

In the name of God Amen, I Martha A. Arthur of Carteret County and State of North Carolina of sound mind and memory do make declare and make known this my last Will and testament that is to say I Martha A. Arthur do give and bequeath to Ruby H. Morse daughter of Harry C. Morse and Minnie B. Morse his wife, one small tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Carteret and in the State of North Carolina known as follows: lying on the east side of the main neighborhood road leading north to Gullys branch being the same that I purchased of Lewis Meadows Col. several years ago containing fifteen acres more or less bounded by the land of J. C. Morse on the west and south on the east by the land of log branch and on the north by Gullys branch and on which Mr. Frank Buck now lives. I give and bequeath it to her her heirs and assigns forever but if she should die without heir or heirs of her body I wish her father to have it if he is living if not to the rest of her brothers and sisters if she has any. I also give her my folding leaf mahogany table, also my feather bed with all the furniture pertaining thereto. I also give her my trunk and contents. I give to Ruth Morse my Wheeler and Wilson sewing machine unless otherwise disposed of during my life time. I give my desk and shoes and case to Mr. Frank Morse to pay my general expenses if he will not do it I wish Harry Morse to pay it and have the property.

Signed and sealed this 30 day Oct 1902

Martha A. Arthur (seal)

H. C. Morse being sworn deposes and says that the annexed Will of Martha A. Arthur was deposited by Martha A. Arthur in his hands for safe keeping. H. C. Morse sworn to and subscribed before me March 14th 1904; L. A. Garner, C. C.

North Carolina

Carteret County in the Superior Court.

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses purporting to be the last will and testament of Martha A. Arthur, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by H. C. Morse, and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of H. C. Morse that the said will was lodged in the hands of H. C. Morse for safe keeping; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to wit: H. P. P. Hecks, E. P. Watson, and Cora W. Whitehurst that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said Martha A. Arthur having often seen her write and truly believe that the name of the said Martha A. Arthur subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said Martha A. Arthur. And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses, that the said hand writing is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Martha A. Arthur. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Martha A. Arthur, and of the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

H. P. P. Hecks

E. P. Watson

Cora W. Whitehurst

Sworn to and subscribed before me March 14th 1904 ✓
by each H. P. P. Hecks, E. P. Watson and Cora W. Whitehurst
L. A. Garner, C. C.