

have ~~written~~ my last will and testament set my hand and seal at Asheville in the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina on this twenty third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and eighty seven.

Hardlaw M. C. Gill (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Hardlaw M. C. Gill as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who, at his request and in our presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, at Asheville in the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, the said twenty third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.

J. J. Churchill of Buncombe County North Carolina
 Charles P. Pennington of Buncombe County North Carolina
 S. B. Tennant of Buncombe County North Carolina
 T. Randolph Curtis of Buncombe County North Carolina

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Hardlaw M. C. Gill, 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 thereto, at Asheville in the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina the said thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight.

George A. Shaford
 Thos. D. Johnston
 Saml. A. Hay's Pettle
 S. B. Tennant
 all of Asheville Buncombe
 County North Carolina

North Carolina
 Buncombe County } In the Superior Court

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Thomas C. Roberts deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of Court for said County, by J. A. Sams and H. B. Blackstock, the executors therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Thomas C. Roberts by the oath and examination of T. H. Blackstock and C. V. Black the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn, doth depose and say and each for himself depose and say that he is subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas C. Roberts that the said Thomas C. Roberts 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 6th day of Sept. 1884 and the deponent further saith that the said Thomas C. Roberts the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as 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 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 Thomas C. Roberts 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.

Solemnly sworn and subscribed by T. H. Blackstock (seal)
 this 23rd day of January 1889 before me C. V. Black (seal)
 Notary Public C. C.

North Carolina } In Superior Court
Buncombe County }

We J. H. Sams & H. C. Blackstock do solemnly swear (or affirm) that ~~we~~ we believe this writing to be an accurate the last will and testament of T. C. Roberts deceased; and that we will well and truly execute the same by first paying his debts and then his legacies as far as the said estate shall extend & the law will charge us and that we will well and faithfully execute the office of an executor agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in us and according to law & help us God.

Sworn and subscribed before me,

this 29 day of January 1889.

J. H. Sams
H. C. Blackstock
J. L. Reynolds C. S. C.

State of North Carolina }
Buncombe County }

I Thomas C. Roberts of the above State & County being of sound mind and knowing the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death do hereby establish and record this my last will and testament.

1st It is my will that at my death that my body be decently buried where my friends may designate.

2nd It is my will after my death that my wife Cynthia shall have use and possess all my real and personal property for her own use and benefit but not to sell or give away portion of the same further than shall seemly lead to her individual benefit and at all times before acting to consult and advise with my executors hereinafter named.

3rd It is my will that at the death of my wife that my land be equally divided among my daughters or their heirs either by sale or otherwise as my executors shall think best and at the same time it is my desire that all my personal property of every description including money be equally divided among all my lawful heirs either by sale or otherwise as my executors may direct and at the same time if Mary Black who now lives with me shall continue to live with me and my wife as long as we may live I want her to have and receive out of my personal property one hundred dollars.

4th I hereby constitute and appoint my friends H. C. Blackstock H. C. Blackstock and J. H. Sams my lawfully constituted executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
September 6th 1884
Witness
H. C. Blackstock
C. P. Black

State of North Carolina } In Supr. Court
Buncombe County }