

Signed, sealed, published and declared
by the said Joseph S. Johnson 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.

A. Barden

J. P. Hilliard.

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of J. S. Johnson, deceased, is exhibited for probate in
open court by Sadie S. Johnson, the executrix therein named;
and it is therupon proved by the oath and examination of
H. H. Ward that A. Barden, one of the subscribing witnesses
thereto, is dead, and it is also proved by the oath and examination
of H. H. Ward that J. P. Hilliard, the other subscribing witness
thereto, is also dead. And it is further proved by the oath
and examination of the said H. H. Ward that he is well
acquainted with the handwriting of the said A. Barden,
having often seen him write, and that the name of the said
A. Barden subscribed as a witness to the said will, is in
the handwriting of the said A. Barden, and it is also
proved by the oath and examination of the said H. H. Ward
that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said
J. P. Hilliard, having often seen him write, and that the
name of the said J. P. Hilliard subscribed as a witness
to the said will, is in the handwriting of the said J. P.
Hilliard. It is therefore considered by the court that
the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last
will and testament of the said J. S. Johnson and the
same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

This 2d day of Oct. 1920.

C. W. Anderson, C.S.C.

I, Laura Esperinchuk of Washington, D.C. being
of sound mind & memory do make publish and declare
this to be my last will and testament.

First all of my money which is about five thousand
dollars I want divided between my brothers and sisters.
Which is Lorraine Weston Henry Blount Ella Tarkenton
Willie Blount Florence Leary Estelle Gengenbach and Higgins
Blount Florence Leary shall shall see that it is divided
fair of cast I have to set my hand and seal this 1st day
of April A.D. 1920.

Laura Esperinchuk, (Seal)

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

A paper writing without subscribing witness, purporting
to be the last will and testament of Laura Esperinchuk, deceased,
is exhibited for probate in open court by Florence Leary, the
executrix therein named; and it is therupon proved by the
oath and examination of Florence Leary that the said will
was delivered to her by said testator for safe keeping, and it is
further proved by the oath and examination of three competent
and credible witnesses, to wit; B. S. Clark, Mrs. J. J. Balmerian &
J. E. Stuchard that they are acquainted with the handwriting
of the said Laura Esperinchuk having often seen her write, and
verily believe that the name of the said Laura Esperinchuk
subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and
every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said Laura
Esperinchuk. And it is further proved by the evidence of the
three last mentioned witnesses, that the said handwriting is
generally known to the acquaintances of the said Laura Esperinchuk.
It is, therefore considered and adopted by the court that the said
paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Laura Esperinchuk
and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, } B. S. Clark,
this 8th day of Oct. 1920. } Mrs. J. J. Balmerian
C. W. Anderson, C.S.C. } J. E. Stuchard

May 22, 1920.

To Jno. B. Neal to whom I am leaving all of my property in case of my death and wish him in case of my death to administer my estate. Take my insurance money of \$10,000.00 and pay all of my unsecured debts especially \$3750.00 to the Peoples Bank of Cresswell,
R. S. Neal

North Carolina, In the Superior Court,
Washington County } Before C. W. Winters, Clerk
E. A. Daniel, Jr., and J. C. Galtin and P. H. Brinkley
did on this the 17th day of November, 1920, personally appear
before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington
County and after being duly sworn, each for himself deposes
and saith:

That he is familiar with the hand-writing of R. S. Neal,
deed, late of the County of Washington, North Carolina, having
often seen him write; that he knows the signature of the
said R. S. Neal, and that the paper writing and every part
thereof, which is offered for probate as the Last Will and Testament
of the said R. S. Neal, bearing date May 22, 1920, we verily believe
is in the hand-writing of the said R. S. Neal, and that the
signature of the said R. S. Neal subscribed thereto is in his
own proper hand-writing and that the said hand-writing is
generally known to the acquaintances of the said R. S. Neal.

Your deponent, E. A. Daniel, Jr., further states that on the
night of May 21, 1920, the said R. S. Neal, deceased, was in Washington,
N. C., confined to a bed at the house of his aunt, Mrs. Saunders,
and sent for the said E. A. Daniel, Jr., and advised him that
Dr. D. T. Taylor was going to take him, the said Neal, to Baltimore
to a hospital the next morning and before going, he directed the
said Daniel to draw several papers among which was a will,
and advised the said Daniel that he desired his Last Will and
Testament to be drawn dividing all of his property of every
kind and description to his brother, John B. Neal, and
apportioning the said John B. Neal as Speculator to said will.
Your deponent, E. A. Daniel, Jr., further states that after he
had completed preparing the other papers it was late and when

were no witnesses present to witness the will and your deponent, E. A.
Daniel, Jr., advised the said Neal to write in his own hand-writing a
paper stating in his own language that he desired his brother to
have all of his property and to be made Speculator and to file it
with his valuable papers or lodge it with some person for safe-
keeping, and it would operate as his will with as much force and
effect as if drawn by the said Daniel and witnessed, and the said
Neal then and there stated that he wanted to do so.

J. C. Galtin
P. H. Brinkley
E. A. Daniel, Jr.

Swear to and subscribed before me,
this 17th day of November, 1920.

C. W. Winters, Clerk.

Clerk Superior Court of Washington County.

North Carolina, In the Superior Court,
Washington County, Before C. W. Winters, Clerk.

J. C. Galtin personally appeared before C. W. Winters, Clerk,
Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County, North Carolina,
this the 17th day of November, 1920, and after being
duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is Cashier of the
Peoples Bank at Cresswell, N. C., and on May 22nd, 1920, R. S.
Neal, deceased, late of Washington County, North Carolina, lodged
in the hands of deponent, J. C. Galtin for safe-keeping, a paper
writing bearing date May 22nd, 1920, purporting to be the Last
Will and Testament of the said R. S. Neal, deceased, which said
paper and every part thereof, including the signature subscribed
thereto, was in the hand-writing of the said R. S. Neal, deceased, and
was lodged with the said deponent together with other valuable
papers of the said R. S. Neal, and the said R. S. Neal then and
there requested deponent that in case of the death of the said
R. S. Neal to turn over and deliver said papers to his brother,
John B. Neal.

J. C. Galtin,
Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 17th day of November, 1920.
C. W. Winters,
Clerk Superior Court of Washington County.

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