

The paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of William Johnston dec'd which is this day exhibited before the Clerk of Superior Court of Buncombe County for probate by Thomas A Johnston the Executor therein mentioned was lodged in her hands together with other valuable papers by the said William Johnston during his lifetime for safe keeping and that the same was kept by her till after the death of said William Johnston and was then delivered by her to said Thomas A Johnston the Executor therein named

Mattie A Johnston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 8th day of November 1890

W. J. Reynolds,
Clerk Superior Court

North Carolina
Buncombe County

Superior Court

In the matter of the probate of the will of William Johnston deceased

Thomas A Johnston being duly sworn says that the paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of William Johnston deceased and this day exhibited by him before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe County for probate was found by him among valuable papers and effects of said William Johnston and in the custody of Mattie A Johnston by whom the same was delivered to him

Thos. A. Johnston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of November 1890

W. J. Reynolds,
Clerk Superior Court

North Carolina
Buncombe County

In the Superior Court

In the matter of the probate of the will of William Johnston deceased

George A. Shuford, Albert J. Summey and John M. Campbell of the County of Buncombe State of North Carolina being duly sworn say: That they are acquainted with the handwriting of William Johnston deceased late of the said County of Buncombe having often seen him write and verily believe that the name of the said William Johnston subscribed to the paper writing purporting to be his

last will and Testament which is this day exhibited in open Court for probate by Thomas A. Johnston the Executor therein named and the said Will itself and every part thereof is in the handwriting of said William Johnston; and that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintance of said William Johnston deceased-

Geo. A. Shuford
A. J. Summey
John M. Campbell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th November 1890
W. J. Reynolds
Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina
Buncombe County

In the matter of the probate
of the last will and
Testament of George
Newton Alexander deceased } Application

To W. J. Reynolds Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe County North Carolina:

This application of the undersigned the surviving Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of George Newton Alexander deceased respectfully shows:

That: That on the 14th day A.D. 1890 George Newton Alexander late a citizen and resident of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina died leaving a last Will and Testament bearing date the 26th day of February A.D. 1893 in which said Last Will and Testament William M. Porter and the undersigned your applicant are appointed and named as Executors: And that since the date of said Last Will and Testament the said William M. Porter has died.

Second: That your applicant the undersigned is the only surviving Executor so mentioned in said Last Will and Testament of the said George Newton Alexander deceased.

Third: That the said George Newton Alexander Estate consists mostly of Real Estate with some personal property and is valued all together at about the sum of Seventy hundred (\$700 Dollars)

Fourth: That the names of the parties that are entitled to the property of the said George Newton Alexander deceased are as follows, to wit: Mary Jane Alexander, Martha Ann Trout, The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention Richmond Va, and Wake Forest College Raleigh N.C. and that Mary Jane Alexander and Martha Ann

Shout and residents of Buncombe County North Carolina and each one
more than twenty one years old.

Whereupon Your Afflicant asks that Said last Will and Testament of the
Said George Weston Alexander be causes ^{being} admitted to probate and probated
according to the law in Dutchess County and provided and for such other
reliefs as the Nature of the proceeding may demand
In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the said Court
at Dutchess County the 10th day of June 1887
Jesse B. Stoddard

Joseph B. Stradley
Surviving Executor of the Last Will and Testament
of George Newton Alexander, deceased.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on this the 10th day of November
A. D. 1890

W. J. Reynolds
Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina } ss In the Superior Court
Buncombe County.

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of George Newton Alexander deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of Superior Court of said County by Joseph H. Stradley the only surviving Executor therein mentioned and the one Executor thereof by the said George Newton Alexander by the Oath and Examination of S. H. Bird and Jas. M. Brothman the subscribing witnesses thereto who bring duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith that he is subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be his last will and Testament of George Newton Alexander. That the said George Newton Alexander in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 26th day of February 1883. And the deponent further saith that the said George Newton Alexander 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 the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said George Newton Alexander 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.

Servally Sworn and Subscribed this 16th
day of November 1890 before me
W. D. Byrnes Esq.

State of North Carolina
Buncombe County

In the matter of the
Last Will and Testament
of
George Melton Alexander, deceased } Order

The last Will and Testament of George Newton Alexander deceased having been duly presented for probate to the Undersecret Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe County by Joseph H. Stradley the Surviving Executor as named in said Will and Testament and the genuineness as well as the due execution of the same having been proven by the oath and examination of S. H. Root and Geo. M. Brown behind the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is now on motion of the said Joseph H. Stradley Executor Ordered that the same be admitted to probate and duly recorded and it is further ordered that authority be issued to said Executor fully empowering him to possess and sell the said estate according to law. This 4th November 1890. J. S.

W. J. Reynolds
Clerk Superior Court

I George Newton Alexander of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory, and desirous to settle my worldly Affairs while I have strength and capacity, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First, That my Executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part and parcel of my Estate.

Item: I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Jane Alexander for and during the term of her natural life, all my real Estate lands and tenements of whatsoever Character they come may be and whether obtained by descent, purchase or otherwise; And that after the death of my beloved wife Mary Jane Alexander I do hereby authorize fully empower direct and instruct my said Executors hereinafter named to sell and convey in fee simple all my said real Estate, lands and tenements for such price or prices as they shall deem to be just and proper and that they take all of the proceeds realized from such sale or sales so made by them and proportion and divide the same between my following named Legatees in the manner and way following to wit: One third part of the proceeds realized from the sale or sales so made by my said Executors as aforesaid I give devise and bequeath unto my kind friend Martha Ann Shroat forever in consideration of

Shout and residents of Buncombe County North Carolina and each one
more than twenty one years old.

Whereupon Your Afflicant asks that Said last Will and Testament of the
Said George Weston Alexander be causes ^{being} admitted to probate and probated
according to the law in Dutchess County and provided and for such other
reliefs as the Nature of the proceeding may demand
In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the said Court
this 14th day of June 1884

Joseph B. Stradley
Surviving Executor of the Last Will and Testament
of George Newton Alexander, deceased.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on this the 10th day of November
A. D. 1890

W. J. Reynolds
Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina } ss In the Superior Court
Buncombe County.

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of George Newton Alexander deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of Superior Court of said County by Joseph H. Stradley the only surviving Executor therein mentioned and the one Executor thereof by the said George Newton Alexander by the Oath and Examination of S. H. Bird and Jas. M. Brothman the subscribing witnesses thereto who bring duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith that he is subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be his last will and Testament of George Newton Alexander. That the said George Newton Alexander in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 26th day of February 1883. And the deponent further saith that the said George Newton Alexander 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 the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said George Newton Alexander 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.

Servally Sworn and Subscribed this 16th
day of November 1890 before me
W. D. Byngnolds Esq.

State of North Carolina
Gaston County

In the matter of the
Last Will and Testament
of George Newton Alexander deceased } Order

The last Will and Testament of George Newton Alexander deceased having been duly presented for probate to the Undersecret Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe County by Joseph H. Stradley the Purviving Executor as named in said Will and Testament and the genuineness as well as the due execution of the same having been proven by the oath and examination of S. H. Ross and Geo. M. Brown behind the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is now on motion of the said Joseph H. Stradley Executor Ordered that the same be admitted to probate and duly recorded and it is further ordered that authority be issued to said Executor fully empowering him to possess and sell the said estate according to law. This 4th November 1890.

W. J. Reynolds
Clerk Superior Court

I George Newton Alexander of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory, and desirous to settle my worldly Affairs while I have strength and capacity, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First, That my Executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part and parcel of my Estate.

Item: I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Jane Alexander for and during the term of her natural life, all my real Estate lands and tenements of whatsoever Character they come may be and whether obtained by descent, purchase or otherwise, And that after the death of my beloved wife Mary Jane Alexander I do hereby authorize fully empower direct and instruct my said Executors hereinafter named to sell and convey in fee simple all my said real Estate, lands and tenements for such price or prices as they shall deem to be just and proper and that they take all of the proceeds realized from such sale or sales so made by them and proportion and divide the same between my following named Legatees in the manner and way following to wit: One third part of the proceeds realized from the sale or sales so made by my said Executors as aforesaid I give devise and bequeath unto my kind friend Martha Ann Shroat forever in consideration of

beloved wife Mary Jane Alexander.

One third part of the proceeds realized from the Sale or Sales do made by my Executors as aforesaid of my said real Estate lands and Tenements I give devise and bequeath unto the Trustees of Wake Forest College in the County of Wake and State of North Carolina and to their Successors in Office forever, in Special Trust however for the following purpose and no other to wit: For the purpose of being by them Expended and disbursed in the Educating and preparing young men for the Baptist Ministry who have not the necessary means themselves for that purpose and to this End the said Trustees and their Successors in Office are to Spend and disburse the said moneys realized as aforesaid in such manner and way or ways as to them may be deemed to be to the best interests of the Baptist Ministry in North Carolina and the Advancement of the Cause of Christ. And One third part of the proceeds realized from the Sale or Sales do made by my said Executors of my said real Estate lands and Tenements as aforesaid I give devise and bequeath unto The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and their Successors in Office forever in Special Trust however, that they shall keep and apply the same to the following and no other purposes to wit: To be by them spent in such way and manner as they shall deem to be to the best interests of the said Missionary Cause and the Advancement of the Cause of Christ. Merely directing and instructing my said Executors herein after named or either of them that as soon as the moneys do realized by the Sale or Sales of my said real Estate lands and Tenements as hereinbefore designated after the death of my said beloved wife is collected by them or either of them through or they do Collecting and receiving the same shall pay or cause to be paid in equal proportions of one third each of the said moneys so realized and collected over to the proper parties as hereinbefore directed taking from each of the said proper parties a receipt or Voucher therefor for the amount or amounts so paid over by my said Executors or either of them.

I then I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Jane Alexander for and during the term of her Natural life, all my personal property of what character so ever the same may be and whether in possession or in action, hereby directing and instructing my said Executors herein after named to take all the said personal property of a perishable nature and sell the same either by public or private Sale or Sales as they may deem best and the money so realized from the Sale or Sales of the same together with any money in my possession at the date of my death such sum or sums as may thereafter be collected from any source whatever belonging to my said personal Estate and loan the said moneys so realized and collected by them my said named Executors in such sum or sums and at such rates of interest as they may deem proper and right so that they or either of them take no

more out of my personal property or the proceeds thereof by them or either of them and the said loan or loans so made by them or either of them shall not be for any longer period of time from the date of loaning the same than twelve months till the same shall become due and payable together with the interest due thereon though if my said beloved wife shall be living at the expiration of the said twelve months or the maturity of the said sum or sums of money so loaned as aforesaid, then and in like manner and form my said Executors may again loan the principal of the said sum or sums of money loaned as aforesaid, having collected the interests of the said principal sum or sums of money so loaned and paid the same over to my said wife for her use and benefit and so in like manner and form continue to make such loan or loans during the natural life of my said beloved wife Mary Jane Alexander provided my said beloved wife at any time during her natural life may not wish any of the principal of the sum or sums of money loaned as aforesaid for her comfortable support and maintenance of which fact she my said wife shall be the sole Judge. Then and in that case I hereby direct my said Executors herein after named to collect as much of the principal money and pay the same over to my said wife as may be necessary with my Estate as hereinbefore given devise and bequeathed to her for her comfortable support and maintenance, and to be by her expended and disbursed in such manner and form as she may deem best for her comfortable support and maintenance.

I then I direct after the death of my said beloved wife Mary Jane Alexander I hereby direct and instruct my said Executors herein after named to collect all the indebtedness due and owing to my said personal Estate in any manner and form any source whatever and to sell all other personal property that may in any manner belong to my said personal Estate either by public or private Sale as they may deem best and take all of the proceeds realized from my entire personal Estate in any manner and from any source and divide the same between my following named Legatee in the manner and way following to, wit: One third part of my entire personal Estate realized by my said Executors as hereinbefore mentioned I give devise and bequeath unto my friend Martha Ann Shroat forever in consideration of her kindness, friendship and personal Services rendered unto me and my said beloved wife Mary Jane Alexander.

I give devise and bequeath unto the Trustees of the Wake Forest College in Wake County North Carolina and the Successors of the said Trustees in Office forever One third part of my entire personal Estate so realized by my said Executors as hereinbefore mentioned in Special Trust however to be by the said Trustees and their Successors in Office Expended and disbursed in and for the following mentioned purposes and none other to wit: For the purpose of Educating and preparing young men for the Baptist Ministry who have not the necessary means for

that I purport themselves and to this end the said Trustees and their Successors in office are to expend the said money so given and realized from my said personal Estate as aforesaid in such manner and way as they may deem to be to the best interests of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina and the advancement of the Cause of Christ. And I give devise and bequeath unto the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention and their Successors in office power. One third part of my entire personal Estate so realized by my said Executors as hereinbefore mentioned in Special Trust heretofore to be by the said Foreign Board of Missions and their Successors in office expended and disbursed in and for the following mentioned purpose and none other to wit: For the said Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention to disburse in any way or manner in the foreign missionary work that they may deem to be to the best interests of the said missionary Cause and the advancement of the Cause of Christ. Herby directing and instructing my said Executors hereinafter named to pay over to the said Legates as hereinbefore directed my entire personal Estate of what Character so ever the same may be in the same manner and form and under the same rule and regulations as I have hereinbefore directed in regard to the paying over and disbursing by them of the proceeds realized from the sale of my said real Estate.

And lastly I do hereby finally and appoint my trustworthy friends William M. Carter and Joseph M. Stradley my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes 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 allowing my said Executors a just and reasonable compensation for their work and trouble in executing the same to be retained by them out of the Estate as the same pass through their hands in being adjusted and settled up as hereinbefore directed by me. In witness whereof I the said George Newton Alexander do hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of February A.D. 1883.

George Newton Alexander (Dead)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said George Newton Alexander 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.

J. S. Byrd
Jas. W. Brookshire

In the name of God, Amen. I Joseph M. Miller of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory and feeling that I must shortly die, and that I ought to wind up my worldly affairs, I do make constitute and publish this paper writing as my last Will and Testament—

- 1st. I give my Soul to God, who gave it—
- 2nd. I will and desire that my body be decently buried, and that the expenses of the same be paid out of my Estate—
- 3rd. I will and desire that all my just debts be paid out of my Estate—
- 4th. I now will all my property both real and personal to my beloved wife Malinda C. Miller and her heirs to be disposed of by her for her benefit or that of her children as she may see fit or desire. In testifying whereof I have signed my name and affixed my seal this 30th day of August, One thousand eight hundred and ninety in the presence of witnesses

Witness:
A. O. Jamison
L. W. Howell

State of North Carolina, ss In the Superior Court
Buncombe County

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joseph M. Miller deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of Court for said County by Malinda Miller the widow and the due execution thereof by the said Joseph M. Miller by the oath and examination of A. O. Jamison and L. W. Howell the subscribing witnesses thereto, who bring duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and oath that he is subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Joseph M. Miller that the said Joseph M. Miller in the presence of the deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 30th day of August 1890. And the deponent further saith that the said Joseph M. Miller the testator aforesaid died at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declares by said paper-writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and the 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 the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said