

State of North Carolina, } In the Superior Court.  
Brunswick Co.

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of J. W. Gay deceased, is exhibited to me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Geo. H. DeLong, the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said J. W. Gay, is proven by the oath and examination of John P. White & D. W. Skipper the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of J. W. Gay that the said J. W. Gay in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date respectively, as to the last Will and Testament, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1911 and as to the Codicil Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1911.

And the Deponent further saith, that the said J. W. Gay, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said Will, as attesting witnesses thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testator. And these deponents further saith, that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents' subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto, as aforesaid, the said J. W. Gay was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a Will, and was not under any restraint, to the knowledge, in formation or belief of these deponents. And further these deponents say not.

John P. White.

Isaac W. Skipper

Solemnly sworn and subscribed,  
This 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov. 1912 before  
me.

R. S. Newton,  
Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina,  
County of Brunswick.

I, J. W. Gay of the aforesaid County and State, being of Sound Mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament.

1<sup>st</sup>. First, My Executor herein after named shall give my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my beloved Sister Mrs. Lizzie C. Adams, and pay all my funeral expenses, and erect a suitable monument to my memory. said monument to be selected and designed by my said beloved Sister Mrs. Lizzie C. Adams, and the funeral expenses and erection of said monument to be defrayed by my said beloved Sister Mrs. Lizzie Adams out of money which I have given her for that purpose.

2<sup>d</sup>. Second, I give devise and bequeath to Miss Drea J. Chirris, who has served my family as faithful in our home both in sickness and in health for a number of years at a pepper-corn salary, and to reimburse her for her faithful services I give, bequeath and devise, to her her heirs and assigns in fee simple forever. My entire property, both real and personal of every kind and description except as hereinafter defined.

3<sup>d</sup>. Third, I give and devise to my wife Florence the house and lot where she now resides together with all other buildings. Within the enclosure said enclosure containing one fourth of an acre more or less, also another tract or lot of land adjoining the said lot where she now resides, and known as the vineyard, consisting of five acres more or less, also a third tract or lot adjoining the aforesaid five acre tract. The same being and lying on the West side of said five acre tract and bounded as follows, on the East by a line piece of said five acre tract, on the North by John McRae's line, on the West by S. F. Williams line and others, on the South by a cross piece a cross fence by a row of Pear trees, consisting of twelve acres more or less, to have the aforesaid three lots or tracts of land including the said dwelling, during her natural life in satisfaction of

her dowry and third in all my land is the same being reasonably more than one third of my estate.

- 4<sup>th</sup> Fourth, I give devise and to give to my beloved daughter Luella the sum of one (100) dollars.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Fifth, I give & to give to my said wife Florence all the house hold and kitchen furniture not other wise disposed of in my Will to be hers only during her natural life time.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sixth, I direct that my executor herein after named shall either sell or have appraised (at my said wife's option the following personal property, to-wit: one Jersey cow and calf, farming implements, all my traps, wine, Buggies and Carts, and Trunk killed Pork and apply the same on Widow's support for one year as provided by law.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Seventh, I devise, give and to give to the said Miss Della D. Chinnis, all the three lots on tracts of land, heretofore described and devised to my said wife Florence at the termination of said life estate. The said three tracts of land including said dwelling to go to Miss Della D. Chinnis in fee simple forever.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Eighth, I give devise and to give to my beloved Sister Mrs. Hattie D. Dickens the three room house now occupied this the 3<sup>d</sup> day of January 1911, by James Stollis and family, and located just north of my aforesaid residence, the same being entirely surrounded by a fence, and consists of about one fourth of an acre more or less, including the out houses in said lot in fee simple, her heirs and assigns forever.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Ninth, I give devise and to give to my life long friend Hon. Geo. H. Bellamy my .44 Calibre Winchester Rifle together with set of moulds belonging to said Rifle & my gun.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Tenth, I give devise & to give to my nephew Leland C. Adams, my Violin, Violin Case, Music and Music for his own use forever.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Eleventh, The said Miss Della D. Chinnis is to have entire control of all the furniture and furnishings, and trinket articles, also Lenses, and Clocks, and all other personal effects in my

room where Mrs. Adams resides, including also my gold Watch and chain in fee simple forever.

- 12<sup>th</sup> Twelfth, I direct my executor herein after named and the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County to see that my life insurance in the Royal Acorn which is made payable to Will Gay Adams, Mary Lill Adams and Leland C. Adams each the sum of two hundred & fifty (\$250.00) dollars is properly paid to them as they become of age, or if to pay only upon an order issued from said Court, and it is understood that this money is devised in payment of money due the said Adams children, whereas I was duly appointed Guardian and executed a Mortgage to the said County for the security of the said estate of said Adams children, and when said money is paid over to said children, said estate is to be charged therewith and my said Mortgage credited accordingly.

- 13<sup>th</sup> Thirteenth, I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend James St. Scull my lawful executor, to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament according to its true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking all former wills or Testaments heretofore made by me.

This January 3<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1911.

J.W. Gay. (Seal)

Signed sealed and declared by the said J.W. Gay 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.

This January 3<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1911.

J.P. White (Seal)  
J.W. Skipper (Seal)

We the undersigned do also declare J.W. Gay to be of sound mind and memory and of full age to execute a will.

This January 3<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1911.

J.P. White (Seal)  
J.W. Skipper (Seal)

State of North Carolina.  
County of Brunswick.

I, J.W. Gay of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina, do hereby make this Codicil to my annexed Will changing the executor named in said Will, and name, constitute and appoint my good friend Geo. H. Bellamy in place of Jas. H. Scull, and declare this as my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1911.

J.W. Gay (Seal)

Witness.

We the undersigned, do hereby certify that we saw J.W. Gay sign the above Codicil to his Will, and we further certify that we signed it at his request and in his presence & in the presence of each other. And we further certify that J.W. Gay is of sound mind and of full age to execute the above instrument. In witness whereof we hereunto affix our hands and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1911.

John White (Seal)  
J.W. Skipper (Seal)

North Carolina  
Brunswick Co.

In the Superior Court.  
It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper-writing and my last thereof is the last Will and Testament of J.W. Gay deceased. Let the said Will together with the probate, be recorded and filed.  
This 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov. 1912.

R.D. Newton  
Clerk Superior Court

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State of North Carolina, In the Superior Court.  
Brunswick County

a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Clemmons deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of Superior Court for said County by C.E. Taylor the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Elizabeth Clemmons by the oath and examination of J. Berg, J.G. B. Puckett the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, both 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 Elizabeth Clemmons that the said — 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1904.

And the deponent further saith that the said Elizabeth Clemmons the testator or afore said, did at the same time of subscribing her name 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 her 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 saith, that at the same time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time or the date aforesaid