

I, Elizabeth A. Ratchford of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

I give unto my brother, John A. Ratchford and my two sisters Nancy J. Dickson and Margaret R. Dickson my plantation known as the home place of Joseph Ratchford, deceased, and lying near the mouth of the south fork of the Catawba River, said plantation to be divided equally between said brother and two sisters. I also give unto said brother John A. Ratchford and two sisters aforementioned each that portion of my personal property which is now at his or her house.

I give to my nephew, Robert A. Ratchford, ten dollars in cash.

I give to my niece, Mary Julia Dickson, my walnut cupboard.

I will that any other personal property not heretofore mentioned which I may have at time of my death be sold by my Executor and after paying any debts which I may owe at time of my death, together with my funeral expences and providing a good Head (or Tombstone) at my grave balance of proceeds of said sale together with any money's which I may have on hand or owing to me at time of my death be divided equal between my said brother, John A. Ratchford and two sisters afore named.

And I do appoint E. P. Lewis, Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void any other will or wills at any time heretofore by me made, and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Elizabeth A. Ratchford have hereunto set my hand, this 27th day of April, 1892.

Elizabeth A. Ratchford. (Seal).

Signed, declared and published by the above named Elizabeth A. Ratchford as and for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

E. L. Glenn,

J. Q. Holland.

North Carolina

In the Superior Court.

Gaston County.

In the Matter of the last Will of Elizabeth A. Ratchford.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of J. Q. Holla and M. E. Patrick the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the Paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Elizabeth A. Ratchford and that the same was duly executed by said Elizabeth A. Ratchford in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Elizabeth A. Ratchford 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 Elizabeth A. Ratchford and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 18th day of August, 1908.

C. C. Corwell, Clerk Superior Court.