

North Carolina, Washington County,

I, Isobind Norman, of the aforesaid County, and State, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament.

I give and devise to my beloved husband, Milton J. Norman, all my Real estate and personal property of every description, his natural life, after his death to my children, Thornton, Lame, Della, Hattie and Elgie, with the understanding that if he thinks best, he can sell any part or all of the said property, and invest the money to the best advantage for his and their benefit.

I also authorize him to manage it all for the heirs, without any bond, and to act as their guardian. Witness my hand and seal this 8th day January, 1900.

Isobind Norman (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Isobind Norman, as his last will and testament in our presence, ~~who at his request~~ and in his presence, and in the presence of each other have signed the same as witnesses thereto.

Witness: W. H. Ward, M.D.
Neva Smiththarpe.

North Carolina, Washington County,

Maudie L. Owens being duly sworn, says that she is well acquainted with the hand writing of Isobind Norman, whose name is subscribed to a will this day exhibited before me by Milton J. Norman, and to the hand writing of Neva Smiththarpe, one of the subscribing witnesses to said will & that the said signature of said Isobind Norman, testator, and of Neva Smiththarpe, the said subscribing witness, is in their own proper hand writing, that she knows their said hand writing from the fact that she has often seen them write; that said Neva Smiththarpe, the said subscribing witness, is now a now resident of the State of North Carolina, but does live in the State of New York.

Maudie L. Owens,
Subscribed & sworn to before me
this 31st day of Jan., 1907.

C. W. Ansbrow, O. S. C.

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

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Isobind Norman deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Milton J. Norman, the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Isobind Norman is proved by the oath and examination of W. H. Ward, M.D., one of the subscribing witnesses thereto; who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and for himself depone and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Isobind Norman, that the said Isobind Norman, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 8th day of January, 1900.

And the deponent further saith, That the said Isobind Norman, 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 last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Isobind Norman 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.

W. H. Ward, M.D. (seal)

Sworn and subscribed this
1st day of Feb., 1907, before me,
C. W. Ansbrow,
Clerk Superior Court

(over)

North Carolina, Washington County.

The foregoing & annexed will of Isobell Norman, died, was this day proven by M. Ward, M.D., one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who testified that said testatrix signed said will in his presence & declared the same to be her last will & testament, & was at the time of sound mind & memory & by the testimony of Mauda L. Owens, who swears that she is well acquainted with the hand writing of Isobell Norman, the testatrix & of Nona Skillethorpe, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who is a now resident of this State & that the signature of Isobell Norman, testatrix, & of said Nona Skillethorpe, said subscribing witness, is in their own proper hand writing. Her knowledge of her hand writing is due to the fact that she has often seen her write.

The said will is therefore declared to be duly proven & the same, with this certificate, & the prop. as taken, recorded in my office.

C. W. Tinsman, C. S. C.

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In the name of God, I, Martha F. Hodges, of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina, being of lawful age, & of sound mind, memory & understanding, praise be God for the same, do make this my last will and testament, in manner and form following:

Item; 1st. I give, devise and bequeath, unto my beloved daughter, Susan L. Blount, her heirs & assigns forever, One-half of my land on which I now live, beginning at a ditch on the East of what is known as the Horse Field, thence due North from North end of said ditch to Albemarle Sound, thence again South end of said ditch running due South to the line between J. R. Tarsculan & myself, thence along said line to H. R. Chissom's line, along H. R. Chissom's line to a Cypress on Albemarle Sound it being a corner tree between the said H. R. Chissom & myself, thence along the water edge of the Sound to the line which runs from North end of the ditch above mentioned. One bid-chest bed, One wash-stand, one blue wash-bowl & pitcher, to have and to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

2nd. Item; I give, devise, bequeath, unto my beloved son Wilson B. Hodges, his heirs and assigns forever, One-half of the tract of land on which I now live, beginning on Albemarle Sound in Susan L. Blount's line it being the dividing line between her & H. B. Hodges, thence along said sound my line running, the center of Chapel Swamp, and following its various courses to S. L. Blount's line to first beginning. One bid-chest bedstead, One folding table with claws, one bureau with looking glass, one wash-stand, one gray horse, four big silver spoons, & eight small silver spoons, which I am now using, to have and to hold unto him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

In witness, I the said Martha F. Hodges, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20 day of April 1898.

Martha F. Hodges, (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by the said Martha F. Hodges, to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

H. R. Chissom.

L. H. Chissom.

Whereas, I, Martha F. Hodges, having made my last will & testament in writing, bearing date on the 20 day of April 1898, and thereby made sundry devises and bequests according to the then existing circumstances of my estate, but which circumstances having been materially changed, I do, by this, my writing, which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said will, to be taken & construed as part thereof, will and direct that in case my daughter S. L. Blount shall die without an heir, then & in such case my son W. B. Hodges, shall be the sole owner absolutely & in fee of all of the land bequeathed her as described in my will.

North Carolina,
Washington County } I, C. W. Tinsman, do hereby certify that the due execution of the foregoing will of Martha F. Hodges was this day proven by the oath and examination of H. R. Chissom and L. H. Chissom the subscribing witnesses, and admitted to probate this 16th day of April 1907,
C. W. Tinsman, C. S. C.

Certificate & will in reference to the will made in case of H. B. Hodges, C. S. C.