

MAR 7 - 1899

KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT.

In the Matter of the Probate of the Last.
Will and Testament of

John Crooks.

Deceased

M.M. Petition, Citation, Proofs of Will,
Orders, Etc.

ADMITTED TO PROBATE.

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SURROGATE'S COURT, COUNTY OF KINGS.

In the Matter of Proving the last Will and Testament of

John Crooks

Deceased

AS A WILL OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Affidavit under the Law in
relation to Taxable Transfers.

COUNTY OF KINGS, ss.:

Herbert L. T. Fisk

being duly sworn, says that he is the petitioner herein. That the above named decedent was at the time of his death, a resident of Brooklyn, Kings County and died on the 14th day of February 1899

That the estimated value of the real property in this State, of which said decedent died seized, is, Eighty Five Hundred dollars.

That the value of personal property wherever situate of which said decedent died possessed, does not exceed Twenty Eight hundred dollars.

That said decedent did not, during his life-time, make any transfer of property by deed, grant, bargain, sale or gift in contemplation of his death, or intended to take effect in possession or enjoyment at or after his death.

That the following is a statement of the names and places of residence of all persons entitled to any portion of the estate of said decedent, and the relationship of such persons to said decedent:

NAME	RESIDENCE	RELATIONSHIP
Caroline Crooms	244 High Street, Brooklyn	Widow
Mary A. Campbell	73 West 102 nd St. New York	Daughter
John W. Crooms	244 High St. Brooklyn	Son
Ella Crooms	136 East 61 st St. New York	Daughter
Emma Baillet	103 West 101 st St. do	do
Elizabeth Crooms	do	do
Jennie Crooms	244 High Street, Brooklyn	do

Sworn to before me this

day of March 1899

Herbert L. Fisk

Notary Public, ~~West~~ ^{New York} County.

KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT.

In the Matter of the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of

John Crooks

Deceased.

TO THE SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS:

THE PETITION OF Herbert L. T. Fisk of the West Hoboken, New Jersey respectfully shows to this Court:
That he is an Executor named in the last Will and Testament of John Crooks late of Brooklyn in the County of Kings, deceased.

That the said deceased was, at the time of his death, a resident of the County of Kings, and departed this life in said County on the 14th day of February in the year 1899

That said last Will and Testament was made at the City of New York and relates to both Real and Personal Property and bears date the 27th day of July 1897 and was signed by decedent and by Fred E. Craig Jr. and Christian Labriske as witnesses.

That said deceased left him surviving his widow Caroline Crooks who resides at N^o 244 High Street, Brooklyn, Kings County

That all the heirs and next of kin of said deceased are as follows to wit:

Mary A. Campbell a daughter of deceased who resides at N^o 73 West 102^d Street, New York City

John W^m Crooks a son of deceased who resides at N^o 244 High Street, Brooklyn, Kings County

Ella Crooks a daughter of deceased who resides at N^o 136 East 61st Street, New York City

Emma W. Baillet a daughter of deceased who resides at N^o 103 West 101st Street, New York City

Elizabeth Crooks a daughter of deceased who resides at N^o 103 West 101st Street, New York City

Jennie Crooks a daughter of deceased who resides at N^o 244 High Street, Brooklyn, Kings County

That all of the above are of full age and of sound mind, except

And your petitioner prays that the said instrument above described be proved and admitted to probate as a valid will of Real and Personal Property, and that the above-named widow, all the heirs and next of kin of said testator be cited to attend the probate thereof; that the Surrogate on the return day of said citation appoint a competent and responsible person to appear as Special Guardian for the above-named infants and that Letters Testamentary be granted thereon according to law.

Dated, the *sixth* day of *March* 189*9*

Herbert L. T. Fiske

State of New York, }
County of Kings } ss.

Herbert L. T. Fiske, the above-named petitioner, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that he has read the foregoing petition subscribed by *him* and that the same is true of *his* own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Subscribed and sworn this

6th

day

of

March

189*9*

Herbert L. T. Fiske
D. Deligan

Notary Public.

N.Y.C.

KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT.

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Last Will and Testament of

John Crooks

Deceased.

PETITION.

Christian Yabruskie
Attorney for Petitioner.

393 Canal Street
New York City

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KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT.

In the Matter of the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of

John Crooks

Deceased.

Waiver and Consent.

State of New York }
City of New York } s.s.

We, John Wm Crooks and Jennie Crooks,
both of No. 744 High Street, Brooklyn, New York

the undersigned, being of full age, *children* heir and next of kin of

John Crooks deceased,

named in the petition herein, do hereby appear in person and waive the issuance and
service of a citation in the above entitled matter and consent that the last Will and
Testament of *John Crooks* deceased,

bearing date *the twenty seventh day of July 1897-*
be admitted to probate forthwith.

John William Crooks
Jennie Crooks

State of New York, }
County of ~~Kings~~ *New York* } ss.

On this *fourth* day of

March in the year 1897, before me personally came

John William Crooks and Jennie Crooks

State of New York, }
County of New York, } ss.

Form 1.

I, **WILLIAM SOHMER**, Clerk of the County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court for
the said County, the same being a Court of Record, DO HEREBY CERTIFY That

Edw L. Waterbury

whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed
instrument, and thereon written, was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a
Notary Public in and for the County of New York, dwelling in the said County, commissioned
and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And further, that I am well acquainted with
the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate of
proof or acknowledgment is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said
Court and County, the

day of *March* 1897.

Wm. Sohmer
Clerk.

Waiver

Public. No 73

ached. V. F. B.



KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT.

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John Crooks

Deceased.

Waiver and Consent.

State of New York }
City of New York } S.S.

We, John Wm Crooks and Jennie Crooks,
both of No. 244 High Street, Brooklyn, New York

the undersigned, being of full age, *children* heir and next of kin of

John Crooks deceased,

named in the petition herein, do hereby appear in person and waive the issuance and
service of a citation in the above entitled matter and consent that the last Will and
Testament of *John Crooks* deceased,

bearing date *the twenty seventh day of July 1897-*

_____ be admitted to probate forthwith.

John William Crooks
Jennie Crooks

State of New York,)
County of ~~Kings~~ *New York*) S.S.

On this

fourth

day of

March

, in the year 1897, before me personally came

John William Crooks and Jennie Crooks

to me to be the persons described in, and who executed the foregoing Waiver
consent, and *they* acknowledged to me that *they* executed the same.

Edw L. Waterbury

Notary Public. *1673*



If acknowledgment be taken outside

County Clerk's certificate of Notaryship must be attached. *V. F. B.*

KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT.

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John Crooks

Deceased.

Waiver and Consent.

County of Kings
Borough of Brooklyn } s.s.

*I, Caroline Crooks, residing at No. 744
High Street, Brooklyn, New York*

the undersigned, being of full age, *the widow* ~~heir and next of kin~~ of
John Crooks deceased,
named in the petition herein, do hereby appear in person and waive the issuance and
service of a citation in the above entitled matter and consent that the last Will and
Testament of *John Crooks* deceased,
bearing date *July 27th 1897*
be admitted to probate forthwith.

Caroline *X* *Crooks*
mark

State of New York, } ss.
County of Kings,

New York On this *Sixth* day of
March, in the year 1897, before me personally came

State of New York, } ss.
County of New York,

I, **WILLIAM SOHMER**, Clerk of the County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court for
the said County, the same being a Court of Record, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That



whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed
instrument, and thereon written, was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a
Notary Public in and for the County of New York, dwelling in the said County, commissioned
and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And further, that I am well acquainted with
the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate of
proof or acknowledgment is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said
Court and County, the day of *August* 1897

Clerk.

KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT.

In the Matter of the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of

John Crooks

Deceased.

Waiver and Consent.

State of New York }
City of New York } ss.

We, Mary A. Campbell, of 73 West 107th Street;
Ella Crooks, of 136 East 61st Street; Emma W. Baillet
and Elizabeth Crooks, both of 103 West 101st Street
all of the City of New York

the undersigned, being of full age, children — heirs and next of kin of

John Crooks deceased,
named in the petition herein, do hereby appear in person and waive the issuance and
service of a citation in the above entitled matter and consent that the last Will and
Testament of John Crooks deceased,
bearing date July 27th 1897

be admitted to probate forthwith.

Mary A. Campbell
Ella Crooks
Emma W. Baillet
Elizabeth Crooks



State of New York, } ss.
County of Kings, New York

On this Third day of

March, in the year 1899, before me personally came
Mary A. Campbell Ella Crooks
Elizabeth Crooks

State of New York, } ss.
County of New York, }

I, **WILLIAM SOHMER**, Clerk of the County of New York and also Clerk of the Supreme Court for
the said County, the same being a Court of Record, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That

whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed
instrument, and thereon written, was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a
Notary Public in and for the County of New York, dwelling in the said County, commissioned
and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And further, that I am well acquainted with
the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate of
proof or acknowledgment is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said
Court and County, the

day of

John W. Campbell
Wm. Sohmer
Clerk.

Form 1.

Waiver

Shall
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of New
York
Public

attached.



KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT.

In the Matter of the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of

John Crooks

Deceased.

Deposition of Subscribing
Witness.

State of New York, }
County of Kings, } ss.:

Christian Zabruskie of
223 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn ~~said~~ *County* being duly sworn
and examined before a Surrogate's Court of the County of Kings, deposes and says:

I was well acquainted with *John Crooks*
now deceased.

That the subscription of the name of said decedent, at the end of the instrument now
shown to me, and offered for probate as the last Will and Testament of the said *John*
Crooks deceased, and bearing date the *twenty seventh* day
of *July* in the year One thousand eight hundred and *ninety seven*
was made by the said decedent at the *City of New York*
in the presence of myself and the other subscribing witness.

That at the time of making such subscription, the said decedent declared the said
instrument so subscribed by him to be *his* last Will and Testament, and I
thereupon signed my name as a witness, at the end of said instrument, at the request of
said decedent, and in his presence. I also saw said *Frederick E.*

Craig Jr.

the other subscribing witness, sign his name as a witness at the end of said Will,
and know that he did so at the request and in the presence of said decedent.

That the said decedent, at the time of executing the said instrument, was over the
age of twenty-one years, of sound mind and memory, and not under any restraint, and com-
petent in every respect to make a Will.

Subscribed and sworn this *7th* day
of *March* 189*9*

Christian Zabruskie

Joseph M. Carroll

Clerk of the Surrogate's Court.

KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT.

In the Matter of the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of

John Crooks

Deceased.

Deposition of Subscribing
Witness.

State of New York, }
County of Kings, } ss.:

Now of 71 East 99 Street, New York City formerly of 357 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, said County *Frederick E. Craig Jr.* being duly sworn and examined before a Surrogate's Court of the County of Kings, deposes and says:

I was well acquainted with *John Crooks* now deceased.

That the subscription of the name of said decedent, at the end of the instrument now shown to me, and offered for probate as the last Will and Testament of the said *John Crooks* deceased, and bearing date the *twenty seventh* day of *July* in the year One thousand eight hundred and *ninety seven* was made by the said decedent at the *City of New York* in the presence of myself and the other subscribing witness.

That at the time of making such subscription, the said decedent declared the said instrument so subscribed by him to be *his* last Will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as a witness, at the end of said instrument, at the request of said decedent, and in *his* presence. I also saw said *Christian Zabriskie*

the other subscribing witness, sign *his* name as a witness at the end of said Will, and know that he did so at the request and in the presence of said decedent.

That the said decedent, at the time of executing the said instrument, was over the age of twenty-one years, of sound mind and memory, and not under any restraint, and competent in every respect to make a Will.

Subscribed and sworn this *4th* day of *March* 189*9* } *Frederick E. Craig Jr.*

Joseph M. Carroll
Clary M. Surrogate Court

At a Surrogate's Court held in and for the County of Kings
at the Surrogate's Court Room, in the Hall of Records, in the
COUNTY OF KINGS,
City of Brooklyn, on the 7th day of
March in the year One thousand
eight hundred and ninety nine.

Present, Hon. GEORGE B. ABBOTT, Surrogate.

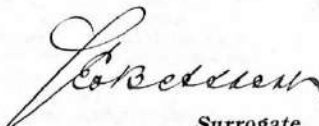
In the Matter of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of

John Crooks late of } Decree granting Probate.
the County of Kings, Deceased. }

SATISFACTORY PROOF having been made of the due service of the citation
herein upon, or of the due appearance herein by, all persons entitled to notice of this
proceeding _____

And the witnesses to said last Will and Testament _____ having
been sworn and examined, their examination reduced to writing and filed, and it appear-
ing by such proofs that the said Will was duly executed, and that the Testat^{or} at the
time of executing it, was in all respects competent to make a will, and not under restraint ;
and this Court being satisfied of the genuineness of the will, and the validity of its exe-
cution ; and the probate thereof not having been contested, _____

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that the instrument of-
fered for probate herein be, and the same hereby is, admitted to probate as the last Will
and Testament of the said John Crooks
deceased, valid to pass Real and Personal property, and that the said Will, with the
proofs thereof, and this Decree be recorded, and that Letters Testamentary be issued to
the Execut^{or} who may qualify thereunder. _____


Surrogate.

KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT.

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John Crooks
Deceased.

Oath of Executor.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
COUNTY OF *New York* } ss.:

I, *Herbert L. T. Fisk* Executor
named in the Last Will and Testament of *John Crooks*
late of *Brooklyn* in the County of Kings, deceased,
being duly sworn, do depose and say:

That I reside at Number *342 1/2 Palisade Avenue*
in the *Town of West Hoboken, New Jersey*, that I am over
twenty-one years of age, and that I will well, faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of
Executor of said last Will and Testament.

Herbert L. T. Fisk

Subscribed and sworn this

7th day

of *March*

1899

Edw. L. Waterbury

Notary Public No 23
N.Y.C.

State of New York, }
County of New York, } ss.

Form 2.

I, **WILLIAM SOHMER**, Clerk of the County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court
for the said County, the same being a Court of Record, DO HEREBY CERTIFY That



before whom the annexed deposition was taken, was, at the time of taking the same, a
Notary Public of New York, dwelling in said County, duly appointed and sworn,
and authorized to administer oaths to be used in any Court in said State, and for general
purposes; that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of said Notary, and that his
signature thereto is genuine, as I verily believe.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of
the said Court and County, the

day of

1899

Wm Sohmer
Clerk.