

In the Probate Court of Benton County Arkansas
 In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of Asa Rice, deceased in the State of Arkansas to any Judge of a Court of Record having a seal as to any Public of any one of the United States of America, Dated this 1st day of May, 1898.
 Whereas the last Will and Testament of Asa Rice, deceased, was filed for Probate in the Probate Court of Benton County, Arkansas, on the 18th day of May, 1898, and it appears therefrom that John Wurtzbury and Ernest Stuckey, the attesting witnesses to said Will, are residents of the State of New York, and of Whereas, said Court on said day made an order directing its Clerk to secure a commission with said Will annexed to any officer authorized by law to take depositions, to take the depositions of said attesting witnesses to be read as evidence in the Probate of said Will in said Court.

Wherefore, I Harry Gust, Clerk of said Court, do by this process give unto you authority to examine said witnesses touching the execution of said Will which is hereto annexed and marked "sub A".

You will cause said witness to be first duly sworn as officiated to testify to the truth, that he tells truth and nothing but the truth, and will then examine them touching the execution and attestation of said Will, and cause the testimony of each witness to be reduced to writing in your presence, either by you or the witness, and also to be read to and subscribed by the witnesses in your presence. You will then without delay send the depositions duly certified by you with this Commission duly said Will thereto annexed, sealed up by you

and directed to the Clerk of the Probate Court of Benton County, Arkansas, at the Post Office at the town of Bentonville in said County with a note on the envelope showing them to be depositions and the title of the case in which they are taken. If either witness is dead or insane you will take proof of his hand writing. Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this 25th day of May 1898.



Harry Gust
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 of Benton County, Arkansas

The Depositions of John Wurtzbury and Ernest Stuckey taken on the 24th day of June, 1898 at the law office of G. H. Sumner in the village of Greaser Wyoming County State of New York, to be read as evidence in Probating the last Will and Testament of Asa Rice, deceased, pending the Probate Court of Benton County in the State of Arkansas are for Commission hereto attached.

John Wurtzbury of lawful age being duly sworn deposes and says:

1. State your name, age, place of residence and occupation. My name is John Wurtzbury, my age is thirty seven years, and I reside in Greaser Wyoming County W. V.

2. State whether you were acquainted with Asa Rice in his life time and if so when you knew him and where you both resided at the time. Ans. I know Asa Rice for two years while he resided in Parkersburg W. V. about 1893. I also resided in Parkersburg at that time and was engaged in business there.

3. State whether you recognize the Will attached to the Commission