

State of North Carolina }
Buncombe County } Probate Court
I E. B. Keeble do solemnly
swear that I believe this writing to be and
contain the last will and testament of
Eldrige Burnett dead, and that I 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
will charge me, and that I will well &
faithfully execute the office of an Executor
agreeable to the trust and confidence re-
posed in me and according to law, to
help me God. E. B. Keeble

Sworn and subscribed before
me this 19th day of April 1880.
E. W. Henson
Probate Judge

I - H. D. Rankin being of uncertain
health and knowing that I may be taken
at any time do make this my last will
and testament, viz:

First, I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife Elizabeth the house and grounds on
which we live in Asheville during her
natural lifetime and all the personal
property on and used in connection with
said house to be hers absolutely.

The remaining real estate including my
interest in the Tan-yard property and ad-
joining land purchased of W. W. Woodfin, the
old store and new store and the remaining
interest in the home place I will and devise
to all of my children equally. The personal
I will to my children equally, except Daniel
he has had his share thereof.

My son E. D. must first have of the personal
one thousand dollars to assist him in building
his house, this is not a part of his
share of the personalty. He must have
out of the firm of Rankin Son & Co a

reasonable salary for half the term of the
copartnership, this is due for his faithful &
unceasing attention -

My youngest son Alonzo Rankin & devise
shall receive a liberal salary as he has been
faithful & diligent this is in payment
of a debt due and not to be deducted
from his share in the personalty -

The two small tracts of land ~~the~~ one
contracted to and the one ad-
joining Clayton & others were purchased by the
firm of Rankin & Pulliam through the deeds are
in my name, I must be charged accordingly
for the last tract -

The thousand dollars herein bequeathed to
J. E. Rankin is not a bequest strictly, but
should be credited to him on the books of the
present firm of Rankin Son & Co as so much
due him on the old firm accounts and
must be charged to W. D. Rankin & Co.

H. D. Rankin

Published & declared as
his last will and Testament
before signed the same in our
presence & was signed in
his presence at his request Aug 13th 1878.
at W. Woodfin.
G. W. Cahagan.

North Carolina } In the Probate Court.
Buncombe County }

The foregoing proper writ-
ting purporting to be the last will and
testament of William D. Rankin deceased is
exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of
Probate in and for the county & state aforesaid
by J. E. Rankin one of the devisees named therein, &
it is thereupon proved by the oath and exami-
nation of G. W. Cahagan one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto, that W. W. Woodfin the other
subscribing witness is dead, and it is fur-
ther proved by the oath and examination of
G. W. Cahagan, that he saw the said W. D.

Woodfin sign his name to said will as a subscribing witness thereto at the request & in the presence of the said W.D. Rankin and in presence of said G.W. Gabagan, and it being further proved on the oath and examination of said G.W. Gabagan that the said proper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of the said W.D. Rankin was duly executed by him in the presence of the said G.W. Woodfin and said G.W. Gabagan and by him in their presence duly declared & published as his last will and testament, and that they the said subscribing witnesses became such subscribing witnesses at his request and that they each & each of them duly signed their names to said proper writing in his presence as such subscribing witnesses and in the presence of each other, and deponee further means that at the time the said testator subscribed his name thereto as aforesaid the said W.D. Rankin was of sound mind and memory & of full age and under no restraint to their deponee knowledge.

G.W. Gabagan.

Sworn & subscribed to before me this the 5th day of April 1880.

E.W. Henson
Probate Judge

North Carolina }
Buncombe County } On the Probate Court.
April the 5th 1880.

J.E. Rankin being duly sworn deponee and says: That he is one of the heirs at law of the late W.D. Rankin dec'd, & is one of the devisees of his last will and testament.

□ That the said W.D. Rankin is dead having left a last will and testament but its executor is named in the same -

□ That the value of said testator's property he supposes to be about twenty thousand dollars, consisting of improved

town lots in Asheville, farming lands & other in Buncombe County and Madison County, of his share in the business of W.D. Rankin & Co. & other business matters and some other personal property.

IV. That the testator left him surviving the following children, to wit;

- 1 David Rankin age 49 residence New-York City,
- 2 Amelia R. Bearden wife of W.J. Bearden age 42
Residence Asheville N.C.
- 3 J.E. Rankin age 35 Residence Asheville N.C.
A Rankin " 32 " " "

Sworn & subscribed before me this 5th of April 1880.
J.E. Rankin
E.W. Henson
Judge Probate

I - J.E. Rankin do solemnly swear upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that I will support the Constitution & laws of the United States and of the State of North Carolina but in no wise therein and that I will discharge the duties of Adminr of the estate of W.D. Rankin according to law to the best of my knowledge & ability, to keep me God!

J.E. Rankin
Subscribed & sworn to before me this April the 14th 1880.
E.W. Henson
Probate Judge