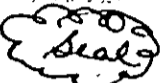


my estate.

I hereby nominate and appoint ^{nessa} Laura em Pierce, executer of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal, this Seventh Day of April one thousand eight-hundred & eighty.

Abel Pierce 

Signed published and declared by the said Abel Pierce to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the same time and subscribe our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator;

William Russell
William Russell Jr.

Atlantic County, ss,

William Russell Jr, one of the witnesses, to the within will, being duly sworn, did depose and say, that he saw Abel Pierce, the testator therein named, sign and seal the same, and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the within writing to be his last will and testament; and that at the doing thereof, the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, as far as this deponent knows and as he verily believes; and that William Russell, the other subscribing witness was present at the same time, and signed his name as witness to the said will together with deponents, in the presence of the testator, and that said ^{Testator} died more than ten days ago.

Sworn & Subscribed the }
28th day of August A.D. 1885 }
before me

William Russell Jr

J. S. Risley
Surrogate

Atlantic County, ss,

Laura A. Pierce Sole Executrix in the within testament named, being duly sworn, did depose and say, that the annexed instrument contains the true last will and testament of Abel Pierce the testator therein named

~~now~~ so far as she knows and as she verily believes; that she will well and truly perform the same, by paying first the debts of the said deceased, and then the legacies in the said testament specified so far as the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased can thereunto extend; and that she will make and exhibit into the surrogate office of the County of Atlantic, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, that have or shall come to her knowledge or possession, or to the possession of any other person or persons for her use, and render a just and true account when thereunto lawfully required.

Sworn & Subscribed the 28th day of August A.D. 1885 before me

J. S. Risley
Surrogate

Laura A. Pierce

State of New Jersey } ss,
County of Atlantic, }

J. John S. Risley surrogate of the county of Atlantic do certify the annexed to be a true copy of the last will and testament of Abel Pierce, late of the county of Atlantic, deceased, and that Laura A. Pierce the Executrix therein named, proved the same before me, and is duly authorized to take upon herself the administration of the estate of the testator agreeably to the said will.

Witness my hand and seal of office the Twenty Eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty five.

J. S. Risley, Surrogate

Proven & Recorded August 28th A.D. 1885

J. S. Risley Surgt.