

No. 485.

In the name of God, amen.

I Robert B Morse of the City of Southport County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina being of sound mind disposing mind and memory do hereby make, publish and declare my last will and testament as follows; hereby cancelling, revoking and annulling any will that may heretofore have been made by me

(First) That my just debts be paid

(Second) That my body be given a decent burial but inexpensive.

(Third) That I do will and bequeath to my wife Ada Morse all of my Property both personal and real to use as she sees fit.

I hereby appoint my wife Ada Morse as executor of this my last will.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 6th day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen

Robert B. Morse (Seal)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

In the Superior Court.

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert B. Morse deceased, is exhibited for probate in open court by Ada F. Morse one of the executors therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Ada F. Morse that the said will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said Robert B. Morse after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to-wit: W. H. Walker, Robert C. St. George and Cronley G. Ruark, that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said Robert B. Morse having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said Robert B. Morse subscribed to the said will, is the said will itself, and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said Robert B. Morse, and it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses, that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintance of the said Robert B. Morse. It is therefore, considered by the court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Robert B. Morse and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8th day of June 1937

R. C. St. George

M. B. Watkins  
Assistant C. S. C.

W. H. Walker

Cronley G. Ruark

No. 486.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Before T. A. HENDERSON, Clerk.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

in the Matter of the Administration  
of the Estate of R. E. Williams

Leah K. Williams & Robert E. Williams Jr. being duly sworn, doth say: That R. E. Williams, deceased, late of New Hanover County, died on 3rd day of May 1937 leaving a last Will and Testament; and that Leah K. Williams, the Executrix & Robert E. Williams Jr. the Executor named therein, are the proper persons entitled to Letters Testamentary on the estate of said Estate as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application is about Six Thousand Dollars, and the real estate consists of Houses & Lots valued at about \$15000.00 and that Leah K. Williams - Robert E. Williams Jr. Pauline Koonce & Duval Williams are entitled as legatees and devisees thereof

Leah K. Williams

Robert E. Williams Jr.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of May A.D. 1937

A. L. Meyland

Asst. Clerk Superior Court, New Hanover County.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

SUPERIOR COURT

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

Before Clerk.

You swear that you believe this writing to be and contain the last Will and Testament of R. E. Williams and that you will well and truly execute the same by first paying his debts and then his legacies as far as the said estate shall extend or the law shall charge you, and that you will, and faithfully execute the office of Executor & Executrix agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in you according to law; So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed  
before me this 6th day  
of May, 1937

Leah K. Williams

Robert E. Williams Jr.

A. L. Meyland

Asst. Clerk Superior Court, New Hanover County.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

ss. IN THE PROBATE COURT.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

A paper purporting to be the LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of R. E. Williams deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Leah K. Williams the Executrix & Robert E. Williams Jr. the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said R. E. Williams is proved by the oath and examination of R. F. Swilder & O. W. Messick 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 R. E. Williams that the said R. E. Williams 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 7th day of January, 1935.

AND THE DEPONENT FURTHER SAITH, that the said R. E. Williams 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 this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto, at the request and in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said R. E. Williams 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.

H.F.Wilder (SEAL)

O.W.Messick (SEAL)

Severally sworn and subscribed this  
6th day of May 1937, before me,

A.L.Meyland  
Asst. Clerk Superior Court.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, R.E.Williams, of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make, declare and publish this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all testamentary papers of any kind heretofore by me, at any time, made.

After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, I dispose of my estate as follows:

I. I give and bequeath to my dear wife, Leah Williams, all of my interest in our home at 207 North Seventh Street, with all my jewelry, furniture, household goods and effects, to be hers absolutely.

II: I give and devise to my executors, hereinafter named, all of my earthly holdings, wherever located, with full power to sell any security or property, and to pay debts, or reinvest said funds or any part thereof as they may deem best and advisable, during the life of this trust. After all of my debts have been paid, such proceeds from my estate, as may arise, shall be payable semi-annually or quarterly, as my executors may deem best, one half to my dear wife Leah Williams, and the other half to my three children, Robert E.Williams, Jr., Pauline Koonce, and Duvel Williams, share and share alike; the issue of any deceased child to take the part that the parent, if living, would take.

At the death of my wife, the entire estate shall be divided among my three beloved children, share and share alike, the issue of any deceased child, to take the share which the parent, if living, would take.

I hereby nominate and appoint Leah K.Williams and my son, Robert E.Williams, Jr., executors of this, my last will and testament.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal, this 7 day of January, A.D.1935.

R.E.Williams (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said R.E.Williams, as and for 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 have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

H.F.Wilder

O.W.Messick

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA :  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER : IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

And thereupon it is considered and adjudged that the foregoing and attached is the Last Will and Testament of R. E. Williams, deceased, and the same and every part and clause thereof together with the certificates is ordered recorded and filed.

And Robert E. Williams Jr., Executor and Leah K. Williams, Executrix, named in the said Will, appeared in open Court and qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by law, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of their said office.

Witness my hand this the 6th day of May, 1937.

A. L. Meyland  
Asst. Clerk of the Superior Court

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY,  
SUPERIOR COURT

Before T. A. \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the Superior Court  
New Hanover County

THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME---GREETING.

It being satisfactorily proven to the undersigned Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, that R. E. Williams late of the said County, is dead, having first made and published his last WILL and TESTAMENT, and it appearing that Leah K. Williams & Robert E. Williams, Jr. are entitled to the ADMINISTRATION of the ESTATE of said deceased, and having on the 6th day of May 1937, qualified as EXECUTRIX & EXECUTOR of the last WILL and TESTAMENT of R. E. Williams according to law.

NOW, These are therefore to empower the said EXECUTRIX & EXECUTOR to enter in and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of said deceased, and the same to take into possession, whatsoever to be found, and all the just debts of the deceased to pay and satisfy, and the residue of said ESTATE to distribute according to law.

Witness my hand and Seal of said Court, this 6th day of May 1937

A. L. Meyland  
Assistant Clerk Superior Court, New  
Hanover County.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA :

COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER :

I, A. L. Meyland, Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court of the aforesaid State and County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Last Will and Testament and the probates thereon of R. E. Williams, deceased, as the same is taken from and compared with the original on file in this office.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 7th day of July, A.D., 1937.

(SEAL)

A. L. Meyland  
ASST. CLERK SUPERIOR COURT