S. McNamee to appear  
before you at such time and place as you may  
appoint, and there to take to examine, touching all  
such matters and things as they shall know of and  
concerning a certain paper writing purporting to be  
the last Will and testament of Alfred J. Cawood, deceased,  
bearing date the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1897, and of and  
concerning the signature theron by the said Alfred J.  
Cawood, and the deposition and examination in writing  
by you so taken, the same to transmit, sealed with your  
seal, to our said Superior Court, together with this  
commission.

Witness, Marcus Ewing, Clerk of said Court,  
at Asheville, in the said County of Buncombe and  
State of North Carolina, this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February  
1907.

(Official Seal)

Marcus Ewing  
Clerk Superior Court.

State of Tennessee (y) Before New York Commissioner  
County of Anderson  
In the matter of the Probate  
of the Will of Alfred J. Cawood.

A paper writing purporting to  
be the last Will and Testament of Alfred J. Cawood,  
deceased, is exhibited before us, the undersigned  
Commissioner appointed by the Clerk of the Superior  
Court of and for the County of Buncombe and State  
of North Carolina, by George A. Shuford, Counsel for  
Marcus Ewing, the executive attorney mentioned  
and the due execution thereof by the said Alfred J.  
Cawood, is proved by the oath and examination of  
R.S. Kincaid and W.S. McNamee the subscriber

witnesses above who being by our duly sworn, doth  
depose and say, and each for himself, deposes and  
sayeth that he is a subscribing witness to the paper  
writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will  
and testament of Alfred J. Cawood; that the said Alfred  
J. Cawood in the presence of this deponent, subscribed  
his name at the end of said paper writing now shown  
as aforesaid, and where was date the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June  
A.D. 1897.

And the deponent further saith, that the said  
Alfred J. Cawood the testator aforesaid, did in the said  
paper writing so subscribe 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 above, and at the request and  
in the presence of said testator.

And this deponent further saith, that at the  
said time when the said testator subscribed his name to  
the said last Will and testament as aforesaid, and at the  
time of this deponent's subscribing his name as attesting  
witness above, as aforesaid, the said Alfred J. Cawood  
was of sound mind and memory, of full age & seventeen  
a Will, and was not under any restraint, within the  
knowledge, information or belief of this deponent;  
and further this deponent say not.

R.S. Kincaid  
W.S. McNamee

Personally sworn to and subscribed, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 1907, before me, the undersigned Commissioner,  
and at the same time and place I proceeded to take  
deposition of said subscribing witness, touching the  
execution of said paper writing by the said Alfred J.  
Cawood as his last Will and testament, and herewith  
transmit said deposition as a part of the probate of  
said Will.

New York,  
Commissioner.

State of Tennessee / Before Xenz J. Kicks, Commissioner,  
County of Anderson.

In the matter of the Probate of / Depositions of  
the Will of Alfred J. Cannon, / A.S. Kincaid and W.S. McNamee

Pursuant to the aforesaid Commission Directing  
the undersigned, Xenz J. Kicks, to take the depositions  
of R.S. Kincaid and W.S. McNamee, touching all such  
matter and things as they shall know of and  
concerning a certain paper writing purporting to be  
the last Will and Testament of Alfred J. Cannon  
deceased, bearing date of the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June  
1897, and of and concerning the execution thereof  
by the said Alfred J. Cannon, I proceeded, at my  
office in the Town of Clinton, County of Anderson,  
in the State of Tennessee, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February  
1907, at 11 o'clock A.M. in the presence of George A.  
Shuford, Esq., Counsel for executor as "donee and  
legatee under said Will, to examine said witness  
who being by me first duly sworn upon the Holy Evangeli-  
est of Almighty God to speak the truth, the whole  
truth and nothing else but the truth of and concerning  
said matter of inquiry, deposes and say, and each  
forlornly deposes and says as follows:-

R.S. Kincaid, being first examined by George A. Shuford  
Counsel as aforesaid, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name, age, occupation, and where  
do you reside?

A. My name is Rufus S. Kincaid my age is 54  
years last year, I am Cashier of the Union Bank  
of Clinton, and I reside in Clinton, Tennessee.  
Q. Did you know the late Alfred J. Cannon who  
recently resided and died in Ashville, North  
Carolina, and if so, whom did he reside at the  
time you knew him?

A. Yes, I knew Alfred J. Cannon for about twelve  
or thirteen years. I first knew him in this town  
Clinton, Tennessee, when he resided for about five  
years, and then I knew him at Ashville, North  
Carolina, up to the time of his death.

Q. Look at the paper writing now handed you, dated  
the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, A.D. 1897, consisting of two sheets of  
paper containing writing on one side only, with another  
sheet attached thereto containing no writing except the  
endorsement across the same. Last Will and Testament  
of Alfred J. Cannon, and state if you are a subscribing witness  
to said paper writing:

A. I am. My name subscribed after the attesting clause  
is in my own proper handwriting, and I subscribed  
the same thereto at the request of said Alfred J. Cannon.  
Q. Did you see the said Alfred J. Cannon sign his  
name to said paper writing, and if so, did he sign the  
same in your presence, and in the presence of W.S. McNamee,  
the other subscribing witness thereto, and when was the  
same signed and under what circumstances?

A. Yes, I saw Alfred J. Cannon sign his name to said  
paper writing. He signed it in the Union Bank, of  
which I am the Cashier in the Town of Clinton, Tennessee.  
He signed it in my presence and in the presence of Mr  
W.S. McNamee, and requested us to sign it as subscribing  
witnesses, and we did sign it as such witnesses, in his  
presence and in the presence of each other. He  
brought the Will to Bank written out in his own hand  
writing but not signed. He requested us to witness its  
execution, and thereupon signed the same in our presence  
and then wrote in his own hand writing the attesting  
clause, and we signed it in his presence, and in the  
presence of each other.

Q. Please state whether or not the said Alfred J. Cannon  
at the time he signed said paper writing possessed and  
declared the same to be his last Will and testament, and  
whether, not the said Alfred J. Cannon was at said time  
of sound mind and memory, and of full age to execute  
a Will, and whether or not he was under any restraint  
or under any influence at said time to your knowledge.

A. Yes, at the time of signing said paper writing  
he possessed and declared the same to be his last  
Will and testament, and he was at said time of sound  
mind and memory, and of full age to execute a Will,  
and he was not under any restraint or influence whatever  
to my knowledge - you according to my information,

for have any reason whatever to believe that he was under any influence, or restraint,  
Q. Are you in any way interested in any of the property devised or bequeathed by the said A.J. Cannon in the said paper writing?

A. I am not interested in any way whatever.

R.S. McNease,

Swear to and subscribe before me this the 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of February 1907, at the place mentioned in the  
caption,

Xen. Hicks, (or Hicks)  
Commissioner.

W.S. McNamee being duly sworn and examined, deposes and says:

Q. What is your name, age, occupation, and where do you reside?

A. My name is William S. McNamee, my age is forty six, I am Cashier of the National Bank of LaFayette, and I reside in LaFayette, Tennessee.

Q. How long have you resided at LaFayette, and when did you reside previous to that time?

A. I have resided for about two years in LaFayette. Prior to that time I lived at Clinton, Tennessee for about ten years.

Q. Please state whether or not you knew the late Alfred J. Cannon who resided for some time in Arthurville, North Carolina, and recently died there, and if so, please state when he resided at the time you knew him.

A. Yes, I knew Alfred J. Cannon for about ten years. When I first knew him, he lived in Clinton, Tennessee, and I also knew him after his removal to Arthurville North Carolina.

Q. Please look at the paper writing now handed you dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June A.D. 1907, consisting of one sheet of paper containing writing on one side only, and another sheet attached thereto containing no writing except the endorsement across the same. Last Will and Testament of A.J. Cannon; and state if you are a subscribing witness to said paper writing.

A. Yes I witnessed this instrument. My name subscribed thereto after the attesting clause is in my own proper hand writing, and I subscribed the same

At the request of the said Alfred J. Cannon, I knew the hand writing of the Alfred J. Cannon, and his name subscribed to said paper writing and also the body of said writing are in his hand writing.

Q. Did you see the said Alfred J. Cannon sign his name to said paper writing, and if so, did he sign the same in your presence and in the presence of R.S. McNease, the other subscribing witness thereto?

A. Yes, I saw the said Alfred J. Cannon sign his name to said paper writing. It was signed in my presence and in the presence of Mr. R.S. McNease, and was signed it as subscribing witness in his presence at his request, and in the presence of each other, as I remember. He signed it in the Union Bank, Clinton Tennessee.

Q. Please state whether or not the said Alfred J. Cannon at the time he signed said paper writing, published and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and whether or not the said Alfred J. Cannon was at said time of sound mind and memory, and of full age to execute a will, and whether or not he was under any restraint or under any influence at said time to your knowledge, or information or belief.

A. At the time of signing said paper writing, the said A.J. Cannon declared the same to be his last will and testament, and he was at said time of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint or influence whatever to my knowledge, nor according to any information, nor had I any reason whatever to believe that he was under any restraint or influence.

Q. Are you in any way interested in any of the property devised or bequeathed by the said A.J. Cannon in the said paper writing?

A. I am not interested in any way whatever.

W.S. McNamee

Swear to and subscribe before me on this the 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of February, 1907, at the place mentioned in the  
caption,

Xen. Hicks,  
Commissioner.

State of Tennessee /  
County of Anderson /

I, Keny Z. Hicks, Commissioner appointed  
in and by the annual commission to sue, defend,  
do hereby certify that the foregoing Depositions and  
examinations of R.S. Kincaid and W.S. McKamy  
both of said witnesses being personally known to  
me, were taken, sworn to and subscribed before  
me at the time and place stated in the Captain  
and sealed up by me, together with said paper  
writing purporting to be the last Will and  
testament of Alfred J. Cannon, deceased, thence  
attached, and deposited by me in the post office  
at Clinton, Tennessee, as a registered package,  
directed to Marcus Cowan, Esq. Clerk of the Superior  
Court of the County of Buncrane, State of North Carolina  
at Asheville, N.C. this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1907.  
I further certify that I am not related by blood  
or otherwise to the testator Alfred J. Cannon nor  
to the executrix, devisee and legatee named  
in said Will nor to any person interested  
therin, and am not in any way interested in  
the property disposed of by said Will.

Xen Z. Hicks,  
Commissioner.

This the last Will and Testament of Mr.  
Alfred J. Cannon of the City of Clinton, in the  
County of Anderson, and State of Tennessee, Lumber  
Dealer, I devise and bequeath all the real  
and personal estate to which I shall be entitled  
at the time of my decease, unto my dear wife  
Marianna Cannon of the said City absolutely.  
And I hereby appoint my said wife Marianna  
Cannon executrix of this Will, and make her  
giving bond, or making settlement with the Court  
hereby revoking all former Will by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and seal at the City of Clinton in the County  
of Anderson and State of Tennessee, this twenty  
first of January A.D. 1897.

Alfred J. Cannon. ( )

Signed by the said Testator Alfred J. Cannon as  
and for his last will and testament in the presence  
of us present at the same time who at his request in  
his sight and presence, and in the presence of each  
other have subscribed our names as attesting witnesses.

R.S. Kincaid

W.S. McKamy

State of North Carolina / In the Superior Court  
County of Buncombe, / Before the Clerk

In the matter of the Probate of  
the Will of Alfred J. Cannon, deceased,

a paper writing purporting  
to be the last will and testament of Alfred J. Cannon  
deceased late of the said County of Buncombe, having  
been returned into the Court by Keny Z. Hicks, Commissioner  
hereupon appointed by the undersigned Clerk of the  
said Superior Court of Buncombe County, pursuant to the  
provisions of section #3131 of the Revised of 1905, of  
North Carolina, to take the examination of R.S. Kincaid  
and W.S. McKamy subscribing witness to said paper  
writing, touching the execution thereof by the said  
A.J. Cannon, together with said Commissioner and the  
examination and deposition of said witness herein  
by and before said Commissioner pursuant to said  
Commissioner.

It is now therefore, upon such examination and  
deposition of said subscribing witness, taken as  
aforesaid considered and adjudged by the Court that  
the said paper writing and every part thereof, is the  
last will and testament of the said Alfred J. Cannon,  
deceased, and the same with said examination and  
deposition and this certificate, an ordered to be re-  
corded and filed.

This the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1907.

Mr. Cowan,

Clerk of the Superior Court  
for Buncombe County.

State of North Carolina / In the Superior Court,  
Buncombe County,

Mariam Cannon, being duly sworn, says that she believe that the attached paper writing is the last Will and Testament of Alfred J. Cannon 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, as the law will charge her, and that she will well and truly execute the office of an Executor agreeable to the intent and confidence expressed in her according to law. So help me God!

Mariam Cannon,  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 19<sup>th</sup>  
day of February 1907.

Marcus Erwin,  
Clerk Superior Court  
Buncombe County - N.C.

State of North Carolina,

Buncombe County. In the Superior Court.  
Greeting: It being satisfactorily proven to the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for Buncombe County, that Alfred J. Cannon late of said County, is dead, having made his last Will and Testament which has been admitted to Probate (a true copy whereof is hereto annexed), and Mariam Cannon the testatrix named therein having qualified as such according to law.

Now there are therefore to empower the said testatrix to enter into and upon all and singular the good and chattels, the rights and credits of the said deceased, and the same to take into possession, whencesoever 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 the direction of said Will.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court,  
this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1907.

(Official Seal) Marcus Erwin  
Clerk of the Superior Court.

North Carolina  
Buncombe County,

I Marcus Erwin, Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe County - hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the Will of Alfred J. Cannon, and the probate thereof as the same appears on record in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1907.

Marcus Erwin  
Clerk Superior Court of  
Buncombe County - N.C.  
J.W. B. Lewis D.C.

Clerk fee \$3.20

Recorded in Book A of Wills this the 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 1907 at pages 361 to 371 inclusive.

A. Fair  
Clerk Superior Court.