

as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid
The M. Ella Hall. 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

V. A. Foster
J. B. Foster

Severally sworn and subscribed
This 15th day of June 1895
before me.

P. Blumensack

North Carolina,

Ashe County ss in the Superior Court

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. Ella Hall deceased. Let the
said will together with the probate be recorded
and filed, This 15th day of June 1895-

P. Blumensack, C. S. C.

on this the 27th June 1895 caveat was filed
and Bond given an same made up to
be tried at the next term of the
superior court, as to whether said
paper writing is the last will and
Testament of the said M. E. Hall

I Charles W. Cooke of county in the County of
Providence and State of Rhode Island, but now
staying at Ore Knob in the County of Ashe and State
of North Carolina do make and publish this my
last will and Testament, in manner and form
following that is to say.

First I give devise and bequeath to my wife Julia
Cooke all my property of every description wheresoever
the same may be of which I may die seised or possessed
also all my chase in action to use and dispose of
at her own pleasure during her life time if she shall
survive me and if any of the same shall be left
after supplying her needs and wishes according to her
own pleasure, then I give devise and bequeath all
the same to my sister Annie S. Cooke

Second If my wife Julia Cooke shall not survive
me, then I give devise and bequeath all my property
as above mentioned to my dear sister Annie Cooke
to use and dispose of at her own pleasure during
her life time if she shall survive me and
if any of the same shall be left at her death, then
I give devise and bequeath the same to Miss Jennie
Potter of Norwich Conn Niece of my wife Julia
Cooke aforesaid

Third If neither my wife the said Julia Cooke nor my
sister the said Annie S. Cooke shall survive
me then I give devise and bequeath all my said
property to Miss Jennie Potter of Norwich Conn
aforesaid to her and heirs and assigns forever

Fourth I hereby appoint Julia Cooke my wife sole
executrix of this my last will and Testament and
do hereby revoke all other and former wills
by me made and declare this to be my last will
and Testament, And I further request that
if my wife survives me and qualified as
executrix that no bond be required of her
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
at Jefferson N. Carolina

The 16th day of June A.D. 1890.

Charles W. Cooke

Signed published

and declared to be the last will
and Testament of Charles W. Cooke whose
own

we know and who signed the same in our presence and in his presence and at his request witnessed the same as also in the presence of each other

W. H. Haugh
W. E. Lentry

North Carolina } Superior Court
Ashe County } November 20th 1895

In the matter of the
Probate of the Will of Charles W Cooke ~~deceased~~

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Charles W Cooke who died at Ore Knob in this Ashe County N.C. about the first day of October 1895 where he had been staying for the last fifteen years or perhaps more is offered for probate and appears to be witnessed by W. H. Haugh and W. E. Lentry

And it further appears that W. H. Haugh is dead and W. E. Lentry is gone to the State of Missouri and it is unknown when he will return again

J. W. Todd attorney at law
after being duly qualified as the law directs says that he the said J. W. Todd wrote the said will and that he knows the handwriting of the said C. W. Cooke and that the said signature of the said C. W. Cooke is in his genuine handwriting of the said C. W. Cooke and that affiant does not remember the transaction but he verily believes this to be the act and signature of the said C. W. Cooke but affiant does not know the handwriting of the said witnesses but that W. H. Haugh is dead and W. E. Lentry is gone to Missouri or elsewhere he does not know where

J. W. Todd

Also

John Dent comes and after being duly sworn says that he knows the handwriting of C. W. Cooke and that of W. E. Lentry who appears as a witness to the attached paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of Charles W Cooke and that he verily believes that the signature of the said Charles W Cooke and also the signature of the said W. E. Lentry are genuine and in their own proper handwriting and that affiant has no interest in the disposition of the property under this will
John Dent

W. H. Lentry after being duly sworn says that W. E. Lentry one of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and Testament of Charles W Cooke is his son that he knows the handwriting of the said W. E. Lentry has often seen him write and also knows the signature to the said will to be the genuine signature & in the handwriting of the said W. E. Lentry is now in the State of
and further this deponent says not
W. H. Lentry

Also

E. E. Haugh after being sworn says that she knows the handwriting of W. H. Haugh one of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and Testament of Charles W Cooke and that she has often seen the said W. H. Haugh write that the signature to the said will is the genuine signature and in the genuine handwriting of the said W. H. Haugh and that the said W. H. Haugh is now dead further this deponent says not
E. E. Haugh

Severally Sworn and
Subscribed this 20th day
of November 1895 before me

P. Blumling
Clerk Superior Court

over

North Carolina
Ashe County } In Superior Court
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 Charles W. Cooke deceased
Let the said Will together with the
probate be recorded and filed.
This 20th day of November 1895
P. Blewins
Clerk Superior Court

I, N. A. Foster of the Town of Jefferson
Ashe Co. North Carolina
Being of Sound Mind and in Perfect
Health "Knowing the uncertainty of my
earthly existence and certainty of death
Do Write and Publish this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form
as follows

1st I hereby give and Bequeath to my
Sister Francis E Brewer the Present
Wife of Miles Brewer one Note I
hold against her Given for Borrowed
Money Given in the year 1857 or 1858

2nd I Give and Bequeath to my Beloved
Brother Joel Edmund Foster my Entire
Estate after paying to my Brothers Jesse
F. Foster & John Foster the sum of
fifty five Dollars and Interest since
1894 - being money they furnished me
while I was a Prisoner of War also any
& all just & Valid Debts may come
against my Estate after my death

3rd I hereby appoint and constitute my Brother Joel
Edmund my Executor to this my last will & Testament
declaring this to be my last free & valid Will &
Testament in Testimony whereof I have written
Set my hand and seal this the 29th day of
September 1894. Nathaniel A. Foster

North Carolina Ashe County

I, N. A. Foster and my Brother Joel Edmund Foster, being of Sound Mind and in Perfect Health, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the last Will and Testament of N. A. Foster, as the same is contained in the original paper writing, and is signed by me, N. A. Foster, and is subscribed before me, J. E. Foster, this 20th day of November 1895.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Ashe County } April 28th 1896

This day personally came before me P. Blewins
clerk of the Superior Court of said County,
W. H. Gentry a resident & citizen of the Town
of Jefferson N.C. and after being duly
sworn as the law directs deposed and says
that he was personally acquainted with Capt.
N. A. Foster of Jefferson N.C. that he knew
him for more than twenty years that he
knew his hand writing having often seen
him write and sign his name. that the
paper writing now shown him purporting
to be the last will and testament of the said
N. A. Foster bearing date of September the
29th 1894 - he believed the same and every part
thereof to be in the genuine hand writing of
the said N. A. Foster. and that the signature
therein is the hand writing & genuine signature
of the said N. A. Foster. and further this
deponent saith not.

W. H. Gentry

Sworn & subscribed to
the 28th April 1896 before me
P. Blewins C.S.C.

North Carolina } In Superior Court
Ashe County } April 28th 1896

This day personally appeared before me P.
Blewins clerk of the Superior Court of said
County, J. M. Carson a citizen of the
Town of Jefferson N.C. and after being
duly sworn as the law directs deposed and
says that he was acquainted with
Capt. N. A. Foster late of Jefferson N.C.
and knows his hand writing having often seen
him write. that he knew him for more
than twenty years. that the paper writing
now shown him purporting to be the
last will and Testament of the said
N. A. Foster bearing date of the