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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
MRS. BESSIE HART ASHER

MAR 21 1966

CHARLES A. SCOTT
CHANCERY CLERK

I, Mrs. Bessie Hart Asher, of Jackson, Mississippi, being over twenty-one years of age, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and in all things competent to make a will, hereby expressly revoking all prior wills and codicils made by me, do hereby make, publish, and declare this as my last will and testament.

Item I. I direct that all of my just and legal debts first be paid.

Item II. I give and bequeath to my son, John Hart Asher, my large solitaire diamond ring, the principal diamond of which is surrounded by small diamonds, and being the only ring of the kind owned by me.

Item III. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mrs. Leota Asher Blaw, my two diamond bracelets, two small diamond pins, solitaire diamond engagement ring, diamond wedding ring, and diamond chain and lorgnette.

Item IV. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Betty Lee Blaw, my diamond watch bracelet and old gold antique ring.

Item V. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Ann Susan Asher, my gold watch bracelet.

Item VI. I devise and bequeath unto my children, John Hart Asher and Mrs. Leota Asher Blaw, share and share alike, all of the balance of my estate, real, personal, and mixed, wheresoever situated.

Item VII. If either, or both, of my said children shall be indebted to me at my death for money lent, I direct that his or her interest in my estate be charged with one-half of the full balance due on said loan, or that it be paid in full into the estate before distribution; it being the intention and purpose of this clause simply to assure an equal division of my property between my said children.

Item VIII. I hereby appoint my said children, John Hart Asher and Mrs. Leota Asher Blaw, or the survivor, as executors, or executor, as the case may be, of this will without bond. If either of them pre-decease me, or refuse to qualify, or having

qualified refuse to further serve and resign, then the other shall be sole executor of this estate without bond.

Signed, published, and declared at Jackson, Mississippi, this May 26, A. D. 1944.

Bessie Hart Asher

CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned subscribing witnesses, hereby certify that we saw Mrs. Bessie Hart Asher, of Jackson, Mississippi, sign the above and foregoing Last Will and Testament, and that we, at her request, and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto signed our names as subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Last Will and Testament and observed her testamentary capacity on the day and year therein mentioned.

Joe J. J. J., Jackson, Mississippi.

Wm. A. J., Jackson, Mississippi.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SUBSCRIBING WITNESS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HINDS.....

MAR 21 1966

CHARLES A. SCOTT
CHANCERY CLERK
BY James H. [illegible]
Signed [illegible]

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned ^{by J. M. 10} authority in and for the county and state aforesaid, Harold Cox, and subscribing witness to a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Mrs. Bessie Hart Asher, late of the County of Hinds, who having been first duly sworn makes oath that the said Mrs. Bessie Hart Asher signed, published and declared said instrument as her Last Will and Testament, on the 26th day of May, 1944, the day of the date of said instrument, in the presence of the affiant; that said testatrix was then of sound and disposing mind and memory and twenty-one years of age and upwards; and that said affiant subscribed and attested said instrument as witness to the signature and publication thereof, at the special instance and request of the testatrix and in the presence of said testatrix and in the presence of the other subscribing witness, Sue Ivey.

Harold Cox

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 18th day of
March, 1966.

Robert C. Thomas
Notary Public

Robert C. Thomas, Clerk
U. S. District Court
Southern District of Mississippi

My commission expires:

Handwritten signature

CCO

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LETTERS OF EXECUTORSHIP

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI }
HINDS COUNTY } ss.

BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF SAID COUNTY, FIRST DISTRICT

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bessie Hart Asher late of said County, deceased had whilst she lived, at the time of her death, divers goods, rights and credits within the County and State aforesaid, and did make and publish her last Will and Testament, and thereby constituted and appointed the said John Hart Asher and Mrs. Leota Asher Blaw

~~CO-~~ ~~execut~~ ~~or~~ thereof; and whereas, also, the said last Will and Testament has this day been admitted to Probate in our said Court, and the said John Hart Asher and Mrs. Leota Asher Blaw

~~have~~ ~~have~~ taken oath and given bond as required by Law: Bond having been waived.

WE do Therefore Hereby Grant unto the said John Hart Asher and Mrs. Leota Asher Blaw these our Letters Testamentary authorizing and empowering them to make inventory of the estate of said testator, cause the same to be appraised and make return of said inventory and appraisement into our said Court as by law required; to pay first the debts of said testor, and then the legacies contained in said Will so far as her goods, chattels and credits will extend and the law shall charge them to execute and perform the said last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning thereof; and lastly to render a just and true account of their actions and doings herein, when thereto required by this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. s/ W. T. Horton

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MAR 21, 1966
(SEAL) CHARLES A. SCOTT
CHANCERY CLERK
BY Jewell Burton ISSUED the 21st day of March, 19 66
Judge of the Chancery Court of the County of HINDS, Mar. 21
in the year of our Lord, one thousand and nine hundred and
the seal of said Court hereunto affixed:

CHARLES A. SCOTT, CLERK.

By s/ Jewell Burton, D. C.

Filed for record the 21st day of March, A. D., 19 66
and recorded the 21st day of March, A. D., 19 66

CHARLES A. SCOTT, Clerk

By s/ Jewell Burton, D. C.

I, Charles A. Scott, Clerk of the Chancery Court in and for the County of Hinds, and State of Mississippi, certify that the above is a true copy of the Letters of Executorship upon the estate of Mrs. Bessie Hart Asher, Deceased, granted, and issued to John Hart Asher and Mrs. Leota Asher Blaw cc, Execut ors on the 21st day of March, 19 66, as the same appears on file and of record in my office, in Jackson, in said County and state.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Jackson, Mississippi, in said County and State this 23rd day of March, 19 66.

CHARLES A. SCOTT, CLERK

By _____, D. C.

(SEAL)

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS
Charles A.

I, Frank K. Scott, Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, the same being a court of record, the lawful possessor and custodian of the papers and records of said court, do hereby certify and attest that the above and foregoing 4 pages are true, full and complete copies of The Last Will And Testament of Mrs. Rosale Hart Asher and Letters of Executorship

as the same are and remain, on file and of record in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at my office in the City of Jackson, in the County of Hinds, and State of Mississippi, this the 21th day of March 1966

Charles A. Scott
Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi

CERTIFICATE OF CHANCELLOR

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI }
Hinds County } CHANCERY COURT

I, W. T. Norton a presiding Chancellor of the 5th Chancery District of the State of Mississippi (said District including the County of Hinds) do hereby certify that Charles A. Scott Whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing Certificate of Clerk is now, and was at the date of said Certificate, the Clerk of the Chancery Court of said County, duly elected and qualified according to law; and that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit; that his said Certificate is in due form of law; that the seal thereto attached is the genuine seal of said Chancery Court, and that said Court is a Court of Record.

Given under my hand and seal, at Jackson, Mississippi this 21th day of March, 1966
W. T. Norton
Chancellor.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF CHANCELLOR

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI }
Hinds County } CHANCERY COURT

I, Charles A. Scott Clerk of said Court, do hereby certify that W. T. Norton whose genuine signature appears to the annexed and last above Certificate of Attestation, is now, and was at the date of said Certificate, a Chancellor of the 5th Chancery District of said State, (including said County of Hinds), as therein stated, duly appointed by lawful authority and legally qualified, and that all his acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, that his said Certificate and Attestation are in due form of law, and that said Chancery Court is a Court of Record.

STATE OF ALA., SHELBY CO.,
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT
WAS FILED ON 4/11/66

RECORDED & \$ MTG. TAX
\$ DEED TAX HAS BEEN
PD. ON THIS INSTRUMENT.

Conrad M. Fowler
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal of said Court, at my office, in Jackson, Mississippi, this 21th day of March, 1966
Charles A. Scott, Clerk