

Gaston County: In the Superior Court,
In the Matter of the Will of } Before
of M R Armstrong Said } J B White Clerk Superior Court.

Thomas A. Bradshaw being duly Sworn, doth say: That M R Armstrong late of Said County, is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testament; and that Affiant is the executor named therein, Further, that the property of the Said M R Armstrong Consisting of about 80 Acres of land. One Mule 2 head of Cattle. 2 Hogs, 1 Hack, Household and Kitchen furniture, Farming utensils - Cash on hand, Notes & accounts &c is worth about \$1000.00. So far as can be ascertained at the date of this application and that Rosa A Armstrong widow of Said testator and Affiant Thomas A. Bradshaw, both of full age and residents of Gaston County N.C. are the parties entitled under Said Will to the Said property,
Sworn to and Subscribed before me, 11th day of September 1887 D. A. Bradshaw
J. B. White, Clerk Superior Court.

M R Armstrong's
Will

In the Name of God: Amen,

Know all men by these presents that I Matthew R. Armstrong, of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being in feeble health but of a sound mind, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament.

First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Rosa A. Armstrong all of my property of every degree and kind, both real and personal, during her natural life. All of my lawful debts having first been paid.

Further, that the property of the Said M R Armstrong Consisting of about 80 Acres of land. One Mule 2 head of Cattle. 2 Hogs, 1 Hack, Household and Kitchen furniture. Farming utensils - Cash on hand. Notes & Accounts &c is worth about \$1000.⁰⁰. So far as can be ascertained at the date of this application And that Rosa A Armstrong widow of said testator and Affiant Thomas A. Bradshaw. both of full age and residents of Gaston County N.C. are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

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Will

In the Name of God: Amen.

Know all men by these presents that

I Matthew R. Armstrong, of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being in feeble health but of a sound mind, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament.

First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Rosa A. Armstrong all of my property of every degree and kind, both real and personal, during her natural life. All of my lawful debts having first been paid.

Second. At the death of my Wife aforesaid I give and bequeath unto my dear friend Thomas H. Bradshaw all of the land of which I am now seized and possessed, and also all of my personal property of every degree and kind, that may be remaining at that time.

(Over)

Third: I hereby make and appoint my dear friend Thomas A. Bradshaw aforesaid my Executor to execute and enforce the requirements of this my last Will and Testament,

In testimony whereof I hereby affix my hand and Seal. This the 27th day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty six.

Signed & sealed in the presence of

John B. Fite.

John D. Williams,

M. R. Armstrong 

State of North Carolina } ss In the Superior Court.
Gaston County }

A paper, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of M. R. Armstrong deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Thomas A. Bradshaw the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said M. R. Armstrong was proven by the oath and examination of John B. Fite one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: who has been duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and testament of M. R. Armstrong, that the said M. R. Armstrong, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 27th day of August 1886, And the deponent I, J. D. Williams, do hereby certify.

by Thomas A. Bradshaw the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said M R Armstrong was proven by the oath and examination of John C. Fite one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: who been duly sworn, both before and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and testament of M. R. Armstrong, that the said M R Armstrong, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 27th day of August 1886, And the deponent further saith, That the said M R Armstrong the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing to be 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 said testator, And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said M R Armstrong 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 this deponent say Not,
Sworn and subscribed this 5th day of September 1887,
before me J B. White, Clerk Superior Court.

John C. Fite (Seal)

State of North Carolina } In Superior Court
Gaston County }

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of M^r. Armstrong deceased, is exhibited for Probate, before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Thomas J. Broadshaw the Executor therein named, and it is thereupon proven by the Oath & examination of J. R. Connell that John D. Williams one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto is a non-resident of this State. And it is further proved by the Oath and examination of the said J. R. Connell that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said John D. Williams having often seen him write, and that the Name of the said John D. Williams subscribed as a Witness to said Will is in the handwriting of the said John D. Williams.

J. R. Connell.

Sworn & Subscribed to before me, this 3rd day of September 1887,

J. B. White, Clerk Supr Court

It is also proved by the Oath & examination of J. A. Davenport, that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said M^r. Armstrong the testator, having often seen him write, and that the Name of the said M^r. Armstrong signed to the end of said Will, is in the handwriting of the said M^r. Armstrong.

J. A. Davenport

Sworn & Subscribed to before me, this 3rd day of September 1887

is in the handwriting of the Said John D. Williams,

Sworn & Subscribed to before me, this 5th day of September 1887,
J. R. Connell.

It is also proved by the oath & examination of J. A. Davenport,
that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the Said
M. R. Armstrong the testator, having often seen him write,
and that the name of the Said M. R. Armstrong signed to
the end of Said Will, is in the handwriting of the Said M. R. Armstrong.
J. B. White, Clerk Supr Court
J. A. Davenport

Sworn & Subscribed to before me, this 5th day of September 1887,
J. B. White, Clerk Superior Court

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Gaston County }

It is therefore Considered and Adjudged
by the Court that the Said paper writing and every part thereof,
is the last Will and Testament of M. R. Armstrong deceased,
and the same with the foregoing examination and this Certificate,
are Ordered to be recorded and filed.

This 5th day of September 1887,

J. B. White Clerk Supr Court