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Last will and testament of Robert H. Shopton.

In The Name of God, Amen:

Know all men by these presents, that I Robert H. Shopton, now of the City of Richmond in the County of Putnam, in the State of Missouri, formerly of the Village of Hainfield in the County of Will in the State of Illinois, of the age of sixty years and being of sound mind and memory, do make publish ordain and declare this instrument to be my last will and testament, in the manner and form following, to wit:

First:- I hereby revoke any and all other former wills by me heretofore made.

Second:- I hereby direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses, together with the costs of executing my will, shall be paid by my executor hereinafter named, out of my personal estate.

Third:- I hereby give, will, and bequeath to my beloved wife, Olive H. Shopton, all the money property and effects, to which she would be entitled to as my widow under the laws of the State that my last jurisdiction of the probate of this my will, it being my will, that my said wife shall have and receive as her sole and separate property, to hold and enjoy for her own proper use and pleasure, all my household goods of every kind and nature, including my library of books, whether provided by such laws or not.

Fourth:- I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Olive H. Shopton, sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

Fifth:- I hereby give, will, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal, of what soever kind and character, and where ever situated, in trust to my said executor, and in trust to her successor if any, in carrying out the terms and provisions of this will, for the use and purpose hereinafter set forth and stated:

Sixth:- I hereby will and direct, that when my son Claude R. Shopton, shall arrive at the age of thirty years, which will be on February 18th 1912, if he can satisfy the court then having jurisdiction of the settlement of my affairs under this will, that he has not become a spendthrift, and idler, an imprudent vagabond, or a confirmed drunkard or criminal, but that on the other hand that he is at the time, a prudent, careful, trustworthy, sober and

law abiding man, entitled to the confidence and trust of his fellow man, then and in that event, the said court shall order, adjudge and direct, that my then acting executrix or successor, shall at once pay over and deliver to him, the one third of all the property real and personal by me above willed in trust to my said executrix. But in the event that he shall fail to satisfy such Court within one year after reaching the age of thirty years of his good character as required above, he shall receive from my said representative the sum of five dollars in full of all claim against my estate. And the one third of my estate provided for him if found worthy shall descend to and vest in his children full and clear from any claim by him. If he should die before reaching the age of thirty, leaving any children, then said one third shall pass to and vest in his said children.

Seventh:- I hereby will and direct that my son Ray D. Shopton who arrives at the age of thirty years on the 10th day of June 1916, shall become subjected to identical same requirements as those laid down in the last above section of this will, and shall be subject to the same rule as to sharing in my estates and the same rules shall be observed as to the disposition of the one third to which he would have become entitled if he had been found worthy, just the same as is directed in the case of my son Claude R. Shopton.

Eighth:- I hereby will and direct that my beloved daughter Mabel G. Shopton shall receive her necessary support, education, and maintenance from the property so by me above willed in trust, until she arrives at the age of Twenty five years, which will be October 26th 1916, and during that time make her home with my said wife, but in case of the death of my said wife, or in case that such home should become unpleasant to said Mabel for any cause, sum arranged or otherwise, then a suitable home support education and maintenance for my said daughter shall be provided for out of the property herein willed in trust. And the court or persons having charge of the matter of providing for my said daughter are requested to understand that it is not by any means my intention that she shall be kept up in idleness after she arrives at an age that children are usually expected to do some thing towards caring for themselves and doing some useful work in life.

Ninth:- I hereby will and direct that if before reaching her twenty fifth year, my said daughter shall have married

a man of bad character, an idler, spend thrift, improvident, drunken or criminal character said daughter shall receive annually the income only of the property willed in trust by me, (that would otherwise go to her under the provisions of this will,) so long as she shall live and have such objectionable husband, and after her death, the property she so would otherwise go to her, shall descend to and vest in her children. The question of the character of the husband of my said daughter is a matter to be determined by the Court in disposing of any interest or claim of my said daughter to any of the property involved.

Tenth:- I hereby will and direct that when my daughter Mabel G. Shopton, shall arrive at the said age of twenty five years without having married a man of ^{the} bad character above mentioned, the court shall order and direct the person then in charge of the property herein willed in trust, to pay over and deliver to my said daughter the money and property due her under the terms of this will.

Eleventh:- I hereby will and direct that in the event that if for any reason any of my said children by death or otherwise under the provisions of this will shall forfeit a share in the property herein willed in trust, the the amount and extent of such forfeiture shall be decided equally and added to the interest willed to those who may be shown to the Court to be clear of the objections stated in this will, to be awarded strictly according to the restrictions and terms thereof, or exclusively to such as may be qualified to take under the will, reserving of course the rights of the children of the person so making a forfeiture.

Twelfth:- I hereby will and direct that all property that my said daughter shall receive under this will shall be her ^{and} separate property, free from the debts of her husband, and free and clear of any marital or legal claims of her said husband.

Thirteenth:- I hereby will and direct that my executrix Olive A. Shopton shall act without bond, and the Court shall not require her to give any bond as such executrix.

Fourteenth:- I hereby will and direct that in the event that my said wife Olive A. Shopton shall before the final settlement of my estate desire to remove to another state, then the Court shall transfer all the proceedings under

this will, and transmit the same with a full transcript of the proceedings to the proper court of the state to which she shall remove, and such removal shall not operate to revoke her authority under this will.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this sixteenth day of October A. D. 1905

Robert H. Shafter

We the undersigned were present when Robert H. Shafter, in our presence signed his name to the foregoing instrument consisting of four pages of typewritten matter, fastened together at the top with mucilage, and he the said Robert H. Shafter in our presence and hearing declared the said instrument to be his last will and testament, and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other hereto sign our names and affix our residence as witnesses to the same

A. J. McDonald, Richland Missouri,
J. B. Lewis Richland Missouri,

A Codicil To The Will of Robert H. Shafter.

I Robert H. Shafter, of Richland Missouri, having on the 16 day of October 1905 made my last will and testament, to which this codicil is attached, after due consideration have come to the conclusion that I have laid to great a weight of responsibility upon my wife Elsie H. Shafter, in appointing her as my executrix in said will, and accordingly I hereby revoke that part of my said appointing her as trustee of my property and as executrix of my estate.

And I hereby will and direct that upon the proof of my said will and this codicil being made in court, that the Probate Court shall select and appoint some proper responsible person as administrator cum testamento annexo of my said will.

I also do hereby will devise and vest in the said person so to be appointed by the court as administrator as aforesaid, all my said property in said will referred to, to the same extent and for the purposes and uses only as set forth in the said will, and lay upon him the same injunctions, duties and responsibilities as such trustee and to the same extent, as set forth in said will in making my said wife such trustee.

Witness my hand and seal this 23rd day of November 1905,

Robert H. Shafter

We the undersigned were present and saw Robert H. Shafter

sign his name to the foregoing instrument of writing and he in our presence and in our hearing declared the same to be a codicil to the last will and testament of the said Robert H. Shafter made by him on the 16th day of October 1905, and witnessed by us, and the said said Robert H. Shafter requested that we sign our names as witnesses to said codicil, and we in his presence, and in the presence of each other have hereto signed our names as witnesses thereto.

Filed Aug 28th 1906 for M. G. Gural A. J. McDonald Richland Mo
Judge J. B. Lewis Richland Mo.

Proof of Will

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Pulaske } In The Probate Court.

Be it remembered, That on this the 28th day of August A.D. 1906, before me for M. G. Gural Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared A. J. McDonald and J. B. Lewis who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Robert H. Shafter deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Robert H. Shafter the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will as Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same he, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty-one years of age, and said deponents attested said Will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator.

A. J. McDonald

J. B. Lewis

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28th day of August A.D. 1906

[LS]

for M. G. Gural
Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Pulaske } In The Probate Court.

I for M. G. Gural Judge of the probate Court of Pulaske County State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Robert H. Shafter deceased, and signed by Robert H. Shafter and having heard the testimony of A. J. McDonald and J. B. Lewis subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instruments to be the last Will and Testament of the said

Robert H. Shafter deceased, late of Pulaski County, Missouri, and the same is hereby admitted to Probate.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at office in Haynesville Mo. this 28th day of Aug. 1906

[S.S.]

Geo. M. Greger
Judge of Probate

Filed Aug 28th 1906
J. C. C. C. C.
In 1906.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Mathias Meredith of Pulaski County Mo. being advanced in years, but in reasonably good health, and sound mind, do make and establish this my last will and testament.

First—After my death it is my wish that my mortal remains may be buried in the Glendale burying ground in Camden County Mo. in a manner suitable to my means and condition in life, and that a monument or stone be placed to mark my last resting place, to be paid for out of my estate.

Second—It is my wish that any debts I may leave may be paid in full, as also all the expenses attendant to my burial and for monument or tomb stone, out of my estate.

Third—I have already given to my beloved wife Mary Meredith four hundred dollars in money and I do further give and bequeath to her all of our furniture and household property, and also personal property to the amount of four hundred dollars, and if there should not be enough personal property to make the four hundred dollars, the deficit to be paid to her in money, also sufficient for her support for one year, not to exceed however one hundred and fifty dollars, and one hundred dollars in money, in lieu of dower in lands.

Fourth—It is my wish that after my death my beloved wife Mary Meredith will continue to reside in and occupy the house where we now live and after her death that the house and lots be taken in charge by the executor of this my last will and testament, and sold to the best advantage, and the proceeds thereof be equally divided among my children to-wit: to my son Daniel M. Meredith one sixth; to my son Benjamin Meredith one sixth; to my son Samuel Meredith one sixth; to the children of my son James F. Meredith deceased, one sixth to the children of my son Zachariah Meredith deceased, one sixth and to the children of my daughter Margaret H. Pfingel deceased one sixth.

Fifth—all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate I give and bequeath to my children above named or their heirs share and share alike.

Sixth—I hereby appoint my son Benjamin Meredith of Faith, Miller County Mo. to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament, he not to be requested to give bond.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 28th

Mathias^{his} Meredith^{maid}

The foregoing instrument was at the date thereof declared by the said Mathias Meredith to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

S. L. Gibson Richland Mo

J. L. Cunningham Richland Mo

G. B. Shubert Richland Mo

Filed 8/21/06

Joe McGregor

Judge

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri

County of Pulaski } ss In The Probate Court,

Be It Remembered, That on this the 28th day of Aug A.D. 1906 before me, Joe McGregor Judge of the Probate Court, holding and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared G. B. Shubert who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Mathias Meredith deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Mathias Meredith the testator, subscribed the same in his presence, and published and declared said Will or instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same, he, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty-one years of age, and that said deponent attested said Will as witness thereto, by subscribing his name to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator, and that all of this was done and said will signed and published in the 20th day of June A.D. 1906

G. B. Shubert

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28 day of Aug A.D. 1906

[L.S.]

Joe McGregor

Judge of Probate

Proof of Will

State of Missouri

County of Pulaski } ss In The Probate Court,

Be It Remembered, That on this the 28th day of Aug A.D. 1906, before me, Joe McGregor Judge of the Probate Court, holding and for the County and State aforesaid, personally

appeared S. L. Gibson and J. L. Cunningham who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Mathias Meredith deceased, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Mathias Meredith the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will or instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same, he, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty-one years of age, and that the said deponents attested said Will, witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the testator

S. L. Gibson.

J. L. Cunningham.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28 day of Aug.

A.D. 1906.

[L.S.]

State of Missouri

County of Pulaski } ss In The Probate Court

I Joe McGregor Judge of the Probate Court of Pulaski County State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Mathias Meredith deceased, and signed by Mathias Meredith and having heard the testimony of S. L. Gibson J. L. Cunningham and G. B. Shubert subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of said Mathias Meredith deceased, late of Pulaski County Missouri, and the same is hereby admitted to Probate.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at office in Mayfield this 27 day of Aug 1906

[L.S.]

Joe McGregor

Judge of Probate

Filed this 28th day of Aug. 1906

Joe McGregor

Judge of Probate

State of California } ss.
County of Los Angeles

Be it Remembered, that in pursuance of the authority to me given by the annexed commission issued by the Judge and ex officio clerk of the probate court within and for the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri, United States of America, I, the undersigned H.S. Collins, did on this 18th day of August, 1906 cause to come before me Hugh H. Harrison of Los Angeles, California, one of the persons therein named, who being by me duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

"I saw Jefferson Rainey, the person named as testator in the original instrument (of which the instrument hereto attached and marked exhibit "A" is a true copy) subscribed his name to said original instrument in writing, bearing the date January 12th, 1905, and I heard the said Jefferson Rainey declare the said original instrument to be his last will and testament, and I subscribed my name thereto as a witness in the presence of and at the request of said Jefferson Rainey, testator; and at the time of the execution of said original instrument, as aforesaid, and at the time of my subscribing the same as such witness, he the said Jefferson Rainey, testator, was of sound mind and disposing mind to the best of my knowledge and belief."

"I also saw the other subscribing witness to said will, C.F. Taggart of Los Angeles, California, now deceased, subscribe his name to said will in my presence and in the presence of and at the request of said testator, Jefferson Rainey, as a witness to said will."

I have compared the said instrument in writing hereto attached and marked exhibit "A" with the said original instrument which Jefferson Rainey declared in my presence and in the presence of said C.F. Taggart to be his last will and testament and to which I and C.F. Taggart subscribed our names as witnesses thereto at the request of said Jefferson Rainey, deceased, and say that the said writing marked exhibit "A" is a true copy of the said original instrument to which Jefferson Rainey, deceased, subscribed his name and which he declared, in my presence and in the presence of said C.F. Taggart, to be his last will and testament of aforesaid, and to which at his request, I and C.F. Taggart subscribed our names as witnesses;

Hugh H. Harrison

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day, month and year aforesaid, and I hereby certify that the testimony of the said Hugh H. Harrison was by me reduced to writing and by him subscribed in my presence and the said testimony, so ~~by him subscribed in my presence and~~ taken by me and certified, is herewith returned as directed by said commission.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my Notarial seal the day and year aforesaid.
My Notarial commission expires 22nd day of July 1907,
H.S. Collins

Notary Public in and for the County of
Los Angeles, State of California

State of California } ss.
County of Los Angeles

Be it Remembered, that in pursuance of the authority to me given by the annexed commission issued by the Judge and ex officio clerk of the Probate Court within and for the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri, United States of America, I, the undersigned H.S. Collins, did on this 21st day of August, 1906, cause to come before me Thomas C. Taggart, one of the persons therein named, who being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

"I was personally acquainted with C.F. Taggart, now deceased, whose name is written at the end of the original instrument in writing (of which the instrument hereto attached and marked exhibit "A" is a true copy) bearing date the 12th day of January, 1905, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Jefferson Rainey, deceased, as one of the subscribing witnesses to the execution thereof, in his lifetime. During my acquaintance with said C.F. Taggart, I frequently saw him write and sign his name and I deem myself familiar with his handwriting and signature I have carefully examined the signature "C.F. Taggart" to the original instrument (of which the instrument hereto attached and marked exhibit "A" is a true copy) and verily believe the said signature to said original instrument in writing to be the genuine signature of said C.F. Taggart, deceased, and in his proper handwriting. I know that said

State of California } ss.
County of Los Angeles

Be it remembered, that in pursuance of the authority to me given by the annexed commission issued by the Judge and ex officio clerk of the probate court within and for the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri, United States of America, I, the undersigned H. S. Rollins, did on this 18th day of August, 1906 cause to come before me Hugh W. Harrison of Los Angeles, California, one of the persons therein named, who being by me duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

"I saw Jefferson Rainey, the person named as testator in the original instrument (of which the instrument hereto attached and marked exhibit 'A' is a true copy) subscribed his name to said original instrument in writing, bearing the date January 12th, 1905, and I heard the said Jefferson Rainey declare the said original instrument to be his last will and testament, and I subscribed my name thereto as a witness in the presence of and at the request of said Jefferson Rainey, testator; and at the time of the execution of said original instrument, as aforesaid, and at the time of my subscribing the same as such witness, he the said Jefferson Rainey, testator, was of sound mind and disposing mind to the best of my knowledge and belief."

"I also saw the other subscribing witness to said will, C. F. Taggart of Los Angeles, California, now deceased, subscribe his name to said will in my presence and in the presence of and at the request of said testator, Jefferson Rainey, as a witness to said will."

I have compared the said instrument in writing hereto attached and marked exhibit 'A' with the said original instrument which Jefferson Rainey declared in my presence and in the presence of said C. F. Taggart to be his last will and testament and to which I and C. F. Taggart subscribed our names as witnesses thereto at the request of said Jefferson Rainey, deceased, and say that the said writing marked exhibit 'A' is a true copy of the said original instrument to which Jefferson Rainey, deceased, subscribed his name and which he declared, in my presence and in the presence of said C. F. Taggart, to be his last will and testament of aforesaid, and to which at his request, I and C. F. Taggart subscribed our names as witnesses."

State of California, } ss.
County of Los Angeles.

Be it remembered, that in pursuance of the authority to me given by the annexed commission issued by the Judge and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Probate Court within and for the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri, United States of America, I the undersigned H. S. Rollins did on the 18th day of August, 1906 cause to come before me Hugh W. Harrison of Los Angeles, California, one of the persons therein named, who being by me duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

I saw Jefferson Rainey, the person named as testator in the original instrument (of which the instrument hereto attached and marked exhibit A is a true copy) subscribed his name to said original instrument in writing, bearing the date January the 12th, 1905, and I heard the said Jefferson Rainey declare the said original instrument to be his last will and testament

to attached and marked exhibit A is a true copy) and verily believe the said signature to said original instrument in writing to be the genuine signature of said C. F. Taggart, deceased, and in his proper handwriting. I know that said

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C. F. Taggart died since the date of said instrument. C. F. Taggart died on the 21st day of April, 1906.

Thomas E. Taggart

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day, month and year aforesaid, and I hereby certify that the testimony of the said Thomas E. Taggart was by me reduced to writing and by him subscribed in my presence and the said testimony, so taken by me and certified, is herewith returned to as directed by said commission.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my Notarial seal the day and year aforesaid.

H. S. Rollins

Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles,
State of California.

State of California }
County of Los Angeles } ss.

Be It Remembered, that in pursuance of the authority to me given by the annexed commission issued by the Judge and ex-officio clerk of the Probate Court within and for the County of Butte and State of Missouri, United States of America, I, the undersigned H. S. Rollins, did on this 21st day of August, 1906, cause to come before me D. J. D. Van Fleet, one of the persons therein named, who being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

I was personally acquainted with C. F. Taggart now deceased, whose name is written at the end of the original instrument in writing (of which the instrument hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A" is a true copy) having date the 12th day of January, 1905, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Jefferson Rainey, deceased, as one of the subscribing witnesses to the execution thereof, in his lifetime. During my acquaintance with said C. F. Taggart, I frequently saw him write and sign his name and I deem myself familiar with his handwriting and signature. I have carefully examined the signature, "C. F. Taggart" to the original instrument (of which the instrument hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A" is a true copy, and verily believe the said signature to said original instrument in writing to be the genuine signature of said C. F. Taggart, deceased, and in his proper handwriting. I knew that said

C. F. Taggart died since the date of said instrument. C. F. Taggart died on the 21st day of April, 1906.

D. J. D. Van Fleet

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day, month and year aforesaid, and I hereby certify that the testimony of the said D. J. D. Van Fleet was by me reduced to writing and by him subscribed in my presence and the said testimony, so taken by me and certified, is herewith returned as directed by said commission. In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my Notarial seal the day and year aforesaid.

H. S. Rollins

Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
State of California }
County of Los Angeles } ss.

Be It Remembered, that in pursuance of the authority to me given by the annexed commission issued by the Judge and ex-officio clerk of the Probate Court within and for the County of Butte and State of Missouri, United States of America, I, the undersigned H. S. Rollins, did on this 18th day of August, 1906, cause to come before me Minerva D. Small, one of the persons therein named, who being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

I was personally acquainted with Jefferson Rainey, now deceased, whose name is written at the end of the original instrument in writing (of which the instrument hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A" is a true copy), having date the 12th day of January, 1905, and purporting to be his last will and testament, in his lifetime. During my acquaintance with him, I frequently saw him write and sign his name and I deem myself familiar with his handwriting and signature. I have carefully examined the signature "Jefferson Rainey" to the said original instrument (of which the instrument hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A" is a true copy), and I verily believe the same to be the genuine signature of said Jefferson Rainey, and in his proper handwriting.

All of said original instrument in writing purporting, as aforesaid, to be his last will and testament is in his handwriting. Said Jefferson Rainey died at Los Angeles, California, on the 6th day of September 1905.

At the time of the execution of said original instrument in writing, the said testator, Jefferson Rainey, was of sound and disposing mind to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Minerva R. Small

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day, month and year aforesaid, and I hereby certify that the testimony of the said Minerva R. Small was by me reduced to writing and by her subscribed in my presence and the said testimony, so taken by me and certified, is herewith returned as directed by said commission.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my Notarial Seal, the day and year aforesaid.

H. S. Rollins

[LS] Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California,
State of California }
County of Los Angeles }

Be It Remembered, that in pursuance of the authority to me given by the annexed commission issued by the Judge and ex officio clerk of the Probate Court within and for the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri, United States of America, I the undersigned H. S. Rollins, did on this 18th day of August, 1906, cause to come before me Mary A. Rainey one of the persons therein named, who being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

"I was personally acquainted with Jefferson Rainey, now deceased, whose name is written at the end of the original instrument in writing (of which the instrument attached and marked Exhibit "A" is a true copy), bearing date the 17th day of January, 1905 and purporting to be his last will and testament, in his lifetime. During my acquaintance with him, I frequently saw him write and sign his name and I deem myself familiar with his handwriting and signature. I have carefully examined the signature "Jefferson Rainey" to the said original instrument (of which the instrument hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A" is a true copy), and I verily believe the same to be the genuine signature of said Jefferson Rainey, and in his proper handwriting. All of said original instrument in writing purporting, as aforesaid, to be his last will and testament is in his handwriting. Said Jefferson Rainey died at Los Angeles, California, on the 6th day of September, 1905.

At the time of the execution of said original instrument

in writing, the said testator, Jefferson Rainey, was of sound and disposing mind to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mary A. Rainey

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day, month and year aforesaid and I hereby certify that the testimony of the said Mary A. Rainey was by me reduced to writing and by her subscribed in my presence and the said testimony so taken by me and certified, is herewith returned as directed by said commission.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my Notarial Seal, the day and year aforesaid.

H. S. Rollins

[LS] Notary Public in and for the
County of Los Angeles, State of California,
State of California }
County of Los Angeles }

Be It Remembered, that in pursuance of the authority to me given by the annexed commission issued by the Judge and ex officio clerk of the Probate Court within and for the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri, United States of America, I, the undersigned H. S. Rollins, did on ^{the} 18th day of August, 1906, cause to come before me C. G. Taylor, one of the persons therein named, who being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

I am a resident of Los Angeles City, County of Los Angeles and State of California, and am now County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, which last Court exercises probate jurisdiction and that I am duly elected and qualified as such Clerk; that as such Clerk, I have charge and custody of the records and files thereof; that as such Clerk, I have custody of the original will and testament of Jefferson Rainey, deceased, (of which the instrument hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A" is a true copy); that I am well acquainted with the rules and practices of said Court, and with my duties as Clerk thereof; that according to the rules and practices of said Court, and to my duties as Clerk, I having received the custody of said original will of Jefferson Rainey, deceased, I am obliged to retain it and I cannot permit said original will to be withdrawn from my custody and to be sent to the State of Missouri, and there filed in any Court of said State that I have on file in my office proof of the death of said Jefferson Rainey, which sets

forth that said Jefferson Rainey died in Los Angeles City, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on September 6th, 1905; said original will of said Jefferson Rainey was duly admitted to Probate in said Superior Court of Los Angeles County, State of California, on the 16th day of October 1905, in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

C. F. Keyes

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day, month and year aforesaid, and I hereby certify that the testimony of the said C. F. Keyes was by me reduced to writing and by him subscribed in my presence and the said testimony, so taken by me and certified, is herewith returned as directed by said commission.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my Notarial seal, the day and year aforesaid.

H. S. Rollins

Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles State of California

State of Missouri } ss
County of Pulaski }

To any Court having a seal as to any Notary Public of the County of Los Angeles and State of California:

Greeting;

That reposing confidence in your ability, we do hereby empower you to cause to come before you at a time and place to be by you appointed Hugh H. Harrison and C. F. Taggart, both of Los Angeles, California, said to be attesting witnesses to the original instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jefferson Rainey of which said instrument (purporting as aforesaid to be the original of the Will and Testament of Jefferson Rainey) the instrument in writing hereto annexed and marked Exhibit "A" is a true copy of said original writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said Jefferson Rainey, and also of the condition of mind of said Jefferson Rainey, at the time of the execution of the said original instrument purporting as aforesaid to be the last will and Testament of Jefferson Rainey, and of which said Will the Exhibit "A" is said to be a copy. Or in case said C. F. Taggart, be deceased to cause to come before you at a time and place to be by you appointed Thomas Taggart & Dr J. D. Van Fleet or Van Fleet said to be acquainted with said C. F. Taggart and to know of his death, and said to be acquainted with and familiar with the handwriting and signature of the said original Will of C. F. Taggart, whose signature is said to be subscribed to said original Will of Jefferson Rainey, and the said Dr Thomas Taggart, and Dr J. D. Van Fleet or Van Fleet to examine on oath or affirmation touching their acquaintance with said C. F. Taggart, and of his death and of their knowledge of his handwriting and his signature and of the genuineness of the signature "C. F. Taggart", said to be subscribed to said original Will of Jefferson Rainey, and to cause to come before you at a time and place to be by you appointed, Mary A. Rainey and Minerva Abmalt and others of Los Angeles, California, said to be acquainted with said Jefferson Rainey, acquainted and familiar with said Jefferson Rainey's handwriting and signature, and the said witnesses to examine on oath or affirmation touching their knowledge of the mental condition of said Jefferson Rainey, and of the genuineness of the signature "Jefferson Rainey" of said deceased testator Jefferson Rainey, said to be attached to said Will of Jefferson Rainey, and to take such other testimony of said witness and all other witnesses as may be germane and necessary to the proof of said Will in Missouri. The testimony of said witnesses thus taken you will reduce to writing and cause them to subscribe the same, and when thus taken and subscribed you will certify the same, annexed hereto to the Clerk of our Probate Court within and for the County of Pulaski in the State of Missouri, United States of America, under your hand and seal of your office with all convenient speed.

Witness

Joe M. Gregor Judge & Ex-officio Clerk of our Probate Court, and the seal thereof hereto affixed at office in County of Pulaski State of Missouri, United States of America.

Aforesaid this 3rd day of August 1906.

Joe M. Gregor

Judge & Ex-officio Clerk

Exhibit "A"

I, Jefferson Rainey of the County of Los Angeles and State of California, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity to do, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament.

That is to say:

Clause (1) It is my will That all my debts and funeral expenses be paid and that I be buried alongside of my beloved wife in the State of Illinois.

Clause (2) I give and bequeath to my grandchildren, Mary Josephine Crawford, Laura Davis, Minnie Hansler, Myrtle Rainey, Nellie Rainey and Jessie Rainey, daughters of George H. Rainey, and Harold A Small, Effie Martin and Larene Nickerson, the sum of One Thousand Dollars each, to my grandson, George E. Rainey, I give Four Hundred Dollars and his note I hold for Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars, dated June 25th, 1901, which was an advancement to him by me. My watch I give to my son, Geo. H. Rainey.

Clause (3) It is my will that after having paid the bequests named I give and bequeath to my son, George H. Rainey, Jane A. Little, Minerva A. Small, and Mary A. Rainey, all the remainder of my real estate and personal property or mixed of whatever kind I may own at my death, consisting of real estate, money, notes, mortgages, trust deeds, bonds or any other indebtedness to me, to be divided among them equally, share and share alike, except my house hold furniture which I give to Minerva A. Small and Mary A. Rainey forever.

Clause (4) It is my will that if any one or more of my heirs shall attempt to break, set aside or destroy this my last will they are hereby forever debarred from any bequests in said will at law or equity and forfeit all their legal interest in my estate by so doing, forever.

Clause (5) And lastly, I constitute and appoint Minerva A. Small and Mary A. Rainey Executors of this my last will and testament revoking and cancelling all former wills by me made and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

It is also my will and desire and I so order and direct that no security or bond be required of my named Executors by any Probate Court of any County or State where I may own property, for on account of the execution of the trust herein created.

In Witness Whereof: I, the said Jefferson Rainey, have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of January, One Thousand and Nine Hundred and Five.

Jefferson Rainey [PS]

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Jefferson Rainey as and for his last will and testament in the presence of each other and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses

thereto the day and year above written.

Witness.

Hugh H. Harrison Los Angeles, Cal.
C. F. Faggart, Los Angeles, Cal.

State of Missouri }
County of Pulaski }

Be It Remembered, that on this day of 1906, it being one of the days of the term of the Probate Court of the County of Pulaski, State of Missouri, for said year, an instrument in writing purporting to be a copy of the last will and testament of Jefferson Rainey, deceased, was produced in and exhibited to said Court, upon examination whereof and the testimony of Hugh H. Harrison, a subscribing witness thereto and of Dr. Thomas Faggart and of Dr. J. D. Van Fleet, witnesses to the genuineness of the signature of C. F. Faggart, the other subscribing witness thereto, and of Mary A. Rainey and Minerva A. Small as to the mental condition of said Jefferson Rainey, and the genuineness of his signature to said original will in relation to the execution of the said original will, and the evidence of C. F. Faggart regarding the laws of the State of California requiring him as custodian of said original will to retain the same in his custody and care, it is considered by the Court that said will has been duly executed and proved according to the laws of the State of Missouri.

Witness my hand as Judge & Ex officio Clerk of said Court and the seal thereof at office, this 24th day of Sept 1906.

[PS]

Joe McGeer

Judge & Ex officio Clerk

Be It Remembered that on the 16th day of October, 1905, in Department Two of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, Hon. N. P. Conely, Judge, presiding; present, H. L. Harlow, Deputy Clerk, the following proceedings were had, to wit:

In the Matter of the Estate of Jefferson Rainey, deceased } Order admitting will to Probate
And For Letters Testamentary.

Now come the petitioners Minerva A. Small and Mary A. Rainey by H. B. Rollins their attorney, and prove to the satisfaction of the Court that the time for hearing the petition, filed on the 24th of Sept 1905, for the probate of the

will herein, and for letters testamentary thereon, was by the clerk duly set for the 10th of Oct. 1905, and that notice of said hearing has been duly given as required by law, and the hearing having been regularly continued to this time, and no person appearing to contest said petition the Court proceeds to hear the evidence, and thereupon finds that the facts therein alleged are true, and that said petition ought to be granted.

It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that said Jefferson Rainey died on the 6th of Sept. 1905, leaving estate in California, and then a resident of Los Angeles County, California; that the document heretofore filed purporting to be his last will, and so alleged to be in said petition be admitted to probate as the last will of said deceased; that Minerva A. Small and Mary A. Rainey be appointed executars of the said estate, and that letters testamentary issue to them upon their taking the oath required by law; without bond.

Entered Oct. 16, 1905;

C. G. Keyes, county clerk

By

Deputy

In the Superior Court

State of California

in and for the County of Los Angeles

In the Matter of the Estate of }
Jefferson Rainey Deceased } Letters Testamentary
State of California } ss.
County of Los Angeles }

The Last Will and Testament of Jefferson Rainey deceased (a copy of which is hereto annexed) having been proved and recorded in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, Minerva A. Small and Mary A. Rainey, who are named therein as such are hereby appointed Executars.

[LS] Witness: C. G. Keyes, Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, with the seal of the Court affixed, the 16th day of October, A.D. 1905;

By order of the Court

C. G. Keyes, Clerk

By H. L. Warren

Deputy Clerk

State of California }
County of Los Angeles } ss.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution

of the United States, and the constitution of the State of California, and that I will faithfully perform, according to law, the duties of Executor of the last Will and Testament of Jefferson Rainey, deceased.

Minerva A. Small

Mary A. Rainey

Subscribed and sworn to before me, } C. G. Keyes,

this 16th day of October, A.D. 1905 } County Clerk and ex officio clerk of
the Superior Court

By H. L. Warren Deputy

Filed Oct. 16, 1905; C. G. Keyes Clerk By H. L. Warren Deputy

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

In the Matter of The Estate of }
Jefferson Rainey, Deceased } Testimony of subscribing Witness on Probate
State of California }
County of Los Angeles } ss.

Hugh H. Harrison of lawful age, and a competent witness, being duly sworn in open Court, testifies as follows:

I reside in the County of Los Angeles, State of California;

I knew Jefferson Rainey on the 12th day of January, A.D. 1905.

The date of the instrument now shown to me, marked as filed in

this Court on the 28th day of September, A.D. 1905, purporting to be

the last Will and Testament of said Jefferson Rainey; I am

one of the subscribing witnesses to said instrument; I also knew

at the ~~said~~ date of ^{said} instrument C. F. Taggart, the other of

said subscribing witnesses. The said instrument was signed

and sealed by the said Jefferson Rainey at Los Angeles City, in

the County of Los Angeles on the said 12th day of January, A.D.

1905 the day it bears date, in the presence of myself and said

C. F. Taggart, and the said Jefferson Rainey thereupon publish-

ed the said instrument as, and declared to us the same to be

his last will and Testament, and requested us in attestation

thereof to sign the same as witnesses. The said C. F. Taggart and

I then and there in the presence of the said Jefferson Rainey

and in the presence of each other, subscribed our names

as witnesses to the said instrument.

At the time of executing the said instrument, to

wit: the 12th day of January 1905, the said Jefferson

Rainey was as over the age of eighteen years, to-wit: of the age

of eighty four years, or thereabouts, and was of sound and

disposing mind and not acting under duress, menace, fraud

undue influence or misrepresentations,

Hugh H. Harrison

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court before me this 2nd day of December, A.D. 1905.

C. G. Keyes Clerk

By H. L. Warren Deputy

In the Matter of the Estate of }
Jefferson Rainey, Deceased } In the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles,
State of California } ss.

Testimony of Applicant on Probate of Will.

Minerva A. Small, being duly sworn in open Court, testifies as follows: I am the person named as one of the executors in the document now shown to me, marked as filed in this Court, on the 11th day of September A.D. 1905, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Jefferson Rainey; I reside in the County of Los Angeles, and am of the age of twenty-one years and upward; I knew said Jefferson Rainey, he is dead, he died on or about the 6th day of September, A.D. 1905, at Los Angeles City, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

At the time of his death he was a resident of the County of Los Angeles, and left estate in personal property in the County of Los Angeles State of California.

The personal property is of the value of \$150,000.00 or thereabouts.

The said estate and effects, far as in respect of which the Probate of said Will has been applied for does not exceed the value of \$150,000.00 of the estate of said deceased is separate property, the said decedent, Jefferson Rainey, being a widower at the time of his death.

The said document came into my possession as follows, to-wit: Being in the safe deposit box of said decedent, and I believe the same to be the last will and testament of the said Jefferson Rainey.

The next of kin of said deceased are as set forth in the petition.

On the 17th day of January, A.D. 1905, when and where said will was executed, said deceased was over the age of eighteen years, being of the age of eighty-four years or thereabouts, and was of sound and disposing mind.

Minerva A. Small

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court before me this 2nd day of December, A.D. 1905.

C. G. Keyes, Clerk.

By H. L. Warren, Deputy.

State of California } ss.
County of Los Angeles }

I, C. G. Keyes, County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, State of California, do hereby certify and attest the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the original.

1. Last Will and Testament of Jefferson Rainey, Deceased,
2. Order Admitting said Will to Probate and for Letters Testamentary,
3. Letters Testamentary issued thereunder;
4. Testimony of subscribing witnesses and of Petition for Probate, (being all of the testimony adduced in support of said Will) on file in my office, and that I have carefully compared the same with the original.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and annexed the seal of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, State of California, this 2nd day of December, 1905.

C. G. Keyes
County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and ex-officio
Clerk of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, State of California,
State of California } ss.
County of Los Angeles }

I, D. A. Frask, Judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, State of California, do hereby certify that C. G. Keyes is County clerk of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and ex-officio clerk of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, State of California, (which Court is a Court of Record, having a seal); that the signature to the foregoing certificate and attestation is the genuine signature of the said C. G. Keyes as such officer; that the seal annexed thereto is the seal of said Superior Court; that said C. G. Keyes as such Clerk, is the proper officer to execute the said certificate and attestation, and that such attestation is in due form according to the laws of the State of California.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand in my official character as such Judge, at the City of Los Angeles, County and State aforesaid, this 2nd day of December, A.D. 1905.

D. A. Frask

Judge Superior Court of Los Angeles County, State of California

State of California } ss.
County of Los Angeles }

I, C. G. Keyes, County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles

State of California, and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, State of California, and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court of Record, having a seal, which is annexed hereto, do hereby certify that D. T. Frost, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing certificate of due attestation was, at the time of signing the same, Judge of the Superior Court of aforesaid, and was duly commissioned, qualified and authorized by law to execute said certificate. And I do further certify that the signature of the Judge aforesaid named to the said certificate of due attestation is genuine.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Superior Court, at my office in said County this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1905,

C. E. Key
 County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, State of California,
 and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County State of California,
 State of Missouri } ss
 County of Pulaski }

I, Judge M. Gregor Judge and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court within and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the will and certificate of probate of the same of Jefferson Rainey, deceased, as the same appears of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at my office in Waynesville Missouri this 24th day of September 1906

Joe M. Gregor
 Judge and ex-officio Clerk

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Garret B. Shubert of Richland Pulaski County Missouri, being of sound and disposing mind, and in good health, but knowing the uncertainty of life and being well advanced in years do hereby make, ordain and establish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made,

First After my death I wish to receive Christian burial from the Methodist Episcopal Church and to be buried in my lot at the Richland Cemetery, and a plain stone to be placed to mark the place of my last resting place, to be paid for from what Estate I may have.

I also want all my debts paid in full, so that no one may be the loser by my death.

Second - After my debts are all paid I want my property disposed of as follows. I give to each of my children, to-wit: Charles B. Shubert, Henry C. Shubert, Eliza A. McIntire, Edward F. Shubert, Mary J. Agee, and George B. Shubert the sum of one Dollar each and such mementoes as my wife may give to them, the balance of my personal property, notes, and any other evidences of debt coming to me I leave to my beloved wife for her own use. Third - It is my wish that after my death, that my beloved wife Mary B. Shubert will continue to reside in the home we now occupy during her life, that she will keep the taxes paid up and keep the house insured for a reasonable amount, in favor of my children the aforesaid Charles B. Shubert, Henry C. Shubert, Eliza A. McIntire, Edward F. Shubert, Mary J. Agee and George B. Shubert, and after the death of my beloved wife, Mary B. Shubert I wish the house, and lot upon which it stands, to-wit: all of block 8 Town 8 Burhain addition to the City of Richland to be sold for the highest price it will bring either at Public or Private sale and the proceeds divided among my children aforesaid.

according to their respective interests, I having made some small advances to some of them, said advances to be brought into "Hotch Pot" and then equitably divided.

Fourth, I hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary A. Shubert sole executrix of this my last will and testament during her life and after her death I wish my eldest son Charles H. Shubert to settle up all the balance of my estate, each of said executrix to serve without bond.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, this 12th day of November 1906.
Garrett B. Shubert

The foregoing was at the date thereof, signed and declared by the said Garrett B. Shubert to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request and in ^{their} presence, of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto;

Sam J. Ellis Richland Mo.
D. S. Bohannon, Richland Mo.

Proof of Will
State of Missouri
County of Pulaski

Be It Remembered, That on this 7th day of January A.D. 1907 before me Joe M. Greger, Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State of Missouri, personally appeared Sam J. Ellis & D. S. Bohannon who are the subscribing witnesses to the will annexed of Garrett B. Shubert deceased, and being by me duly sworn, disposed and said that the said Garrett B. Shubert the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published & declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at time of signing the same, he the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty-one years of age, and that said documents

attested said will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of said testator.

Sam J. Ellis

D. S. Bohannon.

Shown to and subscribed before me, this 7th day of January

Joe M. Greger

Judge of Probate

L. S.

State of Missouri
County of Pulaski

I, Joe M. Greger Judge of the Probate Court of Pulaski County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Garrett B. Shubert deceased, and signed by him the said Garrett B. Shubert, and having heard the testimony of Sam J. Ellis and D. S. Bohannon subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument, to be the last Will and Testament of the said Garrett B. Shubert deceased late of Pulaski County - Missouri, and the same is hereby admitted to Probate.

In witness I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at office in Waynesville Mo. this 7th Day of January 1907

Joe M. Greger,
Judge.

L. S.

Filed January 7th 1907

Joe M. Greger
Judge

Will of Nathan Wheeler

In the name of God, Amen:

I, Nathan Wheeler, being of sound mind and memory, and being desirous arranging my worldly affairs to the best interest of my wife and children, do make this my last will and testament in the manner following:

First; I desire that all my just debts be paid as soon as practicable out of my estate.

Second, After the payment of all my debts, I give, devise and bequeath all my real estate consisting of my dwelling and office buildings in the town of Waynesville, Missouri, together with all my personal property, including the Pulaski County Democrat with all appurtenances and stock on hand, bank stocks, notes, accounts, moneys, together with whatever personal property I may die possessed of to my wife, Mary L. Wheeler, for the support of herself and our children, to have and to hold the same for and during her life or widowhood, but at her death, or should she re-marry, then all of the above property, except the home where we now reside which she shall be allowed to hold as her dower and the personal property allowed her by law as her absolute property in case of her marriage, shall become the property of our children, Virgil, Donna and Opal. Third, The Ten Thousand Dollars insurance which I carry payable in one thousand dollars each to my wife and children, I desire that my wife be allowed full and complete possession of her part and that that part which is made payable to my said children be placed on interest and that my son Virgil not come into possession of his part until he shall have arrived at the age of twenty-five years and my daughters shall not come into possession of their parts until they the said Donna and Opal shall have arrived at the ages of twenty-one years, provided however, said insurance made payable to my said children or a part thereof, may be used for the furtherance and completion if absolutely necessary of their education only.

Fourth, I further request that at any time it may become evident that my wife or the guardian who may have the business in charge cannot longer conduct the Pulaski County Democrat to advantage and in a paying manner, that my said wife or the guardian who may have the business in charge may be permitted to sell the same at their election without an order of court, provided a reasonable price can be secured therefor, the proceeds to be invested in some other business or loaned for the benefit of my heirs. I hereby appoint my said wife Mary L. Wheeler executrix of this my last will and testament and that she be allowed to perform all the duties thereof without giving bond, and that she be appointed guardian of my said children. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this 25th day of August, 1906
Nathan Wheeler

The foregoing instrument was at the date thereof, signed in our presence and declared by the said Nathan Wheeler to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

J. B. Christison
Frank Christison,

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri }
County of Palaski }³³ In the Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on this the 25th day of April, A. D. 1907, before me, Joe McEggor, Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared J. B. Christeson & Frank Christeson, who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Nathan Wheeler deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that at the said Nathan Wheeler the testator, subscribed the same in his presence, and published and declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same, he the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty-one years of age, and that said deponents attested said Will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at request of the said testator.

J. B. Christeson.

Frank Christeson.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 25th day of April A. D. 1907

Joe McEggor
Judge of Probate

Certificate of Probate.

State of Missouri } In the Probate Court.
County of Palaski }³³

I, Joe McEggor, Judge of the Probate Court of Palaski County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Nathan Wheeler deceased, and signed by him the said Nathan Wheeler and having heard the testimony of J. B. Christeson and Frank Christeson subscribing Witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of the said Nathan Wheeler deceased, late of Palaski County, Missouri, and the same is hereby admitted to Probate.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at office in Waynesville this 25th day of April 1907
Joe McEggor,
Judge.

Will of Mrs. Heller.

Dixon Mo July 9th 1907

The last will & testament of Mrs. Heller Dixon Mo. I, Mrs. Heller, of Dixon Mo, realizing that I am afflicted by a fatal disease, and being of sound mind, declare this to be my last will and testament, and hereby dispose of any property or moneys, goods Real Estate, and so forth that I may be possessed of at my death, in the ~~following~~ following manner, and revoke all Wills and Testaments made heretofore.

Any and all moneys that I may be owing at the time of my death, shall be paid within thirty days after my death.

I hereby dispose of my property as follows.

I give to my wife Sadie Heller, all moneys, notes, Chittels Household goods, Horses or mules, and any other live stock in my possession at the time of my death, to her unconditionally. Also: any wagons, buggies, Harness, or other goods or chattels that may be on hand at the time of my death.

I also give to her Lots No. 14, 15, 16 in Block 33 in City of Dixon

I also give to her Lot No. 2 in S. R. R. addition in City of Dixon.

I also give to her the elevator situated in City of Dixon.

I also give to her the three Ware-houses situated on the "Taco" right of way in the city of Dixon

I also give to her all the contents of said elevator and Ware-houses,

I also give to her the Elevator and contents thereof that is situated in the City of St. James, Phelps County.

I also give to her the contents of the Ware-house at St. James Mo.

I also give to her all moneys that may be in the bank of St. James that I may be possessed of at the time of my death, and that may have been placed there for my benefit or for my family.

I also give to her all of accounts or other property that I may have at St. James at the time of my death.

I also give to her the contents and accounts of my "Exchange Mill" situated at "Newburg" Mo. (That is to say) all all goods, such as are usually found in such mills but does not include Stationary scales, or any loose scales.

I also give to her any money or moneys that I might have at the time of my death, in the "Newburg State Bank" and all money that may be in the hands of my employees, and to which she may be entitled,

I give to my son, Edward M. Heller, the house on Lot No. 13, Block 26, in City of Dixon

I give to my son Harry Heller the Building known as the "Opera House" situated in the City of Dixon, together with ^{the} lots 5-6-7-8 Block 28, situated in the City of Dixon with this condition: That he shall pay to my daughter Bertha Heller, the rent that is being, or will be collected from any tenants that may may reside in the flats in the lower story of said "Opera House" until her eighteenth birthday, or until her marriage, if married before her eighteenth birthday, or until her marriage, if married before her twenty-fifth birthday, if not married before that time, then the property to be sold, and the sum of (\$500.00) Five Hundred Dollars paid to her in full of all claims. Should however, my son, Harry Heller, and my daughter Bertha Heller agree not to sell the property, then this provision of the sale of said property shall be void, he however, to pay her the (\$500.00) Five Hundred Dollars as provided above.

My son Harry Heller to pay all taxes, Insurance, and repairs that may be necessary needed to keep said house in repair. The Rents to be paid to my daughter as collected, unless she wishes to act as her own agent.

I give to my daughter Bertha Heller, the N. end of Lots No. 1 & 2 - Block 34 situated in the City of Dixon.

I also give to my daughter Bertha Heller all of Lot Four (4) Block Twenty-Eight (28) situated in the City of Dixon.

I give to my sons, Edward M. Heller, & Harry Heller, the Building that is known as the "Newburg Exchange Mills" together with the Machinery and scales contained therein, and adjacent thereto.

Also I give to my sons, Lots Seven (7) and Seventeen (17) in Block one (1) of Powell's addition to the town of Newburg. The Real Estate, and machinery to be appraised by disinterested parties and the aforesaid property to be ~~appraised~~ devised to my sons Edward Heller and Harry jointly in the

Form of Newburg to be disposed amicably, unless they see fit to continue the business.

I give to my son Harry the Masonic Apron presented to me by my masonic brethren, and hope that he will wear it with honor to himself and to the fraternity. My interest in the St. Clair Roller Mills situated in St. Clair Mo. I give to my sons Edward and Harry Heller. This interest consists at present of one half of the investment of one half of all the Capital; also one half of all money, accounts, stock of flour and feed, grain and such other articles and goods usually found in a Roller Mill.

At my death, an inventory should be taken of all such goods, money, grain, feed and other sundries on hand, and the same be properly appraised, and a reasonable time be allowed to my present partner Mr. Max (E. S.) to make settlement for same. I knowing him to be an ~~honorable~~ honorable man, and appoint him sole executor without bond, as far as my interests in the St. Clair Roller Mills are concerned. As Executor of the balance of my estate, I appoint my wife, Scadie Heller and George W. Shelton without bond.

Witness my hand and seal this day,
 Witness
 H. E. Roccus
 W. M. Brauns.

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri }
 County of Pulaski }
 In the Probate Court
 Be it Remembered that on this 29th day of November A.D. 1907 before me Joe McLaughlin Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County, State of Missouri, personally appeared H. E. Roccus and W. M. Brauns who as the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Wm. Heller Jr. deceased, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Wm. Heller Jr. the testator, presented the same in their presence and published

and declared said Will or Instrument of Writing to be his last will and testament, and at the time of signing the same he, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and more than twenty-one years of age, and that said deponents attested said Will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator.

H. E. Roccus

W. M. Brauns

Seen to and subscribed before me this 29th day of November A.D. 1907.

[L S]

Joe McLaughlin

Judge of Probate

State of Missouri }
 County of Pulaski }

In the Probate Court
 I, Joe McLaughlin, Judge of the Probate Court of Pulaski County, Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will of Wm. Heller Jr. deceased, and signed by him, and having heard the testimony of H. E. Roccus and W. M. Brauns subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of the said Wm. Heller Jr. deceased late of Pulaski County, Missouri, and the same is hereby admitted to probate.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in Waynesville this 30th day of November 1907

[L S]

Joe McLaughlin
 Judge of Probate

Filed for Record Nov 30th 1907 at 9 o'clock A. M.

Joe McLaughlin
 Judge of Probate

I, Oscar Bestwick of the county of Pulaski in the state of Missouri being in full possession of mental powers comfortable health of body, but warned by the advancement of age and occasional infirmities of the uncertainty of life, make this my last will and testament. I give, devise and bequeath my estate, real and personal, that I now have or may be seized withall to my beloved wife, Matilda S. Bestwick, to be absolutely at her full and free disposal. I also, hereby appoint Matilda S. Bestwick, (my wife), executor of this my last will.

(LS) His seal.

Oscar Bestwick.

The said Oscar Bestwick at Pulaski Co in the state of Missouri, June 14th 1900 signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared it to be his last will, and we, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereinto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

(LS)

G. W. Berry.

Flora J. Berry.

Codacil. Having omitted to mention above. I here add, that each of my children shall receive one dollar from my estate.

(LS)

Oscar Bestwick

Witness — G. W. Berry.

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri } ss
County of Pulaski }

In the Probate Court.

Be it remembered, that on this the 13th day of October A.D. 1908, before me, Joe McGregor, Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared G. W. Berry and Flora J. Berry who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Oscar Bestwick deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Oscar Bestwick the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said will or instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and at the time of signing the same, he, the said testator, was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty-one years of age, and that said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence

of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator.

G. W. Berry.

Flora J. Berry.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13 day of October A.D. 1908.

Joe McGregor,

Judge of Probate.

(LS)

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Pulaski }

In the Probate Court.

I, Joe McGregor, Judge of the Probate Court of Pulaski County, state of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last will of Oscar Bestwick deceased, and signed by him the said Oscar Bestwick and having heard the testimony of G. W. Berry and Flora J. Berry, subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last will and testament of the said Oscar Bestwick deceased, late of Pulaski County, Missouri, and the same is hereby admitted to Probate.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at office in Waynesville this 13 day of October 1908.

Joe McGregor,

Judge of Probate.

(LS)

Filed this 13 day of Oct. 1908

Joe McGregor,

Judge of Probate.

Last Will and Testament

I, Crawford Ousley, of Crocker, in the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do, therefore, make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament: First, I order and direct that my executor hereinafter named pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be. Second, After the payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise and bequeath to Mrs. Catherine Ousley, my wife, the home where we now live in Crocker Mo., with all the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, with all the house hold goods and furniture, bedding, clothing and other house hold goods (except the book case (this book case to be sold and divided among the heirs of my estate) as long as she may live after I will and bequeath to my wife, Catherine Ousley, the house where Charles Ousley now lives adjoining my home place in Crocker with the lots and appurtenances thereto belonging, to have the same during her life or such time as she remains my widow & I hereby will and bequeath to my son Christian Ousley the sum of One dollar to be paid him, upon demand, by the executor of my Will hereinafter named. 3rd The remainder of my estate both real and personal I hereby will and bequeath to be divided equally among my children, James Ousley, Catherine Olson, Joseph N. Ousley, William B. Ousley, Biddie Chambers, Walter Ousley, Nellie Ousley, B. J. Ousley, Hattie Andrews, Ida Wayman and Henry B. Ousley; except my tool chest and all my tools which I will and bequeath to my son Henry B. Ousley. 4. I hereby will and bequeath that the shares of each of my sons above mentioned shall be paid to them by my executor when they shall pay and release my estate from any liability of my estate upon notes which I have signed for them as security. Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint Charles Ousley to be executor of this, my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the 14th day of December, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and eight.

Crawford Ousley (test)

This instrument was, on the day of the date thereof, signed, published and declared by the said testator Crawford Ousley to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, have subscribed our names thereto as witnesses, in his presence and in the presence of each other.

W. D. Rowden,
B. Nichols
W. D. Johnson
J. W. Booth.

Proof of Will

State of Missouri } ss. In the Probate Court.
County of Pulaski }

Be it remembered, that on this the 18 day of Dec. A.D. 1908, before me, J. M. Greger, Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared W. D. Rowden and W. D. Johnson who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Crawford Ousley, deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Crawford Ousley the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said Will as instrument of writing to be his last Will & Testament, and that at the time of signing the same, he, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that said deponents attested said Will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator.

W. D. Rowden.

W. D. Johnson.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18 day of December A.D. 1908.

J. M. Greger
Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri } ss. In the Probate Court.
County of Pulaski }

I, J. M. Greger, Judge of the Probate Court of Pulaski County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Crawford Ousley deceased, and signed by him the said Crawford Ousley and having heard the testimony of W. D. Rowden and W. D. Johnson subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of the said Crawford Ousley, deceased, late of Pulaski County, Missouri, and the same is hereby admitted to Probate. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in Waynesville Mo. this 18 day of December 1908.

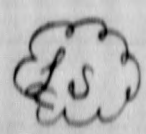
J. M. Greger,
Judge of Probate.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Valentine K. Bowling of Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri, being of sound mind and memory do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, viz: as follows, First, all my debts are to be paid, including my burial expenses, out of my estate. Second, all of my real estate is to be sold either by public or private sale and out of the proceeds of said sale, Sarah, Margaret, Gertrude and Ray Bowling are each to be paid \$100.00, one hundred dollars, and then the remainder is to be equally divided among the following named persons, viz. Wm B. Bowling, Taylor, M. Bowling, Ray Bowling, Abnereth J, Mrs. Willow and James Bowling. Thirdly, I hereby appoint D. C. Bowling and Harmon Pearson as executors of this my last will and testament. Fourth, I hereby revoke all former wills made by me. This signed by me in presence of the witnesses on this 18 day of July A.D. 1908.

Witnesses John B. Bowling Valentine K. Bowling
 W.E. Coffey
 Commission to Prove Will.

State of Missouri } ss.
 County of Pulaski } The State of Missouri, to any Court having a seal, or the judge thereof, or Justice of the Peace, or any Notary Public, Mayor or Chief Magistrate of any city or town having a seal, in the County of St. Francois in the State of Missouri, greeting: know ye, that we hereby empower you to cause to come before you at the time and place to be by you appointed, John B. Bowling and W.E. Coffey attesting witnesses to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Valentine K. Bowling deceased, and to then and there examine them, the said John B. Bowling and W.E. Coffey, on oath, touching their knowledge of the execution of said instrument, and of the condition of the mind of the said Valentine K. Bowling at the time of the execution and publication of the same as his last will and testament. The examination thus taken, you will reduce to writing and cause the same to be subscribed and sworn to by the said John B. Bowling and W.E. Coffey and thereupon you shall certify the same under your hand & seal to the judge of our Probate Court of said County.

In witness whereof, I, Joe M. Greger Judge of said Probate Court, have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at Waynesville Mo. on this 3rd day of December 1908



Joe M. Greger,
 Judge

State of Missouri } ss.
 County of Pulaski }

Pursuant to the authority given to me by the annexed commission issued by the judge of the Probate Court held within and for the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri, D. Gilbert O. Nations, judge of the Probate Court held within and for the County of St. Francois and State of Missouri, did, on the fifth day of December, 1908, cause to come before me at my office in the City of Farmington, in the said County of St. Francois, John B. Bowling and William E. Coffey, who being by me first duly sworn, on their oath depose and say that Valentine K. Bowling subscribed his name to the instrument in writing annexed to the commission hereto attached as his last will and testament, and that the said Valentine K. Bowling was of sound mind and more than twenty one year of age at the time of executing the same; and that these deponents, the said John B. Bowling and William E. Coffey, then and there subscribed their names to said instrument as witnesses in the presence and at the request of the said Valentine K. Bowling.

John B. Bowling.
 William E. Coffey.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this fifth day of December, 1908, and I certify that the foregoing testimony of the said John B. Bowling and William E. Coffey was by me reduced to writing, and by them respectively subscribed in my presence, on the date and at the place above written, and their testimony, so by me taken and certified, is herewith returned.



Gilbert O. Nations,
 Judge of Probate Court.

Will of
Alonso K.
Lynch

The people of the State of New York

By the grace of God free and Independent,

Do all to whom these presents shall come or may concern, Greeting:

Know ye, That we having examined the records and files in the office of the Surrogate of the County of Kings, do find there remaining a certain record of the last will and Testament of Alonso K. Lynch, late of the County of Kings, deceased, together with the proofs thereof, Decree granting probate and letters Testamentary granted and issued thereon.

Said will was duly executed, proven and attested agreeably to the laws of the State of New York in the words and figures following to wit:

Be it known that I Alonso K. Lynch, of the City of Brooklyn, Kings County, State of New York, being sound mind and memory full and of legal age, do hereby make, publish and declare this my last will and Testament: After the payment of my funeral expenses and other just debts if any, I give devise and bequeath all of my property as follows:

First: I give and bequeath unto my sister, Agnes Rich, of Lynn, Massachusetts, her heirs and assigns forever, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars. In case my said sister be not living at the time of my decease then the said sum so bequeathed to her shall form a portion of the residue of my estate and be disposed of according to the provisions of this will as hereinafter expressed.

Second: I give and bequeath unto my sister, Martha A. Kimball of San Francisco, California, her heirs and assigns forever, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars. In case my said sister be not living at the time of my decease then the said sum so bequeathed to her shall form a portion of the residue of my estate and be disposed of according to the provisions of this will hereinafter expressed.

Third: I give devise and bequeath all of the real, residue and the remainder of my property, real, personal and mixed whatsoever situated which I shall own, and in which I shall have any right, title or interest at the time of my decease unto my wife Wilhelmina C. Lynch, for her use, benefit and behoof during her natural life, charging upon the income thereof the lawful taxes, assessments, water taxes insurance and other expenses of maintenance and management and also such temporary repairs and betterments as she shall desire to make and charging upon the principal thereof such permanent improvements as my said wife with the consent of my son William Alonso Lynch may approve.

Fourth: Upon the decease of my said wife, I give devise and bequeath all of the said real, residue and remainder of all my property of whatsoever kind and description and whatsoever situated unto my said son, William Alonso Lynch, his heirs and assigns forever.

Fifth: I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my wife, Wilhelmina C. Lynch, to be the executrix and my friend, Alfred C. Cousens to be the executor of this my said last will and Testament and hereby request and direct that no bond or other security be required of either of them and their survivor as such executrix and executor in any State, Territory or County.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and set my seal this eighteenth day of December in the year eighteen hundred and ninety six.
Alonso K. Lynch. (L. S.)

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for his last will and Testament by Alonso K. Lynch the above named testator in the presence of each of us and we at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses this eighteenth day of December in the year eighteen hundred and ninety six. George Walcott residing at 113 Lexington Avenue, New York City, Geo. A. Wallingford at 67 Elm Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Frederick D. Schuchman residing at 200 Lexington Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Kings County Surrogate's Court

In the matter of the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of
Alonzo T. Lynch, deceased } Deposition of Subscribing
Witnesses.

State of New York, County of Kings, ss: Frederick D. Rebutlan, Clerk of the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York being duly sworn and examined before a Surrogate's Court of the County of Kings, deposes and says:

I was acquainted with Alonzo T. Lynch now deceased. That the subscription of the name of said decedent, at the end of the instrument now shown to me, and offered for probate as the last Will and Testament of the said Alonzo T. Lynch deceased, and bearing date the 18th day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety six, was made by the said decedent at the City now Borough of Brooklyn in the presence of myself and the other subscribing witnesses.

That at the time of making such subscription the said decedent declared the said instrument to be subscribed by him to be his last Will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as a witness, at the end of said instrument at the request of said decedent, and in his presence. I also saw said George Walger and George A. Hill, the other subscribing witnesses, sign their names as witnesses at the end of said Will, and know that they did so at the request and in the presence of said decedent.

That the said decedent, at the time of executing the said instrument, was over the age of twenty one years, of sound mind and memory, and not under restraint, and competent in every respect to make a will.

Subscribed and sworn to this 18th day of July, 1908 } Frederick D. Rebutlan

James C. Baunon

Probate Clerk designated under Sec. 2510
Code Civil Procedure.

Kings County Surrogate's Court

In the matter of the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of
Alonzo T. Lynch, deceased } Deposition of Subscribing
Witnesses.

State of New York, County of Kings, ss: George A. Hill of Greene, N. Y. being duly sworn and examined before a Surrogate's Court of the County of Kings, deposes and says:

I was acquainted with Alonzo T. Lynch now deceased. That the subscription of the name of said decedent, at the end of the instrument now shown to me, and offered for probate as the last Will and Testament of the said Alonzo T. Lynch deceased, and bearing date the 18th day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety six, was made by the said decedent at the City now Borough of Brooklyn in the presence of myself and the other subscribing witnesses.

That at the time of making such subscription the said decedent declared the said instrument to be subscribed by him to be his last Will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as a witness, at the end of said instrument, at the request of said decedent, and in his presence. I also saw said George Walger and Frederick D. Rebutlan, the other subscribing witnesses, sign their names as witnesses at the end of said Will and know that they did so at the request and in the presence of said decedent.

That the said decedent, at the time of executing the said instrument, was over the age of twenty one years, of sound mind and memory, and not under any restraint, and competent in every respect to make a will.

Subscribed and sworn to this 18th day of July, 1908 } Geo. A. Hill

James C. Baunon,

Probate Clerk designated under Sec. 2510
Code Civil Procedure.

At a Surrogate's Court held in and for the County of Kings, at the Surrogate's Court Room, in the Hall of Records, in the Borough of Brooklyn, on the 21st day of February in the year one Thousand nine hundred and eight.

Present, Hon. Herbert P. Kitcham, Surrogate.

In the matter of the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of Alonzo K. Lynch late of the County of Kings, deceased } Decree granting Probate.

Satisfactory Proof having been made of the due service of the citation herein upon, or of the due appearance herein by, all persons entitled to notice of this proceeding.

And the witnesses to said last Will and Testament

having been sworn and examined their examination reduced to writing and filed, and it appearing by such proofs that the said Will was duly executed, and that the Testator at the time of executing it was in all respects competent to make a will and not under restraint; and this Court being satisfied of the genuineness of the will, and the validity of its execution, and the Probate thereof not having been contested.

It is ordered, adjudged and Decreed, that the instrument offered for Probate herein be, and the same hereby is admitted to probate as the last Will, and Testament of the said Alonzo K. Lynch deceased valid to pass Real and Personal Property, and that the said Will, with the proofs thereof and this decree be recorded, and that letters testamentary be issued to the executor who may qualify thereunder.

Herbert P. Kitcham,
Surrogate

The People of the State of New York

By the Grace of God Free and Independent.

To all to whom these presents shall come or may concern. Send Greeting.

Know ye, that in the County of Kings, at a Surrogate's Court held on the 21st day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand nine hundred and eight before Hon. Herbert P. Kitcham, Surrogate of our said County, the last Will and Testament of Alonzo K. Lynch late of the County of Kings, deceased, was proved and is now approved and allowed by us, and

Whereas the said deceased, at the time of his death was a resident of the County of Kings, by reason whereof the proving and registering of the said Will, and the granting of administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, and also the judicial settlement of the account thereof, do belong unto the Surrogate's Court of said County, the administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased in any way concerning his Will is granted unto Wilhelmina E. Lynch, of No. 34 Vernon Avenue Borough of Brooklyn New York City executrix in the said Will named, she being first duly sworn, faithfully and honestly to discharge the duties of the said Executrix.

In Testimony Whereof, we have caused the Seal of the Surrogate's Court of Kings County to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Hon. Herbert P. Kitcham, Surrogate of our said County, at the County of Kings, the 21st day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand nine hundred and eight.

(L. S.)

Edmont J. Berger
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court

All of which we have caused by these presents to be exemplified and the Seal of our said Surrogate's Court to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Hon. Herbert P. Ketchum, Surrogate of the County of Kings, at the Borough of Brooklyn, the 26th day of March 1909.

(L.S.) Edward J. Bergen
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court.

I, Herbert P. Ketchum, Surrogate of said County, and sole presiding Magistrate of the Surrogate's Court do hereby certify that Edward J. Bergen, whose name is subscribed to the preceding exemplification, is the Clerk of the said Surrogate's Court of the County of Kings, and that full faith and credit are due to his official acts. I further certify that the seal affixed to the exemplification is the seal of our said Surrogate's Court and that the attestation thereof is in due form and according to the form of attestation used in this State.

Witness, my hand and the Seal of said Surrogate's Court this 26th day of March one thousand nine hundred and nine.

(L.S.) Herbert P. Ketchum
Surrogate.

State of New York }
County of Kings } ss.

I, Edward J. Bergen, Clerk of the Surrogate's Court of the County of Kings do hereby certify that Hon. Herbert P. Ketchum, whose name is subscribed to the preceding Certificate, is the sole presiding Magistrate of the Surrogate's Court of the County of Kings, duly elected, sworn and qualified, and that the signature of said Magistrate to said Certificate is genuine.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said Court, this 26th day of March 1909.

(L.S.) Edward J. Bergen
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court.

April 17th 1909 Joe McKeown of Probate Court

Will of
Wm McKeown

Crocker, Pulaski County Missouri

In the name of God, Amen:

I Wm McKeown of Crocker Pulaski County Missouri, Gentlemen mindful of the uncertainty of Life, and the certainty of Death. Being of sound mind and memory do make Publish and declare this my last will and testament: I give bequeath and devise unto L. L. Elledge all my property and estate Real Personal and mixed of every description and wherever situated, and appoint him, Sole Executive hereof, without Bond, Surety and undertaking.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand seal in the presence of the subscribing witness who signed the same in my presence and in presence of each other this 11th day June A. D. 1909.

Witnesses,

J. L. Fry
L. A. Nelson.

Crocker, Mo.

Signed
Wm McKeown.

Commission to Prove Will.

State of Missouri, }
County of Pulaski } ss.

The State of Missouri, To any Court having a seal, or the Judge thereof, or any Notary Public, having a seal, in the County of Laclede, State of Missouri, Greeting:

Know ye, That we hereby empower you to cause to come before you at the time and place to be by you appointed, J. L. Fry attesting witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Wm McKeown, deceased, and to then and there examine him, the said J. L. Fry on oath, touching his knowledge of the execution of said instrument, and of the condition of his mind of the said Wm McKeown at the time of the execution and publication of the same, as his last will and testament. The examination thus taken, you will reduce to writing and cause the same to be subscribed and sworn to by the said J. L. Fry, and thereupon you shall certify the same under your hand and seal to the Judge of our Probate Court of said County.

In Witness Whereof, I Joe McGee, Judge of said Probate Court, have hereunto set my name and affixed the Seal of said Court, at Wagnersville on this 8th day of July 1909.

Joe McGee
Judge.

Proof of Will.
State of Missouri, }
County of Pulaski }

In the Probate Court,

Be it remembered, That pursuant to the attached commission on this 9th day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine, before me E. B. Kellerman Notary Public for and in the County of Laclede and State of Missouri, personally appeared J. L. Fry who being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and says that he was present and saw W. M. McKown sign the foregoing instrument of date June 11th, 1909, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of him the said W. M. McKown and heard him publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same, the said W. M. McKown was of sound and disposing mind, and that this deponent and L. S. Nelson the other attesting witness subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator who was more than 21 years of age at the date of so declaring and signing said instrument.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

E. B. Kellerman a Notary Public in and for the County of Laclede and State of Missouri, the day and year first aforesaid. My term expires
Mch 15, 1910.

E. B. Kellerman
Notary Public

J. L. Fry

Proof of Will.
State of Missouri, }
County of Pulaski }

In the Probate Court in vacation.

Be it remembered, That on this 5th day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine, before me Judge of the Probate Court, held in and for the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri, personally appeared L. S. Nelson who being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and says that he was present and saw W. M. McKown sign the foregoing instrument of date June 11th, 1909, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of him the said W. M. McKown and heard him publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament, and that at the time of signing the same, the said W. M. McKown was of sound and disposing mind, and that the deponent and J. L. Fry the other attesting witness subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other, and at the request of the said testator who was more than 21 years of age at the date of so declaring and signing said instrument.

Sworn to and subscribed before me } L. S. Nelson
Judge of the Probate Court the day }
and year aforesaid. }
Joe McGee }
Judge }