

BEFORE THE ADDITIONAL MASTER IV,
HIGH COURT, MADRAS
T.O.S.No. 40 OF 2023

Date: 23.09.2025
Time : 03.46 P.M.

Name : Mr. R. Ramamoorthy (PW2)

Cross Examination by Mr. K.S. Saranath, Learned Counsel for the 1st
defendant.

Solemnly affirmed:

Q1: How did you come to depose before this court?

A: The advocate came to my house and requested me to depose before this Hon'ble Court.

Q2: Is it correct to state that the advocate came to your house, informed you about this case and requested you to depose before this Hon'ble Court?

A: Yes.

Q3: Did the plaintiff accompany the advocate to your house?

A: No.

Q4: Are you a relative, friend or acquaintance of the plaintiff?

A: I am not a relative.

Q5: Then, how did you know the testator?

A: I went to an advocate's office in Triplicane for my personal work. The testator Mr. Nathamuni was also present in the advocate's office. He requested me to sign as an attesting witness. I thought it to be a service and I agreed to sign as an attesting witness.

Q6: Did you know the nature of the document when you signed as an attesting witness?

A: Yes, Nathamuni told me that it was a Will, he was executing for his son.

Q7: When did this happen?

A: In January, 2014.

Q8: Can you identify the advocate's office now?

A: No.24, Pillayar Kovil Street, Triplicane.

Q9: What is the name of the advocate?

A: Mr. Shek Abdul Rahim.

Q10: Is it correct to state that you did not know Mr. Nathamuni prior to that?

A: Yes.

Q11: Were you aware of the contents of the Will?

A: I knew that the Will was executed in favour of Nathamuni's son, Haridoss.

Q12: Have you read through the Will?

A: Yes.

Q13: Which property was bequeathed to his son by Nathamuni?

A: I do not know. Witness now adds: A property in Saidapet.

Q14: I put it to you that you never read through the Will, you do not know its contents and that you are deposing falsely before this court.

A: I deny.

Q15: I put it to you that your statement that you went to the advocate's office and met the testator by chance is false.

A: I deny.

Q16: Is the Will a registered one?

A: Yes.

Q17: Do you know the family members of Nathamuni?

A: I do not know.

Q18: Have you discussed about this Will with anyone?

A: No. I did not know about this Will prior to going to the advocate's office.

Q19: I put it to you that the testator, Nathamuni could only move around inside his house a year before January, 2014 and that your statement that he had come to the advocate's office to execute the Will is false and that you are falsely deposing so only on the request of the plaintiff.

A: I deny.

Q20: Do you know, when Nathamuni died?

A: I do not know.

Q21: Did you receive any summons from court to depose in this case?

A: No.

Q22: Before coming to depose before this Hon'ble Court, did you read through the Will, Ex.P1?

A: No.

Q23: I, therefore, put it to you that you are not aware of the contents of the Will, Ex.P1.

A: I deny.

Q24: Who were all present in the advocate's office when the testator Nathamuni requested you to sign as an attesting witness?

A: Myself, Nathamuni, the advocate and Darwin Prabhu were present at the advocate's office.

Q25: Did you know Darwin Prabhu before this?

A: No.

Q26: Did he come after you came to the advocate's office or was he already there?

A: I do not know. When I signed as an attesting witness in the Will, he was there and he signed as the 1st attesting witness.

Q27: Did Nathamuni sign in the Will first or did you sign first?

A: Nathamuni signed first and I signed after that.

Q28: Did Nathamuni sign in English, Tamil or Hindi in Ex.P1, Will?

A: He signed in English.

Q29: I put it to you that you are deposing falsely and that your deposition should not be accepted by this court.

A: I deny.

The counsel for the defendants 2 and 3 submits that the same deposition has been adopted by defendants 2 and 3.

Re-Examination : Nil.

Time: 04.10 P.M.

Taken down in open Court, read over and explained to the witness and the same is admitted by the witness to be true and correct and signed before me.

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