

County of Buncombe

I, William Jordan Branch, of the City of Asheville,
County of State aforesaid, do make & publish
this my last will and testament.

I direct that all my debts and funeral
expenses be paid as soon after my decease as
possible out of the first monies that shall come
into the hands of my executor from any
portion of my estate, real or personal.

Second:

I give & bequeath to my brother, Peter H.
Branch, all my paraphernalia, wearing apparel
of every kind & description and my photographic
camera.

Third:

I give & bequeath to my brother, John B. Branch,
my watch.

I give & bequeath to Nannie Stodd my set
large diamond ring, to be hers during her life or
till she marries; after her death or if she should
marry, the said ring shall become the property of
my eldest sister then living, and if none are living,
said ring shall become the property of my mother,
Louisa H. Branch.

Fourth:

I give, devise & bequeath all the rest of my
property, real, personal & mixed of every kind &
description, and wherever situated, including
my life insurance policies as follows: one policy for
the sum of Two Thousand Dollars in The Equitable
Life Assurance Society of the United States, number
and one policy for the sum of Three Thousand
Dollars in The Royal Ordnance, to my Mother,
Louisa H. Branch.

Fifth:

I appoint my Mother, Louisa H. Branch,
executrix of this my will.
In witness whereof I, William Jordan Branch,
have to this my last will & testament subscribed
my name & affixed my seal this the 29 day of

October 1891

William Jordan Branch Esq.

Subscribed by the testator in the presence of
each of us, and at the same time declared by
him to us to be his last will & testament, &
thereupon we at the request of the testator, said
his presence and in the presence of each other,
sign our names here as witnesses, this
the 29th day of October, 1891.

D. C. Hodges, Jr.
W. K. Kepler.

State of North Carolina, 7th Judicial Circuit
Buncombe County, S. C. Court

A paper purporting to be the last will and
testament of William Jordan Branch
deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersig-
ned, Clerk of Court for said County, by Miss
Louisa H. Branch the executrix therein men-
tioned, and the due execution thereof by the
said William Jordan Branch by the oath
and examination of W. K. Kepler and D. C.
Hodges, Jr., the subscribing witnesses
thereof, who being duly sworn, do depose and
say, and each for himself do depose and say,
that he is subscribing witness to the paper
writing now shown him, purporting to be
the last will and testament of William
Jordan Branch. That the said William
Jordan Branch, 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
29th day of October, 1891.

And the deponent further saith, that the said
William Jordan Branch the testator aforesaid
did at the time of subscribing his name as
aforesaid, declare the said paper writing
so 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
therein, and at the request and in the pres-

and of the said will, and this is a permanent
further oath, that at the said time when the
said testator subscribed his name to the said
last will as aforesaid and at the time of depo-
nents subscribing his name as an assisting
witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Philiaus
Jordan Branch was of sound mind and memory,
of full age to stand a will, and was not under
any restraint to the knowledge, information
or belief of this deponent, and further these
deponents say not.

D. C. Thacker, Jr. *[Signature]*

W. C. Hepler *[Signature]*

Solemnly sworn and subscribed this 19th
day of February, 1892, before me.

J. L. Cathey, C. S. C.

North Carolina { In Superior Court.
Buncombe County { before the Clerk.

In the matter of the will of
Philiaus Jordan Branch, dec'd. {

Upon the foregoing and annexed application &
affidavits of D. C. Thacker, Jr. & W. C. Hepler,

it is adjudged that the paper writing hereto attached
& dated the 27th day of October 1891 purporting to
be the last will & testament of said Philiaus Jordan
Branch, deceased is duly proven to be such by the
oath and examination of D. C. Thacker, Jr. & W. C.
Hepler, the subscribing witnesses thereto and whose
affidavits are attached.

And it is thereupon further so ordered & adjudged
by the court that the said paper writing dated
the 27th day of October 1891 every part thereof
is, the last will & testament of the said Philiaus
Jordan Branch duly executed & hereto attached.
And it is further ordered that the said last will
& testament & the said affidavits proving the
same & this judgment be filed together & duly
recorded as required by law.

And thereupon the said Louisa H. Branch
the executor named in said will & proponent of
the same for probate, having duly qualified

as such executor, by taking the oath
required by law which said oath is also
filed.

It is further ordered that to the executor
issue to the said executor as required
by the statute in such cases.

This the 19th day of February, 1892.

J. L. Cathey, Clerk
Superior Court.

Buncombe County in the Superior Court.
In the matter of the will of
Philiaus Jordan Branch.

Before J. L. Cathey, Superior Court Clerk.

Louisa H. Branch, being duly sworn, she
says:

That Philiaus Jordan Branch, late of said
County, is dead, having first made and
published his last will and testament; and
that Louisa H. Branch is the executrix there-
of named.

Further, that the property of the said Philiaus
Jordan Branch consisting of Insurance policies
& personal property is worth about \$5,200, so far
as can be ascertained at the date of this affi-
davit, and that Patrick H. Branch, John B.
Branch, Nannie Stodd, & Mrs. Louisa H. Branch
are the parties entitled under said will
to the said property.

Louisa H. Branch.
Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 19th day of Feb'y, 1892.

J. L. Cathey C. S. C.
And thereupon the said Mrs. Louisa H.
Branch subscribed the oath required for
an executor, and let her Testamentary
were duly issued to her, under the seal
of this court, on this the 19th day of
February, A.D. 1892.

J. L. Cathey C. S. C.