

State of North Carolina.
Ashe County.

I Cora L. Cox of said County and State being of sound mind and memory but being in feeble health do make publick and declare this to be my last will and testament, that is to say:

First. I will my body to be decently buried and my soul I will to the God who gave it.

Secondly. After my death I want all my just debts paid.

Thirdly. After my death I want all my personal property sold by my executors and my choses in action collected and after paying my debts and funeral expenses I want the same divided ^{equally} among my seven children. These children are all minors, I desire that a guardian shall be appointed for them and the interest of each paid by my executor to such guardian for their benefit.

Fourthly. I will that my real estate except the home place be equally divided among my seven children. This bequest includes a tract of about 300 acres lying on the waters of Buffalo, adjoining the lands of Jno Perkins the E. D. Ray land and the land of others. It includes a one half interest in 70 acres of land on the side of Helton Creek adjoining Willson Thompson, Morgan Baker, Oliver Garis & others. It also includes 11 acres of land on Helton Creek known as the "Cock Creek land".

Fifthly. I will and bequeath my home land on the waters of Grassy Creek adjoining the lands of Thos. Jones, Morgan Baker, Frank Porter and others containing about 200 acres to my seven children in fee simple subject to this condition, to wit:—

If my husband, Alfred Cox, desires to live upon said home land and will so manage it as not to allow it to deteriorate in value and will live a moral virtuous life, then my will and desire is that he have the possession and control of said place during his natural life. If he should fail in keeping up said place as herein indicated or in living a moral and virtuous life then this bequest to him shall fail and be utterly void.

I hereby appoint my uncle W. C. Cox and my friend and neighbor Morgan Baker Executors of this my last will and testament.

Cora L. Cox

Signed in our presence by
Cora L. Cox and witnessed by
us in the presence and at the
request of the said Cora L. Cox.

This March the 14th, 1901
P. H. Nash
P. O. Doughton

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

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Cora L. Cox deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by W. C. Cox one of the executors therein mentioned and the two executors thereof by the said Cora L. Cox by the oath and examination of P. H. Nash and P. O. Doughton the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Cora L. Cox that the said Cora L. Cox in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid and was executed on the 14th day of March 1901.

And the deponent further saith, That the said Cora L. Cox the testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her 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 testatrix. And this deponent further saith that at the same time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Cora L. Cox 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.

P. H. Nash

P. O. Doughton

Several persons subscribed
this 10 day of June 1901 before me,

O. S. Ellis C. S. C.

North Carolina } ss. In the Superior Court.
Ashe County

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court, that the said paper writing, and every part thereof is the last Will & Testament of Cora L. Cox deceased. Let the said Will together with the probate, be recorded and filed.
This 16 day of June 1901.

O. S. Ellis
Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina Ashe County October the
24th A.D. 1899 I Harrison Bates being of sound
mind and disposing memory do make and declare
this to be my last will and testament
first I will and bequeath my soul unto God
who gave it and my body to a dear Christian
burial the manner of which I leave to my surviving
friends and as regards my property both real and
personal my will is that all my just debts be
paid And my will is that my beloved wife
Franky have the remainder of my property during
her natural life time or her widowhood & after
her death if not full one which I will to my daughter
Mary to be paid in cattle or such other thing as she
may want. And my will further is that my beloved
wife Franky act as guardian for my minor heirs
and my will further is that at the death of my beloved
wife Franky that she have to equally divide between
my children that is now minor heirs and I appoint
and request my beloved wife Franky my executor
to see that the provisions of this will is carried out
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal day and date above written

H. Bates

Wm.
L. Gentry
Geo. S. Kellogg

(Probate of Will)

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Ashe County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last will
and testament of H. Bates deceased is exhibited before me for
probate in open Court by Fanny Bates the executrix therein
named and it is thereupon proved by the oath and
examination of W. D. Witherspoon that the signature of H. Bates
to the said paper writing is in his own proper hand writing
and that he is well acquainted with the said hand writing
having often seen him write; And it is further proved by
John T. Hogan that the signature of L. Gentry, as a subscribing
witness to the said paper writing, is in his own proper hand
writing, he being well acquainted with his hand
writing, having often seen him write; And it is
further proved by the oath and examination of

Miss Paula Todd that she is well acquainted with the
handwriting of Geo. S. Kellogg and of the subscribing
witness and that his signature to the said paper
writing is in his own genuine hand writing, she
having often seen him write

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It is therefore considered and approved
by the Court that the said paper writing and every part
thereof is the last will and testament of H. Bates
deceased. Let the said will be given with the
probate, be read and filed

This 18th day of July 1901.

A. J. Ellis,

Clerk of Superior Court.