

In the name of God, Amen. I Sarah Ballou, wife of John R. Ballou, of the County of Ashe, and State of North Carolina, being of a sound mind and memory, and knowing it is appointed unto man to die, and I must shortly depart, do make, constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following.

First. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whom it came willing and desiring that all my just debts, if any, be paid together with funeral expenses.

Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved husband John R. Ballou all my lands and plantation with the out fields, together with household and kitchen furniture during his natural life, said lands adjoining the lands of Elisha Stamper, Franklin Porter, and others, and after his death to revert to my two grandchildren, George Cleveland Shepard and Benjamin Harrison Shepard, or if either one of them should die before then prior at the age of twenty one years to revert to the one living; lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint John C. Shepard and J. V. Ballou my executors to carry into effect this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all and every other will and testament heretofore made by me, in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 26 day of April, 1897.

Sarah ^{her} Ballou ^{Seal}
mark

Signed, published and declared in the presence of us.

J. V. Ballou,
R. C. Spencer,
L. A. Porter.

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

A paper, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sarah Ballou, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by J. V. Ballou, one of the executors therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Sarah Ballou by the oath and examination of J. V. Ballou and L. A. Porter, two of 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 Sarah Ballou, that the said Sarah Ballou in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name, by making her mark and acknowledging her signature and execution at the end of said paper, writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 26 day of April, 1897.

And the deponent further saith that the said Sarah Ballou the testatrix aforesaid did at the time of subscribing her name by making her mark and acknowledging her signature and execution as aforesaid declare the said 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 by making her mark and acknowledging her signature and execution, to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Sarah Ballou 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.

Specially sworn & Submitted
this 2 day of Feb 1903
before me.

J. V. Ballou
L. A. Porter

W. E. Allen, Clerk Sup. Court.

North Carolina, 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 and Testament of Sarah Ballou, deceased.
 Let the said Will, together with the probate, be
 recorded and filed.
 This 2. day of March 1903.
 W. E. Allen,
 Clerk Sup. Court.

Will of Jacob Goodman, Sen.

State of North Carolina, Ashe County,
 April the 5th A.D. 1899.

I, Jacob Goodman Sen. Being in a very infirm
 state of health and sensible to my liability to
 sudden death at the same time being in my
 own apprehension of sound mind do judge it
 best to make and accordingly do hereby make
 this my last will and testament, it is my will
 that all my just debts and the charges of my
 funeral expenses be paid and discharged by my
 executors hereinafter named and appointed out
 of my estate soon as conveniently may be after
 my decease and and I leave the charges of my
 funeral to the Direction of my said executor
 I give devise and dispose of all my estate real
 and personal save that shall be necessary for
 the payment of my just debts and funeral
~~expenses~~ charges in the following manner, I
 give to my beloved wife Caroline Goodman
 all my real and personal property her lifetime
 at her death it is to be my son Calvin F.
 Goodman he is to pay the four girls
 Nancy E. Goodman and Amanda F. Goodman
 and Martha M. Goodman, & Minnie E. Goodman
 twenty five dollars each and they are to have
 a home on the old farm as long as they
 stay single provided they want it the said
 C. F. Goodman is to take care of me and his

mother and keep us comfortably he is to have the care of
 the farm and manage it as he thinks best. I have given
 the other boys their part only if the Garry mine proves
 to be any account my interest is to be divided equally
 divided between my heirs. I appoint C. F. Goodman and
 Caroline Goodman my wife Executors. I publish and
 declare this to be my last will and testament
 Jacob Goodman Sen.

North Carolina, In the Superior Court.
 Ashe County } Before the Clerk.

In the matter of Jacob Goodman
 Sen.'s will, a paper writing is offered for probate as
 the last will and testament of Jacob Goodman Sen.
 dec'd who died March 12, 1903 and the following
 evidence is offered before me in proof and support
 of said paper writing bearing date of April 3, 1899.
 C. F. Goodman after being duly sworn says: That
 he is the son of Jacob Goodman, dec'd and knows that
 he died on the 12. day of March 1903 in Ashe County
 North Carolina and that after his death he and
 his mother looked through his valuable papers and
 found a paper writing purporting to be the last will
 and testament of Jacob Goodman Sen. in a trunk
 in a small wooden box, in which he kept
 his deeds, &c. which paper writing is now shown
 me and which I know to be the paper writing
 purporting to be the last will and testament of
 Jacob Goodman Sen. dec'd, which he with his
 mother found shortly after the death of Jacob
 Goodman Sen. among his valuable papers at
 his late residence in Ashe County North Carolina.
 C. F. Goodman.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me,
 This April 6, 1903

W. E. Allen, J. C. C.
 Per W. E. Johnson J. C.

W. H. Garry, J. S. Goodman and R. H. Goodman
 aged respectively 80 years, 48 years, and 36 years.
 who being duly sworn says and each for
 himself deposeth and saith, that I know Jacob
 Goodman Sen. many years before he died.