

NORTH CAROLINA.
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK.

I, Hector Smith of the aforesaid County and state being of sound mind, considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do hereby make and declare my last will and testament, to-wit:-

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

SECOND: I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Smith all of my property both real and personal so long as she shall live.

THIRD: I give and devise to my son Fletcher Smith the tract of cite of land where his house now stands containing (20) Twenty acres more or less.

FOURTH: I give and devise to Arthur Smith and Mamie Smith the old home with farm, home and buildings with (25) twenty five acres of land, also the household belongings.

FIFTH: I give and devise to Mary Katherine Smith and Daniel Smith (10) acres each to be laid off adjoining the tracts of Fletcher and Arthur Smith.

The remainder of my estate to remain undivided between the several heirs.

I hereby constitute and appoint A.M.Beck 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 Hector Smith do hereby set my hand and seal this the 27th, day of March 1919.

Hector Smith, (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Hector Smith 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 thereto.

V.C.Garner,
A.M.Beck.

NORTH CAROLINA.
BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.
BEFORE THE CLERK.

In the matter of the will of Hector Smith, deceased.

The paper-writing hereto attached and purporting to be the last will and testament of Hector Smith deceased, is exhibited before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina, by A.M.Beck the executor thereof named, and thereupon the following proof thereof is taken by the oath and examination of V.C.Garner and A.M.Beck the subscribing witnesses thereto, as follows:

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V.C.Garner and A.M.Beck 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 the last will and testament of Hector Smith and that he saw him execute (or heard him 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 Hector Smith deceased; and that at the time of its execution (or of the time its execution was acknowledged) said Hector Smith was, in affiant's opinion of sound mind and disposing memory.

V.C.Garner,
A.M.Beck

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18th, day of November 1926.

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 Hector Smith deceased, and it is ordered that the same with the foregoing examination and this certificate be recorded and filed.

This 18th, day of November 1926.

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

BELMONT ABBEY.
BELMONT, N.C.
DEC.17, 1917.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

Knowing the uncertainty of human life and wishing to prevent any doubt as the disposal of my property Real and Personal now held by me, or held by me at my death I herewith make my last Will and Testament, to-wit:

1. All Real Estate I now hold in North Carolina or may hold at my death as Vicar Apostolic and Catholic Bishop of North Carolina I give and bequeath to my lawful successor in said office to hold in like Estate as held by myself. To him I also give a gold ring engraved with Mitre and Crozier and also all Liberty Bonds, Certificates of Deposits, etc. as shown in the Bank Book of the Bank of Washington, North Carolina. All notes payable to me or my successor as Ordinary of N.C. should be paid as designated in said notes which will be found in the upper drawer of my safe.

The personal property I won as Abbot and President of the Southern Benedictine Society of N.C. I give and bequeath to my lawful successor as Abbot Ordinary and ipso facto President of the said So. Ben. Soc'y of N.C.

II. I give and bequeath to my lawful successors as Abbots of Belmont Abbey and Presidnets of the said So. Bened. Soc'y of N.C. to be held in Trust for the benefit of said So. Bened. Soc'y of N.C. and not to be sold or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of at least (5/7) five sevenths of the Trustees of said Society, Real Estate, to-wit: (a) Bought from C.H.Lineberger, deed registered in book 45 page 354 - except such part on the "W. side I already sold to Leo Hall (col.) also a house and lot bought from Adrian Maier registered Feb'y/21, 1901 book 45 page 288. Also seventy acres bought from William B. Puett and wife, Jan. 28, 1905, registered in book 61, page 50.

I herewith appoint the Pro-Vicar of the Vicariate sede vacante. I likewise appoint the Rev. Bernard Haas, O.S.B. executor of this my last will and exempt him from giving any bonds, etc. in the premises.

Signed and sealed by me at Belmont Abbey, Gaston Co. N.C. this the seventeenth day of December 1917.

(Signed) Leo Haid, O.S.B.
Vicar Apostolic (Catholic Bishop) of N.C.
Abbot Ordinary of Belmont Abbey
Pres. of So. Benedictine
Coc'y of N.C.

WITNESSES:
Ignatius Remke, O.S.B.
Michael McInerney
Nicholas Bliley

NORTH CAROLINA.
GASTON COUNTY.

I, S.C.Hendricks, Clerk of the Superior Court for said Gaston County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and exact copy of the last will and testament of Leo Haid, O.S.B., deceased, as the same appears on file in this office and that said Will was duly admitted to probate in this County and is properly recorded herein in book of Wills 4, page 376.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 6th, day of December 1926.

(C.S.C. SEAL)

S.C.Hendricks,
Clerk Superior Court, Gaston County, N.C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK.

It appearing to the undersigned from the Certificate of S.C.Hendricks, Clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston County, State of North Carolina, that the foregoing is a true copy of the exemplification of the last will and testament of Leo Haid, deceased, on file in this office and the proceedings in the probate thereof; and it is further appearing to me that the said will was duly executed in the manner and form required by law for the Devise of real and personal property and that fact appears upon the face of the foregoing exemplification and probate of said will.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by me that the foregoing copy or exemplification of the said will and probate be allowed filed and recorded in the same manner as if the original had been produced and duly proven and allowed before me.

This the 10th, day of December 1926.

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