

last will and testament of Adelbert S. Rice; that the said Adelbert S. Rice, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of the said paper writing, of which an exemplified copy is now shown him, and which bears the date of March 25th, 1915.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Adelbert S. Rice, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of the said will, as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And the said 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's subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Adelbert S. Rice was of sound mind and memory, of full age, to execute a will, and was not under any restraint, to the knowledge, information and belief of this deponent, and further this deponent sayeth,

Carroll Myers,

Leslie T. Fox.

Severally sworn to and subscribed, this 4th day of December, 1917, before me.

Ebenezer Thompson,
Commissioner appointed by the
Clerk of the Court of Washington
County, North Carolina,

In the name of God, Amen:

I, H. J. Chesser, of Washington County, and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind, do make and declare my last will and Testament as follows:

I desire that my Executor shall pay my burial expenses and all my just indebtedness.

After my indebtedness shall have been paid I give and bequeath all of my estate real personal and mixed, to my Brothers and Sisters viz Thos. H. Chesser, S. E. Lewis, A. L. Chesser, F. G. Johnston, Leah F. Haynes & C. E. Vandewark said estate to be equally divided among my Brothers & Sisters.

I appoint my Brother Thos. H. Chesser Executor to this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills & Testaments in testimony whereof I here set my hand and seal on the 17th day of May 1917.

H. J. Chesser (Seal)

State of North Carolina, } In the Superior Court,
Washington County, }

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and testament of H. J. Chesser, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open court by Thos. H. Chesser the executor herein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Thos. H. Chesser that the said will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said H. J. Chesser after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of two competent and credible witnesses, to wit; D. O. Brinkley, A. J. Newbury & H. E. Vandewark that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said H. J. Chesser, having often seen him write, and only believe that the name of the said H. J. Chesser subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said H. J. Chesser. And it is further proved by the evidence of the other last mentioned witness, that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said H. J. Chesser. It is therefore, considered by the court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said H. J. Chesser and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

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D. O. Brinkley,
A. J. Newburn,
H. E. Vandewort.

Swear to and subscribed before me,
this 19th day of January, 1918,

C. W. Winslow, csc.

The State of North Carolina, }
Washington County, } ss. In the Superior Court,

I, Thos. M. Chesser do solemnly swear that I believe this writing to be and contain the last Will and Testament of H. J. Chesser 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.

T. M. Chesser.

Swear and subscribed before me,
this 19th day of January, 1918,

C. W. Winslow

Clerk Superior Court,

Will Testamentary issued to Thos. M. Chesser
January 19, 1918.

North Carolina, Washington County,

I, Simon Stewart of the above named County and State, residing near the town of Plymouth, N.C., do make and declare this my last will and testament.

First: My executors hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial & pay all funeral expenses out of the first money which may come into their hands belonging to my estate.

Second: The house and lot where I now live on the main road leading from Plymouth to Jamestown N.C. I give and bequeath to my wife Ada Jane Stewart for and during the term of her natural life, and should she die leaving no issue surviving by my said wife Ada, then it is my desire that said property shall belong in fee to my two grand children, Lolar N. Hall and Minerva Hall upon my said wife's death.

Third: In disposing of the above property insofar as bequeath is made upon the conditions above named, to Lolar N. Hall and Minerva Hall my grand children. I will and desire that in the possession and ownership thereof Lolar N. Hall Hall shall have that part thereof wherein my house now stands and wherein I now live, fronting sixty feet on said main road from Plymouth, N.C. to Jamestown, N.C. and running back therefrom two hundred feet, and Minerva Hall the remaining portion, forty feet front on road and two hundred feet in depth.

Fourth: My funeral property I also give and bequeath to my said wife Ada Jane except one feather bed which I give to my son Richard Stewart.

Fifth: I constitute and appoint my wife, Ada Jane Stewart, my lawful executors to execute this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and declaring void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof, I do hereunto set my hand and seal this June 11th, 1894.

Simon Stewart, Seal

Sixth: Being published and declared by the said Simon Stewart to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Jes. V. Stillwsharp
R. Gardner

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