

dead, that deponent was well acquainted with the handwriting of said Ambrose Morgan & has often seen him write and that the signature of said Ambrose Morgan & that is attached as a subscribing witness to an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Claude Chaunting which bears date the twenty ninth day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty one is in the handwriting of said Ambrose Morgan and his signature thereto being signed "A. Morgan"

And the said Martha Williams for herself being sworn says she is the widow & was the wife of Ezra Williams who resided in his lifetime resided in the City of Oswego in the County of Oswego & State of New York that the said Ezra Williams is now dead and deponent was well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Ezra Williams having often seen him write his name that the signature attached to the attestation clause of what purports to be the last will and testament of Claude Chaunting which is dated the twenty ninth day of October (1861) one thousand eight hundred and sixty one is in the handwriting of the said Ezra Williams & witness had no doubt of its genuineness that at the time said will bore date the said Ezra Williams kept an office near the office and in the same block as the office kept by Ambrose Morgan who was then a Justice of the Peace in the City of Oswego

And deponent John B. Higgins further says that said Ambrose Morgan was in the habit of ^{having} draughting for persons desiring the same such as wills & other papers that the writing of said will & the attestation clause thereof is in the handwriting of said Ambrose Morgan except the signature of the testator & except also the signature of said Ezra Williams to the attestation thereof

That the name of said Ezra Williams is attached to said attestation clause as E. Williams
 Sworn to before me } John B. Higgins
 July 2^d 1879 } Martha Williams
 J. W. Skinner

(In same matter)
 State of New York
 Oswego City & County SS
 Joseph Earnest of the City of Oswego being duly sworn says he is a resident of Oswego City & State of New York and was well acquainted with Claude Chaunting in his lifetime, that said Claude Chaunting died at Oswego City

on March last that deponent has heard the said Claude Chaunting say before his death that he said Claude Chaunting had made his last will and testament & had given all his property to his wife Fessie Chaunting
 That deponent has often seen the said Claude Chaunting write his name & that that the signature of the said Claude Chaunting at the end of a paper bearing date the twenty ninth day of October (1861) one thousand eight hundred & sixty one is in the handwriting of the said Claude Chaunting & that deponent has no doubt of the genuineness of the signature of said Claude Chaunting to said paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Claude Chaunting aforesaid and said Claude Chaunting at & immediately previous to his death was an inhabitant of the City & County of Oswego & was for some ten years past a person of sound mind & memory & capable in all respects of making his last will & testament and was a citizen of the United States & deponent was a neighbor of said Claude Chaunting & for eleven years lived in the same house with the said Claude Chaunting & knew all about his mental habits that said Claude Chaunting at the time of his death was upwards of seventy years of age as deponent is informed & believes
 Sworn to before me } Joseph Earnest
 July 3^d 1879 }
 J. W. Skinner Surrogate & Co. N.Y.

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 in order that thereby they my said daughters may receive an equal share with my said sons, they the said sons having been paid the several sums of Five hundred and fifty dollars as above mentioned
 Sixthly I will will and devise to my son Oscar & Holmes the sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars to be paid to him by my said executors in the same manner as are the said like sums paid to my daughters before a division of any property be made. Providing that my said son Oscar shall present himself to one or either of my executors within five years from the time of my death. The said sum of five hundred and fifty dollars in the meantime to be invested by the said executors and in case of the positive proof being produced of the death of the said Oscar & Holmes or of his name appearing within the time above stated then the said sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars and all accrued interest thereon shall be divided among