

It is my desire that my wife Margaret should have the control and use of all my real and personal property during her life, or her death if all my children survive her that Sophia M. should have two-thirds of all the said property; and Hugh Portland one third. I do not leave my son William any part of the same for the reason that he is so much better off in pecuniary point of view than his sister & brother. But should Sophia die before her mother then William is to have one third of the said property & Hugh two thirds; should Hugh die before his mother Sophia is to have all the ~~proceeds~~ ^{proceeds} of my property for her use and support. Should she marry then the property is to be divided equally among my children one third to each.

W. H. Russell
Decr 31st / 1880.

State of North Carolina, In the Superior Court
County of Buncombe 3 October 1885.

A paper writing, without subscribing witnesses purporting to be the last will and Testament of, W. H. Russell, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by the parties in interest therein namely; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of W. S. Russell, that the said Will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said W. H. Russell after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, viz; A. S. Sumner, J. H. Patton and W. S. Russell

that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said W. H. Russell, having seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said W. H. Russell subscribed to the said Will, and the said Will

itself, and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said W. H. Russell.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and Testament of the said W. H. Russell, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

A. S. Sumner
J. H. Patton
W. S. Russell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of October 1885.

E. W. Hendon
Clerk of the Superior Court