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Q. To whom did the interest of your father in the real estate descend?

A. One-third to my mother, Emma S. Thomas, and two-thirds to myself.

Q. Is your mother now living and, if not, when did she die?

A. She is not living. She died without a will in the year 1942. She never remarried.

Q. Who were the heirs at law of your mother?

A. I, Carrie S. Bartlett, was her only heir at law.

Q. Is Hattie C. Michael, another of the children of Samuel Thomas, now living and, if not, when did she die?

A. She is now dead and died in 1947.

Q. Did she leave a will?

A. None, that I know of.

Q. Was Hattie C. Michael married at the time of her death?

A. No, she was a widow.

Q. Do you know whether or not she left any child or children?

A. She left as her heir at law her only child, Preston Michael, who is one of the defendants herein.

Q. Is Bruce V. Thomas, another child of Samuel Thomas now living, and if not, when did he die?

A. Bruce V. Thomas is not living and he died in February, 1949.

Q. Did he leave a will?

A. No, he did not.

Q. Was Bruce Thomas ever married?

A. No, he was not.

Q. Do you know to whom his interest in the real estate descended at the time of his death?

A. Yes, to his only brothers and sisters then living, who were Bennie R. Thomas, Annie A. Thomas, Lottie V. Thomas and May I. Thomas.

Q. I now hand you a certified written instrument. Would you advise me of the nature of the same?