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Clements vs Hanson

The Deposition of Francis Ware Son of Francis Ware

This Deponent Saith, that Francis Ware whose Name is subscribed as a Witness to John Hansons Will Dated 1747 was this Deponents Father, whom this Deponent was brought up, and was turned of 21 Years of Age when his Father died and well Acquainted with his hand Writing and Saith, that the Name of Francis Ware signed as Witness to the paper Endorsed No 1 is to the belief of this Deponent of his said Fathers Hand Writing that he always wrote his Name with a Double ff but ever since this Deponent hath been acquainted with his hand Writing he always signed his Sirname with an (z) & not (s) and the said Will as it is signed this Deponent further Saith, that about six Weeks after his said Fathers Death, he found the said paper called John Hansons Letter Will in the proceedings in this Cause in a Desk Drawer Open in which Drawer this Deponents said Father kept several papers of his own of great Consequence and that he this Deponent after his Fathers Death, when this Deponent went from home took out the said Drawer which was the uppermost of the large Drawers & locked it up in a Chest and this Deponent further Saith, that between the deceased John Hanson and this Deponents Father subsisted a very great Intimacy and Friendship from the Earliest of this Deponents Remembrance. This Deponent lived with his Father till the time of his Death, but never heard him say any thing Concerning the Will aforesaid to the best of his Remembrance and further Saith,

Francis Ware

nor

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before Bordley C.G.

The Deposition of Jacob Ware Son of Francis Ware this Deponent Saith, that he was brought up, under and lived with his Father Francis Ware whose Name is Seen as a Witness to a paper now produced to him and called John Hansons Will Until he was Eighteen Years of Age and hath seen him Sign his Name often both before and after this Deponent left his family and is as well Acquainted with his hand Writing and Saith, that the paper Endorsed No 1 is to the best of his Judgment and belief Witnessed by his said Father of his own hand Writing and also that the Words William Clements and two Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Six in the Body of the said paper are and that no other part of the said paper is of his Fathers hand Writing and further Saith, that he never did see his Fathers Name Signed by himself

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as it is to the said paper called John Hansons Will nor did this Deponent ever hear his Father say anything Concerning a Will of John Hanson and further Saith, not

Sworn the 29th March 1763 — Jacob Ware

before Bordley C.G.

The Deposition of Francis Goodrich. This Deponent Saith, that within the Year after John Hansons Death, the Respondent John Hanson came to this Deponents House and said to this Deponent (amongst other things) that if he would give possession of the Will he would Burn it, meaning the this Deponent apprehended a Will of his Father John Hanson prior in point of time to that to which the foregoing Depositions have been taken and now produced in Court and this Deponent further Saith, that he has often seen Francis Ware deceased his hand Writing and was well Acquainted therewith, that the paper marked No 1 is Witnessed by the said Francis Ware of his own hand Writing to the best of this Deponents Apprehension, but that he doth not believe the Attestation Francis Ware to the paper now produced and called John Hansons Will is of the said Wares Signing and further Saith, not

Sworn 29th March 1763 — Francis Goodrich

before Bordley C.G.

The Deposition of Henry Hawkins. This Deponent Saith, that Henry Hawkins whose Name is Seen as a Witness to this paper now produced and said to be the Will of John Hanson who Dyed in or about the Year 1750 was this Deponents father with whom this Deponent lived till his Death, and having often seen him Write was well acquainted with his hand Writing and further Saith, that the Name Henry Hawkins signed as a Witness to the said Will does not Appear to him nor doth he believe it to be the hand Writing of his said Father but Saith, that he doth believe the several papers now produced and Endorsed Respectively No. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6 are of his said Fathers Writing and signing and further Saith, not, Except that there was always ever since this Deponents Remembrance a good understanding between this Deponents said Father and the said John Hanson deceased

Sworn the 29 March 1763 — H Hawkins

Bordley C.G.