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EBENEZER HILTON

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EDGAR M. HILTON

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1884-----ADMINISTRATOR

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STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford, ss.

To Augustus H. Walker of Bridgton in the County of Cumberland

GREETING.

I do hereby authorize and empower you to take the deposition of Joseph Bennett of Denmark in the County of Oxford to be used in the case of the probate of the instrument hereunto annexed, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Eben otherwise Ebenezer Hilton late of Denmark in Oxford County deceased, now pending in the Probate Court for our said County of Oxford. And to this end you are to cause said witness to be brought before you at a certain time and place, to be by you appointed, of which time and place you will give due notice, of at least one day for every twenty miles travel, to the executor named therein, and the petitioner for the Probate of said will and then and there testify what he knows relative to the execution of said instrument, and said deposition you are to return, together with this commission, the instrument hereunto annexed, and your doings therein, enclosed, sealed and directed to the Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, into the office of said Court as soon as may be.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at a Probate Court held at Paris within and for said County, on the third day of March A. D. 1884

Geo. A. Wilson JUDGE.

H. C. Davis REGISTER.

Attest:

I, Joseph Bennett of Denmark in the County of Oxford of lawful age, on oath, testify, depose and say, in answer to the following interrogatories.

Ques. Did you see Eben otherwise Ebenezer Hilton sign his name to the annexed instrument, or did he acknowledge that name to be his signature? Ans. I saw him sign his name thereto

Ques. Did he know the contents of the annexed instrument, by him signed, and did he intend it as his last Will? Ans. He did.

Ques. Was he of sound mind at the time of its execution? Ans. He was.

Ques. Did the testator sign that instrument in your presence and in the presence of the other witnesses? Ans. He did.

Ques. Did you and the other witnesses sign it in the presence of the testator, and at his request, and in the presence of each other? Ans. We all did.

Joseph Bennett

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford, ss.— On this twentieth day of March A. D. 1884 personally appeared the within named Joseph Bennett

and having been first sworn according to law, by me, then gave the foregoing deposition, which was written by me.

The said deposition is to be used in the case of the probate of the instrument hereunto annexed, purporting to be the Will of Eben otherwise Ebenezer Hilton now pending in the Probate Court for the County of Oxford.

FEES. Augustus H. Walker JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

**Be it Remembered,** that I, Ebenezer Hilton  
of Ormsworth in the County of Oxford in  
the State of Maine being of sound mind and memory, but  
knowing the uncertainty of this life, do make this my **last will and testament.**

After the payment of my just debts, funeral charges and expenses of administration, I  
dispose of my estate, as follows :

- 1<sup>st</sup> I give and Bequeath to my son  
 Edgar M. Hilton the James Hartford place  
 adjoining my Homestead farm -  
 Also ~~the~~ all of the stock & farming tools which  
 I may die possessed of -  
 Also one thousand Dollars ~~out~~ out of what may  
 be due my estate at my death from the Old Fellows  
 Mutual Relief Association - and all other property  
 of which I may die possessed of and not disposed  
 of in this Will -
- 2<sup>nd</sup> I devise & Bequeath to my Daughter  
 Sophrona P. Hartford two Hundred Dollars  
 out of my Relief Benefit above named
- 3<sup>d</sup> I devise & Bequeath to my Daughter  
 Jennette C. Hussey Two Hundred Dollars  
 out of my Relief Benefit
- 4 I devise & Bequeath unto Sarah J. Emerson  
 Wife of Alanson St. Clair Emerson One Hundred  
 Dollars out of the above named Relief Benefit -

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, this thirteenth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three  
Chas Hilton

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above-named Obainger Hilton as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who, at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, hereto subscribe our names as witnesses thereto, on this thirteenth day of April A. D. 1883.

Joseph Bennett  
Sarah Bennett  
Alice M. Bennett

MEMORANDA.

No person under the age of twenty-one years (except a married woman) or of unsound mind can make a will. A will does not require any seal. No person who is to receive anything under a will, and no husband or wife of any such person, should be a witness to such will. But a person is not rendered incompetent as witness to a will by the fact that he is named therein as executor. If the testator is unable to sign the will, his signature may be written for him by some other person "at his request and in his presence."