

A. J. Whitener Last Will & Testament

I A. J. Whitener of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first that my executor shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and whomsoever owing out of the moneys that first come into their hands as part or parcel of my estate

First of all I will unto my beloved wife Mary A. Whitener all my lands and every thing belonging to me as long as she lives and remains a widow and if she marries a child's part and after her death it is all to be divided equally between Sarah E. Whitener, George M. Whitener, Adolphus A. Whitener, Israel G. Whitener, Charles P. Whitener I will unto the said John C. Whitener, lead couple heirs, Arty Whitener, Egnor Whitener part of the estate I will that the said heirs named above except John C. Whitener deceased heirs pay to Israel G. Whitener five dollars each out of their part I will that P. L. Whitener shall have his part of the land where the buildings now stands the buildings not to be cessed I will that P. L. Whitener have one horse

I will that if P. L. Whitener should out live me & my wife I appoint Charley P. Whitener to take care of him for so doing Charly shall have his interest of the said estate & lastly I do appoint George M. Whitener, Abel Whitener & P. L. Whitener to intend & purposes to execute this my last will & testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same and every part & clause thereof hereby revoking & declaring utterly void all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made

A. J. Whitener (Seal)

In witness whereof I the said A. J. Whitener do hereby set my hand & seal this the 6th of February 1895

Signed sealed published and declared by the said A. J. Whitener to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

A. J. Whitener
Abel Whitener } Witnesses
Calvin Baker }

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Catawba County } A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of A. J. Whitener deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned clerk of the Superior Court of said County by Abel & George Whitener the executors therein named and the due execution thereof by the said A. J. Whitener proven by the oath and examination of the said Whitener Calvin Baker by A. J. Whitener the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn each depose and say and each get himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown to me purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of A. J. Whitener deceased that the said A. J. Whitener in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name to the end of the said paper writing now shown as aforesaid and which bears the date of the 6th day of February 1895

The deponent further saith that the said A. J. Whitener the testator aforesaid at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declared the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his Last Will & Testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto and at his request and in the presence of said testator. And said 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's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said A. J. Whitener was of sound mind and memory of full age he executed a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge of the deponent and belief of this deponent. And further this deponent saith not

Generally sworn and subscribed
this 8th day of June 1895 before me

J. W. Rookew C. C.

Abel Whitener (Seal)
Calvin Baker (Seal)
A. J. Whitener (Seal)