

Last Will and Testament of Phillip Bettis

State of Georgia, I, Phillip Bettis, of the said County
Forsyth County, and State, Knowing that life is uncertain
this 7th day of July } and death is sure, and being at this time
1887. } sound in mind but weak in body, desire
to make such a distribution of my worldly
effects as I want carried out immediately after my
death, do hereby make this my last Will and testament,
revoking all others that may have been made by me
heretofore.

1st I desire that my Just debts be paid.

2^d I desire that all my worldly effects after my
death, go to my wife Matilda Cardine Bettis during
her life time or widowhood. after her death or mar-
riage I desire that the same go to my children: Gibbs
A. Bettis, Heirs of William Davis Bettis, Eliza Jane
Densmore, formerly Bettis, John A. J. Bettis, Victoria
Densmore, formerly Bettis, Lenora Dodd, formerly Bettis,
If they can agree on it they can divide it among themselves
if they cannot agree, then I desire that it be sold
by public outcry and equally divided among them.
I do not desire that my said wife make returns
to the Ordinary, of her direction of the said estate.

We the Witnesses whose names are signed to this
Will of Phillip Bettis, Certify that we were present
when he made the same each one of us, and saw
him sign the same and signed it as witnesses at his
request, and each one signing the same in his presence
and in the presence of each other, the said Phillip Bettis
appearing to have his right mind and understanding
what he was doing, there being no influence of any
kind brought about by any one else to make him
change his mind, or waive any part of the same.

(Signed) Phillip Bettis.

(Signed) John Cook
W. H. Rusk
Hiram N. Bentley
(Signed) H. L. Hawkins,
Ordinary.

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August 13^d 1887.

Georgia } I, Hiram N. Bentley, do swear that
Forsyth County } I, as well as W. H. Rusk and John
Cook, saw the within named Phillip
Bettis sign and publish the within paper as his
last Will and Testament; that I subscribed the same
as a witness thereto, at the special instance and
request of the said Phillip Bettis, and in his presence
and did also W. H. Rusk and John Cook, that the
said Phillip Bettis signed the same freely and
voluntarily, and was at the time of such signing
of sound and disposing mind and memory;
Witness my hand and subscribed before } (Signed) H. N. Bentley
me, August 3^d 1887.
(Signed) H. L. Hawkins, Ordinary

Forsyth Court of Ordinary.

September Term 1887.

Upon the foregoing oath of H. N. Bentley one of
the subscribing witnesses to the within will of
Phillip Bettis, deceased. It is ordered by the
Court that said Will be admitted to record as sat-
isfactory proof in Common form, and that
Letters Testamentary issue to Matilda C. Bettis
the Executor named in said will, upon her taking
and subscribing the oath required by Law.

This the 5th day of September 1887.

(Signed) H. L. Hawkins, Ordinary.

I, Matilda C. Bettis, do solemnly swear that this
writing contains the true last Will of the within
named Phillip Bettis so far as I know or believe
and that I will well and truly execute the same.

done in accordance with the laws of this
State. In help me God,

Sworn to & subscribed before, (Signed) Matilda C^{her} x Pettis
wed. September 5th 1889. mark
(Signed) H. L. Hawkins.
Ordinary }

Recorded September 13th 1889.

H. L. Hawkins. Ordinary.