

In the Name of God. Amen:-

I, Adalbert E. Rice, of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all wills by me heretofore made.

It is my will that in the event of my death while my wife Jennie is still living, that I leave and bequeath to her all right, title and interest in all my property, of whatsoever kind, real, personal and mixed. It is my wish that she be qualified as Executrix of my estate, without bonds, and that she have sole right and possession of all property.

In the event that my wife Jennie does not survive me, then it is my will that Norman Cassell be appointed as administrator of my estate, and that all my property, real, personal and mixed, be divided among my children and heirs as follows:-

As one-fifth share each to my four living children, Ray Howard, Nellie May, George Albert and Ella Pearl, or to their children if there be any, in the event of the death of any of my four named heirs. Should any of the four die without issue then that one-fifth share shall be equally divided among the four remaining and named heirs of my estate.

In memory of my departed daughter Grace, it is my will that as one-fifth part of my estate be held in trust for her only daughter, Grace Rice Wilson, to be used for her needs while a minor child and the remainder to be paid to her in full when she attains the age of eighteen years. Should she die before she is eighteen years of age, then all remaining interest in my estate to her credit shall be equally divided among my remaining heirs, as described in this instrument.

The above named conditions represent my will and desire, this twenty-fifth day of March, 1915.

Written and signed by me
Adalbert E. Rice

Cassell Myers witness
Leslie J. Fox, witness

Virginia;

At the Court of Hustings for the City of Portsmouth

held on the 4th day of October, 1915: The last will and testament of Adalbert E. Rice late of this city deceased, was this day presented to the Court by Jennie Rice, the executrix therein named, and fully proved by the oaths of Cassell Myers and Leslie J. Fox, subscribing witnesses thereto, and was thereupon ordered to be recorded; and on the motion of Jennie Rice the only executrix named in the said will, who made oath as the law directs, and entered into a bond in the penalty of Six Thousand Dollars, conditioned according to law, (with sufficient security, the will directing that none should be required of her, and which said bond being acknowledged by the obligor Jennie is ordered to be recorded) certificate is granted the said Jennie Rice for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form.

Test: E. Thompson, Clerk,

State of Virginia,
City of Portsmouth, Court:

I, E. Thompson, Clerk of the Court of Hustings for the City of Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true transcript from the record of said Court in the matter of the will, and the probate thereof, of Adalbert E. Rice, deceased.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court this 28th day of September, in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen.
(Seal) E. Thompson, Clerk

State of Virginia,
City of Portsmouth, Court:

I, Kenneth A. Bain, Judge of the Court of Hustings for the City of Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, do certify that E. Thompson, who hath given the preceding certification, is Clerk of the said Court of Hustings for the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, and that his said attestation is in due form.

Given under my hand, this 4th day of December A.D. 1917.

Kenneth A. Bain,
Judge of the Court of Hustings
for the City of Portsmouth, Va.

(Over)

State of Virginia,
City of Portsmouth, Va.

I, E. Thompson, Clerk of the Court of Hustings for the City of Portsmouth in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Kenneth A. Bain, whose genuine signature appears to the certificate above, is the only Judge of the Court of Hustings for the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, and that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office, this 4th day of December, 1917, in the 142nd year of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

(Seal)

E. Thompson,

Clerk

State of North Carolina,
County of Washington.

In the Superior Court
Before the Clerk,

Re: Last Will and Testament of Adelbert E. Rice.

I, E. Thompson, Clerk of the Court of Hustings of the City of Portsmouth, Commonwealth of Virginia, Genting;

know all men by these presents, that we, referring special trust and confidence in your integrity, do authorize and empower you to cause to appear before you at such time and place as you may appoint, Canell Hays and Leslie T. Fox, whose names appear as witnesses on a duly exemplified and authenticated copy of a paper writing of Record in your Court purporting to be the last will and testament of Adelbert E. Rice, deceased, late of your City, and each of them on oath to examine, touching all such matters and things as they and each of them shall know, concerning the execution of the said paper writing, of which the copy hereto attached is a duly authenticated and exemplified copy, which said paper writing dispenses of real property in this State and County according to the form of affidavit herewith submitted, in order that the said paper writing may be admitted to probate on the records of this Court.

And as the original paper writing cannot be removed from the office of your Court for probate here, that you

do cause to be attached to this Commission when returned, together with your depositions, the duly authenticated and exemplified copy hereto attached, together with the oath and examination of the said witnesses.

Witness, C. W. Winslow, Clerk of said Court, at office in Plymouth, this 1st day of Dec., 1917.

(Seal)

C. W. Winslow,

Clerk Superior Court,

State of North Carolina
County of Washington.

In the Superior Court,
Before the Clerk.

Re: Last Will and Testament of Adelbert E. Rice.

Pursuant to the annexed Commission to me directed, I, E. Thompson, Clerk of the Court of Hustings, of the City of Portsmouth, State of Virginia, Commissioner, under the authority thereof, on the 4th day of December, 1917, at 5:30 o'clock, P.M., at my office in the said City, proceeded to take the oath and examination of Canell Hays and Leslie T. Fox, who each being first duly sworn to speak the truth concerning the matters herein referred to, depose and say as set forth respectively;

State of Virginia,
City of Portsmouth.

Re: Last Will and Testament of Adelbert E. Rice. Before a Commissioner.

A duly exemplified and authenticated copy of a paper writing on record in the Court of Hustings of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, said paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Adelbert E. Rice, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Commissioner, appointed by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County, State of North Carolina, and the due execution of the original which is on record in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Hustings of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, by the said Adelbert E. Rice, is proved by the oath and examination of Canell Hays, and Leslie T. Fox, the subscribing witnesses thereof, who being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for himself, depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the original paper writing, of which the paper writing now shown is a copy, the original purporting to be the

last will and testament of Adalbert E. Rice; that the said Adalbert E. 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 says, that the said Adalbert E. Rice, 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 the said will, as an attesting witness thereof, and at the request and in the presence of the said Testator. And the said deponent further says, 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 thereof, the said Adalbert E. 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 these deponents say not,

Canell Meyers,

Leslie T. Fox,

Solemnly sworn to and subscribed, this 4th day of June A.D. 1917, before me.

Edmezer Thompson

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

In the name of God, Amen:

I, H. J. Chissem 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 Brother and Sisters viz. Thos. M. Chissem S. E. Lewis A. L. Chissem F. G. Johnston Leah & Hyman + C. E. Vanderwork said estate to be equally divided among my Brother & Sisters

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

H. J. Chissem (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. Chissem, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by Thos. M. Chissem the executor therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Thos. M. Chissem that the said will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said H. J. Chissem after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to-wit: D. O. Buntling, A. J. Newberry + H. E. Vanderwork that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said H. J. Chissem, having often seen their will, and truly believe that the names of the said H. J. Chissem subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said H. J. Chissem, 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 H. J. Chissem. It is therefore, considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said H. J. Chissem and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

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