

to the paper-writing purporting to be the last will and testament of W.P.Gore, deceased, which is hereto attached, dated August 30th, 1920, and that he has often seen him write and that the name of the said Q.E. Atkinson subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the genuine handwriting of the said Q.E. Atkinson, he now being, to the best of my information and belief, in the State of Florida.

W.H.Walker,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this,
the 18th, day of September 1925.

A.T. McKeithan,
Clerk Superior Court.

And thereupon it is considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper-writing and every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of W.P.Gore, deceased, and it is ordered that the same, with the foregoing examination and this certificate be recorded and filed.

This 18th, day of September 1925.

A.T. McKeithan,
Clerk Superior Court.

No. 372

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.
BEFORE A.T. MCKEITHAN, C.S.C.

IN THE MATTER OF
THE Administration of the Estate
of B.F. Keith, Deceased.

This cause coming on for hearing before me A.T. McKeithan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County, for the registration of a certified copy of the Will of B.F. Keith upon the application of B.F. Keith, Jr., Julia F. Keith, Marion Y. Keith and Frederick R. Keith, the executors of B.F. Keith, deceased, who presents to me the hereto attached papers, namely, a copy of the last Will and Testament of B.F. Keith, deceased, a copy of the affidavit of David H. Wilcox, and J.C. Murphy, the subscribing witnesses to the said last will and testament of the said B.F. Keith, deceased, and a copy of the judgment or order of probate made and entered by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pender County, all of which are duly certified by S.V. Bowen, Clerk of the Superior Court of Pender County, N.C. under his hand and seal of office, certifying that the foregoing papers are true and correct copies of the originals on file and recorded in his office.

And from the same I find that the foregoing are true and correct copies of the originals of said papers, and that the copy of the will hereto attached is a true copy of the original, and from the said papers the original appears to have been proven, probated and recorded as required by law in the proper County, and the papers hereto attached are ordered to be recorded as a copy of the last will and testament of B.F. Keith, and its probate and are adjudged to be in due form and correct and when so recorded they shall have the force and effect as if the original will had been probated and recorded in this County.

This the 14th, day of October A.D. 1925.

A.T. McKeithan, C.S.C.

NORTH CAROLINA.
PENDER COUNTY.

Believing that it is the duty of everyone who has anything to dispose of, to provide for its disposal while living, and believing such is the proper thing to do, I hereby make my last will and testament, in the name of God- Amen.

I, Benjamin Franklin Keith, now being of sound mind and disposing memory and fully aware of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, do make this my last will and testament, disposing of my property and effects, both real and personal, and for the purpose of making suitable provision for the maintenance of my wife and family, and for the education of my children as follows:

FIRST: I direct that my body shall be given Christian burial, and that my remains shall be interred in the family- burial ground at Bethabehem Church, Pender County, North Carolina.

SECOND: I devise and bequeath to my son Theodore R. Keith my gold watch, to my son B.F. Keith, Jr. my old secretary known as the Dinglehoof Secretary, and my other personal effects to all of my children, to be divided equally among them, but this is not intended to include my personal property, other than personal effects.

THIRD: I give and devise to my sons B.F. Keith, Jr., Julian F. Keith, Marion Y. Keith, Fred R. Keith, James Keith, and Theodore R. Keith, share and share alike, for the term of their natural lives, and at their respective deaths, over to such child or children as they may respectively leave surviving them, and to such child or children in fee, all of my lands on the South side of Cape Fear River in Columbus and Brunswick Counties, and containing one thousand (1,000) acres, more or less, and the Andrews' tract of land containing seventeen hundred (1,700) acres and in the division of the lands above mentioned on the South side of the Cape Fear River, I direct that my son, B.F. Keith, Jr. be given the option of taking as his share, entitled as aforesaid, the J.C. McKee tract, containing 550 acres, known as the Reals' Eddy tract, and the remainder of same to be divided among the other five sons, all to be entitled as above set forth. I further direct that each of said lands, should any one of my said sons die, leaving a child or children, then such child or children shall receive the share their deceased parents would have received, but should any one of them die without issue, surviving, then the share of such one shall go to the other devisees above mentioned, entitled as aforesaid.

FOURTH: I give, devise and bequeath to each of my daughters, Lila M. Keith, Smith, and Adeline Keith, one house and lot and one vacant lot on Smith and Pike Streets in Wilmington, N.C., to be selected by them from my property on said Streets, in said city, this devise in lieu of share in lands devised in third paragraph of this will.

FIFTH: I give and devise my lands known as the Still Bluff Tract bought from W.C. Keith, and laid off in lots, to my eight children, share and share alike in fee simple.

SIXTH: I give, devise and bequeath to my executor hereinafter named, the Allie Alderman tract of land containing 150 to 200 acres, on which is located my residence, the Kelly tract of land, and all of my lands in Lyam Swamp, in both Pender and Bladen Counties, except the lands I have deeded to Julian Keith, and excepting also thirty (30) acres known as the Thompson field, adjoining the Julian Keith land, and excepting also the piece of the old William Keith farm now fenced off for a sheep pasture, which said excepted tracts are hereby devised to Julian Keith upon the following trusts, and none other, that is to say: My said executor shall hold said lands for a period of five (5) years after my death and rent the same for hunting, farming or other purposes, on such terms as my son to them most advantageous, and divide the net proceeds thereof yearly, one tenth to each of my children, one tenth to my wife, and one tenth to the Home and Foreign Missionary Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and at the end of said five (5) years period, or as soon thereafter as in the opinion of my executor a fair price can be obtained, my executors are hereby authorized to sell the said lands covered by the trust clause of this item, either whole or in portions, and divide the proceeds thereof as hereinbefore in this item provided.

SEVENTH: I give, devise and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named, my Golly Hill lands, with power and direction to sell the same when in their judgment they are offered a fair price for same, and to dispose of the proceeds of said sale in the payment of the following bequests:

Three hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford, N.C.

One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Trustees of Wake Forest College.

One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Trustees of Meredith College.

One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Trustees of Buis Creek Academy.

Said bequests above mentioned to be loaned by the respective schools at 2% interest to poor boys and girls of good character, and who shall be recommended as worthy by their friends and acquaintances, and when repaid, such funds shall be relaned in same manner.

Five hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Trustees of Thomasville Baptist Orphanage to be used in their discretion.

One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the Education of poor and worthy young negro preachers of North Carolina, said funds to be placed in the hands of the president of Wake Forest College, North Carolina, and his successors in office, same to be loaned, in same manner as funds left to Wake Forest College in this will.

And I charge my executors with the duty of seeing that these bequests are paid over under the restrictions and provisions, for their future use and purposes as herein contained.

After the payment of the above bequests, the remainder of said funds devised from said Golly lands, and timber and water power, shall be divided among my wife and eight children, equally, with the proviso that my wife's share shall belong to her during her life or widowhood, and then to my said children equally and to have the right to use such amount of the principal as may be necessary in her support.

I recommend that my executors drain off Golly pond and sell the timber, and then sell land for water power or other purposes.

If said Golly Hill lands should not sell for sufficient amount to pay all the bequests of this item of my will in full, the proceeds shall be pro rated among said bequests, and it is further provided that said lands shall not be sold hastily or sacrificed.

EIGHTH: I give, devise and bequeath to my Executors with full power of sale all of my real estate in the City of Wilmington, except such as is herein devised to my daughters, and direct that they sell same at best advantage when offered what they regard as a fair price, and divide the proceeds thereof among all of my children and my wife, Lillie A. Keith, one tenth to each, and one tenth to the Home and Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The share of my said wife or remarriage, same to go to my children equally, and if any one of my children have died in the meantime, the children of such deceased to receive the share of their parent, per stripes, and not per capita; said property may be sold as a whole or in parts.

NINTH: I give, and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named, all of my personal property of every kind and description, except my personal effects, devised in Item 2 of this Will, upon the following trusts, that is to say:

That my executors shall pay in cash, or its equivalent, to Theodore R. Keith, the sum of \$2,500.00 for his maintenance and education, to James Keith the sum of \$2,500.00 for his maintenance and education, to B.F. Keith, Jr. the sum of \$1,000.00, the first two amounts above specified to be paid to the said Theodore and James Keith by my said executors as and when their interests and demands require the same. If my personal estate, after the payment of my debts, is sufficient to provide for the bequests contained in this item, then my executors are hereby authorized and empowered and directed to sell all of so much as it is necessary of the real estate devised to them in trust in the eighth item of this, my will, and it is my intention that this ninth item shall to that extent supercede the provisions of the eighth item of this will. If however, there is any excess of personal estate after providing for the bequests contained in this item, the same shall be divided equally between my eight children, and my wife Lillie A. Keith, share and share alike, provided however, that my said wife shall have said share for her life or widowhood, but she is to have the privilege of using any of the principal of said share for her support, and the support of her two youngest children.

TENTH: I hereby give, bequeath and release to my children and each of them, any advancements or loans which I may have made to them up to the present time.

ELEVENTH: All other property which I may own at my death, either real or personal, and not herein specifically disposed of, I hereby devise and bequeath to my eight children and my wife, share and share alike.

TWELFTH: It is my will and desire that my executors shall provide and give out of my landed estate to the Croom boys in Pender County, two in number, whom I have helped and am desirous of helping further, ten or fifteen acres of land each, in the vicinity of Lyon Bridge, and to be designated by my executors.

THIRTEENTH: I hereby appoint my four oldest sons, B.F. Keith, Julian F. Keith, and Marion Y. Keith and F.R. Keith, my executors, to carry into effect this my last will and testament, according to my intentions as herein expressed.

FOURTEENTH: It is further desired that this property or proceeds thereof, be kept in the family and used as a stimulus for an industrial honest living to each one of my heirs, and that they will remember that everything belongs to God, and he that robs God is the poorest pauper, and I trust that at least one tenth of each of my heirs' earnings will be returned to the Lord for extending his teachings on earth.

I hereby revoke any and all other wills heretofore made by me. I request that my son, James Keith, because of his physical condition, do not get married.

Signed and sealed as and for my last will and testament, this the 11th, day of April 1924.

B.F. Keith, (seal)

WITNESSES:

David H. Wilcox
J.G. Murphy.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
PENDER COUNTY.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of B.F. Keith, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said county, by B.F. Keith, Jr. one of the executors therein mentioned, and the same execution thereof by the said B.F. Keith by the oath and examination of David H. Wilcox and J.G. Murphy, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that each and each for himself depose and sayeth, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of B.F. Keith, that the said B.F. Keith in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 11th, day of April 1924.

AND THE DEPONENT FURTHER SAYETH, that the said B.F. Keith the testator, aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be 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 said testator. And this deponent further sayeth that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will and testament as aforesaid, and at the same time of the deponent subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said B.F. Keith 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.

J.G.Murphy
David H.Wilcox

Severally sworn and subscribed this 6th,
day of May 1924, before me.

S.V.Bowen,
Clerk Superior Court.

NORTH CAROLINA.
PENDER COUNTY.

* IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.
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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 B.F.Keith, deceased. Let said Will, together with the Probate, be recorded and filed.

This 6th, day of May 1924.

S.V.Bowen,
Clerk Superior Court.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
PENDER COUNTY.

I, S.V.Bowen, Clerk of the Superior Court of Pender County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached sheets is a true and correct copy of the will, affidavit and probate of the will of B.F.Keith, as recorded in my office in book of Wills at page 30 on the 6th, day of May A.D. 1924, and constitute a true and correct copy of the will and probate thereof of the said B.F.Keith and that the foregoing record is entitled to the full faith and credit in all of the courts of the State of North Carolina, and of the United States, and is entitled to registration in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Courts of North Carolina wherever presented for registration.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 18th, day of August A.D.1925.

(C.S.C.SEAL)

S.V.Bowen,
Clerk Superior Court.

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NORTH CAROLINA.
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK.

I, Robert Williams, of the aforesaid County and State, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do hereby make and declare this my last will and testament, to-wit:-

FIRST: My executor hereinafter named, shall give my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, out of the first moneys coming into his hands belonging to my estate.

SECOND: I give and devise unto my beloved wife Emma Williams, during her natural life all right and interest in whatsoever real estate with which I may be seized at time of my death, after her death I bequeath to my children share and share alike all such real estate.

THIRD: I give and devise unto my wife, Emma Williams, all of my personal property, with exception of money I may have in hand or in bank at time of my death.

FOURTH: I give and devise to my wife, Emma Williams, one half of all money I may have in hand or in bank at time of my death; the other half I wish to be divided equally among my children surviving me, share and share alike.

I hereby constitute and appoint the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company my lawful executor to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the said Robert Williams do hereunto set my hand mark and seal this the third day of July 1920.

his
Robert x Williams, (seal)
mark

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Robert Williams to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence (and in the presence of each other), do subscribe our names as witnesses hereto.

C.E.Taylor
W.H.Moore
J.G.Staunton.

NORTH CAROLINA.
BRUNSWICK COUNTY

* IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.
* BEFORE THE CLERK.
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IN THE MATTER OF
The Will of Robert Williams,
Deceased.

The paper writing hereto attached and purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert Williams deceased, is exhibited before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina, by The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, the executor therein named, and thereupon the following proof thereof is taken by the oath and examination of C.E.Taylor and W.H.Moore, the subscribing witnesses thereto as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA.
BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

C.E.Taylor and W.H.Moore being duly sworn, deposes and say, and each for himself deposes and says, that he is a subscribing witness to the said paper writing now shown him, purporting to be last will and testament of Robert Williams, and that he saw him execute (or heard acknowledge the execution of) this writing as his last will and testament, and that affiant attested it in the presence and at the request of said Robert Williams, deceased; and that at the time of its execution (or at the time its execution was acknowledged) said Robert Williams was in affiant's opinion, of sound mind and disposing memory.

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 22nd, day of October 1925.

C.E.Taylor,
W.H.Moore.

A.T.McKeithan,
Clerk Superior Court, Brunswick County.