

WILL OF JEROME T. BOWYER.

I, Jerome T. Bowyer, of Winfield, Putnam County, West Virginia, do hereby make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following :

(First) - I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as conveniently can be done.

(Second) - Not bearing any ill will toward my sister, Mrs. Demidoff P. Middleton, but as she already possesses much of this world's goods, I give and bequeath to her the sum of One Hundred (100) Dollars.

(Third) - All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real and personal, wheresoever situate, of which I may die seized and possessed, or to which I may be entitled at the time of my decease, I desire divided into five equal shares for the purpose of making an equitable distributon of the same amongst those persons hereinafter named.

(Fourth) - I give, devise and bequeath to my brother, N. B. Bowyer, one of the five shares mentioned in paragraph third of this my will.

(Fifth) - I give, devise and bequeath to my brother, C. L. Bowyer, one of the five shares mentioned in paragraph third of this my will.

(Sixth) - I give, devise and bequeath to my sister, Mrs. Victoria Dudding, one of the five shares mentioned in paragraph third of this my will.

(Seventh) - I give, devise and bequeath to Chas. C. Bowyer, Mrs. Grace C. Martin, Mrs. Jennie C. Christy, Mrs. Dym C. Lowe and Frank C. Brown, the surviving children of my brother Geo. C. Bowyer, one of the five shares mentioned in paragraph third of this my will, which said share shall be equally divided between them, each one named taking one-fifth of said share.

(Eighth) - I give, devise and bequeath to Mrs. Amanda V. Coe, Carrie C. Miller and Harry N. Miller, the surviving children of my sister, Mrs. Maria L. Miller, and to Geraldino Brown and Charles C. Brown, the surviving children of George Anna Brown, daughter of Mrs. Maria L. Miller, and to Rebecca P. L. Barnett, Carrie V. F. Barnett, James C. N. Barnett, Demie E. F. Barnett and David L. K. Barnett, the surviving children of Demidoff Barnett, also daughter of Mrs. Maria L. Miller, one of the five shares mentioned in paragraph third of this my will; the said Mrs. Amanda V. Coe, Carrie C. Miller, and Harry N. Miller shall each be entitled to one-fifth of said share, the said Geraldino Brown and Charles C. Brown shall each be entitled to one-tenth of said share, and the said Rebecca P. L. Barnett, Carrie V. F. Barnett, James C. M. Barnett, Demie E. F. Barnett and David L. K. Barnett shall each be entitled to one-twenty-fifth (1/25) of said share. But in case of the death of Geraldino Brown, without issue, before her brother; it is my will and desire that her share or portion of my estate shall go to her brother, Chas. C. Brown. And in case of the death of Chas. C. Brown, without issue, before his sister, it is my will and desire that his share or portion of my estate shall go to his sister, Geraldino Brown.

And in the case of the deaths of both Geraldino Brown and Chas. C. Brown, without issue, it is my will and desire that the shares or interests of both of them in my estate shall go to and be equally distributed among the surviving children of my sister, Mrs. Maria L. Miller, deceased, and if there be none of her children surviving at that time, then to the heirs of her children.

(Ninth) - I authorize and empower my executor hereinafter named to lease, or sell and dispose of all or any of the real estate of which I shall die seized or possessed, at public or private sale, at such times and on such terms and conditions, as he shall deem meet or proper - having due regard for the best interests of my devisees under this my will, and to execute, acknowledge and deliver all proper writings, deeds of conveyance and transfers therefor.

(Tenth) - I nominate, constitute and appoint Jerome Dudding, of Winfield, Putnam County, West Virginia, Executor of this my last Will and Testament; and having ^{and confidence} faith in his honesty, integrity and ability desire that he be not required to give bond hereunder.

(Eleventh) - I hereby revoke all former or other wills and testamentary dispositions by me at any time heretofore made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal at Winfield, Putnam County, West Virginia, this, the 9th. day of January, 1909, in the presence of Taylor G. Hoge and James Cargill, whom I have requested to become attesting witnesses hereto.

~~Jerome T. Bowyer,~~

The foregoing instrument was subscribed, sealed, published and declared by Jerome T. Bowyer as and for his last Will and Testament, in our presence and in the presence of each of us, and we, at the same time, at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, hereunto subscribe our names and residences as attesting witnesses this, the 9th. day of January, 1909.

Taylor G. Hoge, Winfield, West Virginia.

James Cargill, Winfield, West Virginia.

WEST VIRGINIA

PUTNAM COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, MARCH 2nd. 1910.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Jerome T. Bowyer, dec'd., was this day presented to me in my office, and thereupon, duly proven by the oaths of Taylor G. Hoge and James Cargill, the two subscribing witnesses thereto. The same is thereupon duly admitted to record as and for the last Will and Testament of Jerome T. Bowyer, dec'd.

Teste : J. M. Henson, Clerk.

A True Copy, Teste : J. M. Henson, Clerk.

WEST VIRGINIA

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A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jerome T. Bowyer dec'd. was this day presented to me in my office, and fully proven by the oaths of Taylor G. Hoge and James Cargill the two subscribing witnesses thereto, the same is therefore admitted to probate and record as and for the last will and testament of the said Jerome T. Bowyer dec'd. and leave is granted Jerome Dudding to hereafter qualify as Executor thereof.

Teste : J. M. Henson, Clerk.

WEST VIRGINIA

PUTNAM COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE APRIL 2nd., 1910.

The last will and testament of Jerome T. Bowyer, deceased, having been duly admitted to probate, on the 2nd. day of March 1910, upon motion of Jerome Dudding the Executor named therein, and said will not requiring security of said Executor, and more than thirty days having elapsed since said will was admitted to probate as aforesaid, and no person interested requiring that security be given, and the Clerk of this Court not deeming it proper that security ought to be given: on this, the 2nd. day of April 1910, Jerome Dudding appeared and duly qualified as Executor under said Will by taking the oath required by law.

Teste J. M. Henson, Clerk.

WEST VIRGINIA

PUTNAM COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, JUNE 4th., 1910.

The Clerk here presented the following list of appointments and orders made by him during vacation since the last regular term of this Court.

April 2nd. 1910.

Upon the motion of Jerome Dudding the Executor named in the Will of J. T. Bowyer dec'd. without bond this day appeared and qualified as Executor in said Will by taking oaths required by law.

Which list being seen and inspected by the Court is approved, and the acts of its Clerk confirmed.

Teste J. M. Henson Clerk of the Court.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA }
COUNTY OF PUTNAM } SS.

I, J. M. Henson, Clerk of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct, complete and perfect copy of the last Will and Testament of Jerome T. Bowyer, deceased, late of Putnam County, West Virginia, and of the proceedings of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, relative to the probate of said last Will and Testament, and the qualification of Jerome Dudding as Executor of said last Will and Testament.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 8th. day of October, 1910.

(SEAL)

J. M. Henson

Clerk of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, }
COUNTY OF PUTNAM } SS.

I, M. Wears, presiding Judge of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that J. M. Henson is the County Court Clerk of Putnam County, West Virginia, and the above attestation by said Clerk is in due form and by the proper officer.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and official seal, this 8th. day of October, 1910.

(SEAL)

M. Wears

Judge of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA }
COUNTY OF PUTNAM } SS.

I, J. M. Henson, Clerk of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, do hereby certify under my hand and seal of office, that the said M. Wears is the presiding Judge of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, and is duly commissioned and qualified.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 8th. day of October, 1910.

(SEAL)

J. M. Henson

Clerk of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia.

Filed Oct. 13, 1910.

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