

Buncombe County — In the Superior Court
 In the matter of the will of } Before J. L. Leachy
 John Rees deceased } Clerk Superior Court

W B Ferguson & W St Rees being duly sworn, dep say
 That John Rees late of said County is dead having
 first made and published his will and Testament; and
 that W B Ferguson & W St Rees are the executors
 named therein. Further that the property of the
 said John Rees consisting of real and lands
 is worth about \$7000.00 so far as can be ascer-
 tained at the date of this application; and that
 his heirs and distributees are the heirs of S A
 Ferguson deceased & A Ferguson wife of W B Fer-
 guson & W St Rees & A Wells wife of said W B
 C A Rees, D M (formerly Preswood)
 M A Rees, Hattie Kerr wife of D W Kerr
 & John wife of J W Polin are the parties en-
 titled under said will to the said property
 W B Ferguson
 W St Rees

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the
 20th day of March 1895
 J. L. Leachy
 Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina }
 Buncombe County }
 John Rees being
 of sound mind and disposing memory
 but mindful of the fact that I must soon
 or later die do hereby make and declare this
 to be my last will and testament.
 1st That after death my body have a decent
 Christian burial and I commit my soul and
 spirit to the God who gave them
 2nd That my executors hereinafter named pay
 all my just debts and funeral expenses out
 of any moneys that may come into their hands
 3rd That my beloved wife in addition to the pro-
 visions herebefore made for her support and
 maintenance during life by a deed of gift
 to her to our son C. A. Rees and

obligation signed by him date Aug 28 1884 have from
 any moneys belonging to my estate whatever sum from
 time to time is necessary for her support and that
 my executors hereinafter named are fully empowered
 to for the said sum taking into consideration the value
 and nature of my estate and her needs,

4th That the residue and remains of my estate both
 real and personal be converted into money by my
 executors hereinafter named, as soon as they may be
 able to do so without loss to my estate and to
 carry out the intention of this my will they are
 authorized to collect all debts due me, sell personal
 and real property and make title for the same to purchasers
 and then it is my will that they divide said moneys
 equally between my children to wit: S A Ferguson wife
 of W B Ferguson W St Rees S A Ferguson wife of W B
 Ferguson & A Wells wife said Wells C A Rees D M
 Preswood wife of Thos. Preswood M W Rees Hattie
 Kerr wife of D W Kerr Louisa J. Polin wife of John Polin
 and in case that any of them my children should die
 that the children of the deceased have the share of the
 deceased child or children

5th I do hereby appoint my son W St Rees and
 my son-in-law W B Ferguson my executors to this
 will making all other and former will hereby giving
 my said executors all needed power and authority
 to execute and carry out this my last will and
 testament. In the name of God amen,
 Signed and sealed in the presence of } John Rees decd
 of the witnesses who at my }
 request attest the same }
 L. L. Childs }
 J. P. Lowry }

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
 Buncombe County }
 A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament
 of John Rees deceased is exhibited before me the under-
 signer, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by
 W B Ferguson & W St Rees, the executors therein named
 and the due execution thereof by the said John Rees
 by the oath and examination of J. P. Lowry and
 L. L. Childs the subscribing witnesses thereto: who
 depose and say that he is a

subscribing writing to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Reas, Decedent that the said John Reas in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which has no date but the envelope in which the same was placed and sealed on my presence bears date May 16 1891. And the deponent further saith that the said John Reas the testator aforesaid, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declared the said paper writing to be his last Will and Testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting writing thereto and at the request, and in the presence of 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 the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting writing thereto, as aforesaid the said John Reas 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 this deponent say not

J. P. Lowry
J. L. Clety

Solemnly sworn and subscribed this 20 day of March 1895 before me

J. L. Clety
C. S. C.

State of North Carolina

Buncombe County } In the Superior Court
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 John Reas. Decedent and the same with the attestation and this Certificate and order to be recorded and filed this 20th day of March 1895

J. L. Clety
Clerk Superior Court

North Carolina }
Buncombe County }

We W B Ferguson & W H Reas Co. solemnly swear that we believe this paper writing to be and contain the last Will and Testament of John Reas that we will well and truly execute the same by first paying the debts and then his legacies so far as the said estate shall extend or the law will charge me and all other duties pertaining to the office of Executor we will discharge according to law to the best of our skill and ability. So help me God

W B Ferguson
W H Reas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of March 1895

J. L. Clety
Clerk

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

To all whom these Presents shall Come greeting: It being satisfactorily proven to the undersigned Clerk of Superior Court for Buncombe County, that John Reas late of said County, is dead, having made a last will and Testament which has been admitted to Probate a True Copy whereof is hereto annexed, and W B Ferguson & W H Reas the executors therein named, being qualified as such according to law, signs and says that therefore as executors to execute the said Testaments to enter in and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said decedent, and the same to take into possession, what-soever to be found and all the just debts of the said decedent and the same to have into possession where-soever to be found and all the just debts of decedent to pay and satisfy and the residue of said estate to distribute according to the directions of said will

Witness my hand and seal of said Court this 20th day of Mar

J. L. Clety
Clerk Superior Court

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J. P. Lowry
J. L. Child

Severally Sworn and Subscribed this 20 day of March 1895 before me

J. L. Leahy
C. S. C.

State of North Carolina

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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 John Rees, deceased and the same with the explanation and this Certificate and order to be records and filed this 20th 1895

J. L. Leahy
Clerk Superior Court

North Carolina }
Buncombe County }

We W. B. Ferguson & W. H. Rees do solemnly swear that we believe this paper writing to be and contain the last Will and Testament of John Rees that we will well and truly execute the same by first paying the debts and then his legacies so far as the said estate shall extend or the law will charge me and all other duties pertaining to the office of Executor we will discharge according to best to the best of our skill and ability. So help me God

W. B. Ferguson
W. H. Rees

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J. L. Leahy
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Witness my hand and seal of said Court this 20th day of Mar

J. L. Leahy
Clerk Superior Court