

Gaston County - In the Superior Court

In the Matter of the Will of David A. Jenkins dec'd } Before.

J. B. White. Clerk Superior Court

Arron D. Jenkins vs L. M. Hoffman being duly sworn. doth say,
That David A. Jenkins, late of said County, is dead, having first made
and published his last Will and Testament; And that said Accounts are the
executions named therein.

Further, that the property of the said David A. Jenkins Consisting of
Real Estate, personal property and solvent Credits is worth about \$105,000.
So far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application. And that
Mary A. Craig wife of John H. Craig, Elmina B. Hoffman wife of
W. H. Hoffman and their Children, Arron D. Jenkins, L. M. Jenkins,
Martha J. Hoffman wife of L. M. Hoffman, all of Gaston County S.C.,
and W. H. Jenkins of Wake County N.C., J. B. Jenkins of Atlanta Ga.,
and David H. Jenkins of Forsyth County N.C. his Children and
Grand Children, all of full age, except the Children of Elmina B.
and W. H. Hoffman for whom said W. H. Hoffman is Guardian, are
the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 13th day of Sept. 1886.
J. B. White. Clerk Superior Court

A. D. Jenkins
L. M. Hoffman

1 Being of infirm health and knowing the contents of his last will and testament

1 Being of infirm health and knowing the uncertainty of life. I do hereby dispose of all my worldly property by this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows. That is to say:

First. I will and direct that all my estate both real and personal not hereinafter specifically devised and bequeathed or provided for. Shall by my executors hereinafter appointed be sold as soon as practicable after my death for cash or on a credit as to said executors may seem best.

Second: I will and direct that the small tract of land which I bought from Rob Quinn lying between the Rail Road and the Grove Yard and also so much of the tract hereinafter devised which I purchased from R. Y. McAdam lying around and adjacent to the grave of my wife Lodema Jenkins. as may be selected and laid off by my executors hereinafter named. not exceeding one and a half acres. be and the same is hereby reserved and set apart as a family burial ground. And shall be suitably enclosed. preserved and kept up as such by my said executors.

Third: I devise and bequeath to my daughter Mary A. having wife of John H. Craig the dwelling house in which I now live. together with the carpets, rugs and oil cloths on the floor thereof. with the land on which it is built consisting of two adjoining tracts one of about twelve acres purchased from J. M. Harma. and the other about eight acres purchased from R. Y. McAdam. except the Grove Yard aforesaid. both tracts lying and being on the south side of the Atlanta & Charlotte Rail Road about one mile east of Gastonia. This devise and bequest to be taken and valued as of the value of Five Thousand Dollars.

Fourth: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elmina B. Hoffman wife of Dr. M. H. Hoffman. Five Thousand Dollars. the said sum to be safely invested in first class Mortgages or other good securities and held by my Executors hereinafter named my said daughter and her said husband are to have the use and benefit of the income of said sum and investment during their joint lives and the life of the survivor of them. And at the death of the survivor the principal or sum so invested shall go to the issue of the said Elmina.

Fifth: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha J. Hoffman wife of L. M. Hoffman. Five Thousand Dollars.

Sixth: I give and bequeath unto my son Aaron S. Jenkins Five Thousand Dollars.

Seventh: I give and bequeath unto my son William W. Jenkins. Five Thousand Dollars.

Eighth: I give and bequeath unto my son James C. Jenkins. Five Thousand Dollars.

Ninth: I give and bequeath unto my son David W. Jenkins. Five Thousand Dollars.

Tenth: I give and bequeath unto my son Laban L. Jenkins. my Gold Watch and Chain and Five Thousand Dollars.

Eleventh: I will and direct that my Executors hereinafter named shall keep and retain the portraits of myself and wife. And the little Walnut Table inherited from my great Grand father Frederick Hambright of Revolutionary fame as family relics.

shall keep and retain the premises of my said
Walnut Table inherited from my Great Grandfather Frederick Hambright
of Revolutionary War as family objects.

Twelfth: All the rest and residue of my estate if I leave any over
above the said devises and bequests hereinbefore made. After being converted
into money shall be equally divided share and share alike between
my said before named Children. Subject to the same terms, limita-
tions and conditions as are prescribed in respect to them respectively
in the former parts of my Will. If my Estate real and personal shall
not be sufficient to pay fully the several devises and bequests herein-
before made to my said Children. Then in that case the said
before named devises, bequests and legacies shall be charged and
paid proportionately - And none of my said Children and to account
for any advancements or gifts heretofore made or hereafter to be
made to them or any of them.

Lastly: Revoking all former Wills by me made. I make and
declare this to be my last Will and Testament And I nominate
and appoint my son Aaron D. Jenkins and my son in law
Laborn M. Hoffmann the Executors thereof.

D. A. Jenkins Seal

Signed, published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of D. A. Jenkins
by him in our presence. And witnessed by us and signed in his presence and in the presence of each other.
March 30th 1886.
B. G. McAdams
J. D. Hubbard

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 Gaston County

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of D. A. Jenkins, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Aaron D. Jenkins and L. M. Hoffman the executors therein mentioned. And the due execution thereof by the said D. A. Jenkins by the oath and examination of R. Y. McAdew and J. L. Holcomb the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and say. And each for himself deposeth and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of D. A. Jenkins, that the said D. A. Jenkins in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 30th day of March 1886. And the deponent further saith, that the said D. A. Jenkins the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his last Will and Testament. And this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto. And at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, that the said D. A. Jenkins was of sound mind and memory, and was not at the time of subscribing his name to the said Will under any duress, constraint, or undue influence.

Said deponent further saith. That at the said time when the
said testator subscribed his name to the said Will as aforesaid.
and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting
witness thereto. as aforesaid. the said D. A. Jenkins was of
sound mind and memory. of full age to execute a will.
and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information
or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.
Severally subscribed this 13th day
of September 1886. before me.
J. B. White. C. S. C.

R. Y. McAden Seal
J. L. Holland Seal

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of D. A. Jenkins decd.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination
of R. Y. McAden and J. L. Holland the subscribing witnesses thereto. that
the paper writing proffered by the executor therein named, is the last
will and testament of D. A. Jenkins. and that the same was duly executed
by said D. A. Jenkins in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of
signing the same the said D. A. Jenkins was of sound mind.
It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to
probate as the last will and testament of the said D. A. Jenkins. and the executor therein
named qualified as such. This the 13th day of September 1886.