

...shall publicly administer an oath to the witnesses named in the Commission, the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

2. That they shall cause the examination of each witness to be reduced to writing, and to be subscribed by him, and certified by such of the Commissioners as are present at the taking of the same.

3. If any exhibits are produced and proved before them, they shall be annexed to the depositions to which they refer.

4. The Commissioners shall subscribe their names to each sheet of the depositions taken by them; they shall cause them to be under their seals, and shall address the same, when so bound, to the Clerk of the Court from which the Commission issued, or to the Clerk of the County in which the venue shall be laid, as shall have been directed on the packet as therein directed.

5. If there is a direction on the Commission to return the same by mail, they shall immediately deposit the same in a post office, and shall cause the same to be directed to the Clerk of the Court from which the Commission issued, or to the Clerk of the County in which the venue shall be laid, as shall have been directed on the packet as therein directed.

6. If there is a direction on the Commission to return the same by mail, they shall immediately deposit the same in a post office, and shall cause the same to be directed to the Clerk of the Court from which the Commission issued, or to the Clerk of the County in which the venue shall be laid, as shall have been directed on the packet as therein directed.

This act shall take effect immediately.

The above is an extract from the Revised Statutes of the State of New York, vol. 2, page 204, relating to the taking of testimony out of the State.

*Compell*  
*Suppose*  
 to be a copy of  
 all former wills by me  
 in relation  
 my name and address  
 April in the year of 1873  
 I hereby certify that  
 the above written instrument was  
 read to each of us and to at the time and  
 above instrument so exhibited to the  
 instrument was at the request here signed our names  
 as witnesses with a view of each our names in  
 respective places of residence  
 Max B. Richardson East Ward N. C. City N.Y.  
 W. C. Hope " " " " " " " "

in his presence  
 Holmes, the other attesting  
 names, and place, signed their names as witnesses  
 at the and of said will, and that myself  
 and myself did so, at the request of said  
 and in his presence and in the presence of each other.

*W. C. Hope*

each other;

To the Fourth Interrogatory, he says;

At the time said will was executed and published by said Stevens, he requested, said Humph. Holmes, and myself, to witness the execution of said will; and said Humph. Holmes, and myself, each witnessed the same as stated in my last answer, in the presence of said Stevens, and in the presence of each other.

To the Fifth Interrogatory he says;

I should judge the age of said Benjamin B. Stevens, at the time of executing said will, to be about fifty years; and that he was of sound mind, memory and understanding at the time he executed said will, and was not under any restraint, or in any way incompetent, to devise real or personal estate;

To the Sixth, and last, Interrogatory he says;

I do not know any other matter or thing referred to in said Interrogatories, save that under the instructions of said Benjamin B. Stevens, I drafted said will and carefully read and explained to him its contents, before the execution thereof, as aforesaid.

Subscribed and sworn to this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1873.  
 before me Roland Hitchcock, Commissioner of the Court of Surrogate.  
 Roland Hitchcock, Court

on their several corporate

passed, did in the presence of these deponents, and which

one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, and these deponents certify that the contents of the same are true and correct, and that they are a citizen of the United States, and are not under any restraint, and are not sign h names to said

nty of \_\_\_\_\_

said last Will and Testament I certified by me, pursuant to \_\_\_\_\_

Surrogate.

for proof of Will

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

Execut named \_\_\_\_\_

deceased, appeared in and approved the said LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT; and on such application, I have certified the same to the heirs at law, and next of kin of the said \_\_\_\_\_

of residence \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

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satisfactory evidence by affidavit, and on that day no one appeared in said Court afterwards, that the contents of the same are true and correct, and that they are a citizen of the United States, and are not under any restraint, and are not sign h names to said

to be a valid Will and Testament, the contents of which are as follows, that is to say:

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1873

valid Will

TESTAMENT

WILL: