

that the executor might find it necessary to do so. *Held*, that the debts were charged upon the real estate as the primary fund.

Harrold v. Wallis, 167.

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2. The mere fact that the influence was exercised by a wife or other person over the mind of a testator is not of itself sufficient to invalidate a will; such influence must amount to a control over his mind subjecting his mental will to the desire of another, so that the document executed as his will is not in reality *his* will, but that of another; the question in such case is, in what sense is the document the will of the testator? Where therefore the testator, an infirm man, 82 years of age, within the year preceding his decease made four wills, the two last on the 27th July and 8th September, and on the 14th of the same month died, and it was shewn that for some time he had been in a state of physical weakness, and suffering from disease of the brain; the medical and other testimony, however, going to establish that at the

time of the execution of the will he was of a sufficiently sound and disposing mind to make a will; that the will of the 27th July was made by him while absent from his house, the latter while there, and under the control of his wife, who it was shewn had him entirely under subjection, and by whom the instructions for this will were given, and in whose presence the document was presented to him for execution, the evidence also shewing that for a long time he had been unable to resist her views with regard to any matters of business: and there being nothing to indicate any desire on his part to change the disposition of his estate made by the will of July: the court, upon a bill filed for that purpose, set aside the will of September, as having been obtained by the exercise of undue influence by the wife, and established that of July as being the proper last will of the testator, and ordered the widow who was largely benefitted under the will of September, to pay the costs of the cause.

Waterhouse v. Lee, 176.